LANDING INSTRUCTIONS -- ASK QUESTIONS!!

1. The impact at landing will be harder than you expect.

Balloon baskets have no wheels and no springs. You do not glide in and roll, as in an airplane. You float gently for an hour and then hit the ground when you land. For the inexperienced person the impact is always surprising. The faster the wind is blowing, the harder we will hit. If the wind is blowing in excess of 5 MPH you can expect the basket to tip on its side when you land. You will physically contact the other passengers and the side of the basket. The pilot will tell you what to expect before the landing.

2. Hang on tight and stay inside the basket.

No one has ever complained that they were hanging on too tightly to the handles or the uprights when we landed. Many have said that despite our instructions they did not expect the impact to be so hard or sudden. Do not get out of the basket until instructed to do so by the pilot

3. Stay low and bend your knees to absorb the shock.

The basket is very sturdy and will protect you from the ground or obstacles. Keep your hands and arms inside the basket. Stay low so you can better balance and stay inside the basket where you are protected. Bend your knees but do not sit on the floor.

4. You will hit or bounce more than once.

After the first impact you will bounce slightly and hit again two or three times, possibly more. Depending on wind speed, these additional impacts can be relatively gentle or more severe than the original impact. It is possible that the basket will drag for some distance before it comes to a full stop. Stay inside and hang on. Listen to the pilot.

5. Secure all personal belongings including eyeglasses before landing.

We cannot be responsible for your cameras, binoculars or eyeglasses. If you are holding these items in your hands you cannot hold on adequately when landing. Stow these items inside your jacket or pockets before the landing.

EACH PASSENGER: Please initial to confirm that you have read and understand the Landing Instructions above.

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