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New England's most commercially experienced full-time balloon company

RELEASE OF LIABILITY and ASSUMPTION OF RISK

The world of ballooning is filled with beauty, excitement and adventure! As with any form of aviation, there are certain risks. To make your flight safer and to heighten your appreciation of this unique sport, we would like for you to understand the risks inherent in hot-air ballooning.

Ballooning is strictly a fair-weather sport. Wind and weather changes during flight may require a high wind landing, causing the basket to tip on its side, bounce or drag. A rapid descent into a small landing space may bring the basket down heavily. It is important that you hold on tightly, bend or relax your knees, and do not leave the basket until the pilot tells you to do so!

Be aware that camera equipment and eyeglasses may be damaged in a bumpy landing. We cannot be responsible for damage to person and/or property.

The balloon travels with the wind giving the pilot no directional control, because of which, there is the added potential for contact with hazards such as trees, fences, power lines, buildings and other objects. A landing may be necessary into a site where pilot and passengers may be subject to civil arrest.

A hot-air balloon has a burner, which is fueled by propane to create a rapid and intense flame. Propane is a highly combustible fuel. No smoking will be permitted in or around the balloon. The inflator fan may also be hazardous and care must be taken when in its proximity.

Vehicles chasing the balloon on the ground must be mindful at all times not to abuse landowners' rights. Drivers should use flashers and turn signals as appropriate and drive defensively.

We hope this information has helped you understand some of the potential risks involved with the exciting sport of ballooning. Have a happy flight!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I have read this form and understand the risks and hereby release Pilot and Crew of Bella Via Balloon Company from any liability arising out of such flight or any activities directly or indirectly related thereto.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDITIONS AND POLICY

1. Bella Via Balloon Company will make every reasonable effort to provide the services requested. Flight safety and safety of the passengers are the main controlling factor and final responsibility rests with the pilot in the area of safety. The pilot's decision is final.

Bella Via provides insurance coverage for bodily injury and property damage to the extent of its insurance certificate.

Bella Via uses federally approved pilots, balloon aircraft and equipment in compliance with Federal Aviation Regulations.

2. Weather is the chief determining factor for flying. Pilots avail themselves of weather reporting services such as Flight Service Stations, N.O.A.A., independent weather services and general news reports, such as TV and radio. Ballooning is a weather permitting activity at all times. The conditions are as follows:
 - a. No flights will be conducted in surface winds above 8mph.
 - b. No flights will be conducted while rain, snow or electrical storms are in the vicinity of the flight's operation, as advised by the F.A.A. and F.S.S. and decided by the pilots discretion.
 - c. Weather conditions can and do change unexpectedly before, during and after a flight so as to affect cancellation or duration. It can also affect the balloons and passengers physical ability to fly (i.e. high temperatures and dew points, marginal winds and extreme cold can make it unhealthy or harmful). Please dress accordingly.
 - d. Geographical directions and conditions may affect the duration of flight and retrieval of balloon due to difficulties in finding and landing in safe areas.
3. Bookings are the responsibility of the passenger(s) and are approved by Bella Via. It is imperative that the passenger(s) make a concerted, diligent and cooperative effort to take their flight due to the unpredictability of weather and unforeseen emergencies (i.e. fast moving fronts, breakdowns, traffic and so on).
 - a. Each flight has its own individual beauty and experience as does each season. Preferences are not recommended as you may not be able to fly when you wish to. Take adventure of and fly when we have good weather. **YOU'LL LOVE IT ANY WAY AND ANY TIME.**
 - b. First come, first served. Keep trying and don't wait to book.
 - c. No-shows will forfeit their flight and payment.
 - d. Cancelled flights will be rebooked until they're taken.
 - e. Substitutes are allowed with Bella Via approval.
4. Payments are due in advance of booking and are nonrefundable except in extreme cases at Bella Via's option. Pricing may vary due to fiscal economics, customized or type of flight requested (see description list), overweight, travel expenses if any, and locality. Small children are half price.
5. This signed form, along with full payment, must be received prior to booking and flight.