Cappadocia Balloon Tour

General Balloon Information

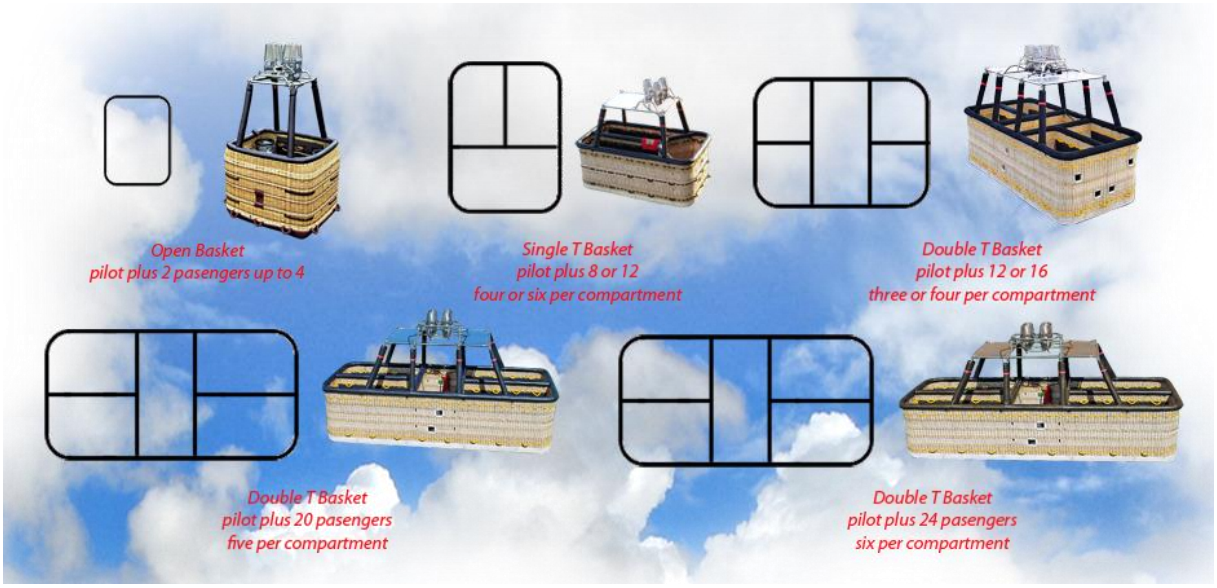
There is a reason Cappadocia is famous for its hot air balloons. Every morning at 7am the sky is filled with balloons of all colors floating lazily across the valley. This in itself is a sight to behold, but to actually be up in a balloon above the city is purely magical.

Visitors are picked by service mini Vans early morning from their accommodations and brought to the main office. Visitors are checked off a guest list, given a balloon pass/safety information card and registered. After registering, guests are served a buffet breakfast, which includes fruit, cereal, crackers, cakes, and drinks. Close to 5:45am, the driver calls guests out to the travel vans and they drive out to their balloon takeoff site, about a 10-minute drive.

Guests generally arrive to the balloon while it is being inflated with large industrial-sized fans. At this point the sky is still dark, and tourists can see dozens of balloons throughout the valley randomly illuminating with orange flames as they inflate.

The balloon basket is divided into four sections, and there are generally five people per section. This layout guarantees the weight of the basket is evenly spread out, and that no one area is too crowded. The friendly balloon crewmembers help guests climb into the basket, and then the balloon is ready to take flight! Take off is so smooth, guests often don't feel themselves leave the ground. They are suspended in the air with one hundred other balloons above, below, and around them. It's hard to beat a view like that! The ride lasts about an hour, with the sun rising over the valley about halfway through the ride, and slowly filling the landscape with a warm glow as the valley gets lighter.

Visitors are often amazed at the pilots' ability to land the balloon directly on the truck trailer bed. Handles are fixed on the inside of the balloon basket for guests to hold when the balloon lands, but they are more of a safety precaution than a necessity. After disembarking, the pilot and crew pour cranberry juice with champagne for the guests, and give them certificates memorializing their flight. Initially tourists may think the balloon ride is a little pricey, but with everything the cost includes, plus the memories guests make and people they meet, going for a hot air balloon ride in Cappadocia is worth every euro.



Standard Balloon Flights

The Standard Flight will be airborne at least one hour and has a larger balloon capacity (maximum 24 people).

We transfer our guests from their respective hotels to the flight headquarters about half an hour before sunrise.

Our passengers will check-in and have a light breakfast before the flight while the pilot chooses a good launch site according to the wind directions. After breakfast we transfer our guests to the selected launch site. The pilot gives a brief talk on safety factors before takeoff, and then the flight begins. The balloon rises up to 1000 meters above the ground depending on flight conditions, and guests will float above the beautiful and scenic Goreme Valley. Because balloons fly according to the winds, no balloon flights are identical, making the experience truly unique.

Guests number between 16 and 24 people, and each guest is insured by our insurance policy, included in the flight cost.

After landing, our guests will enjoy a celebration with the traditional champagne and cake provided by our landing crew. We encourage guests to take pictures next to the basket, talk with the pilot, and enjoy the festivities. Commemorative flight certificates will be issued to each guest as a keepsake for this magical journey.

Duration is a minimum one hour in the air. From the hotel pick up to drop off, our balloon excursions last approximately three hours; you will be back before 9am and have the rest of the day to relax or join a daily excursion to enjoy more of Cappadocia.

Services included in the Standard Flight

- Light breakfast and drinks before the flight
- Transportation
- Minimum 1-hour flight time
- Full passenger insurance
- After flight celebration
- Flight certificate

Cancellation Policy:
In case of flight cancellation due to inclement weather conditions, passengers will be issued a full refund.

