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WEST BANK · SUNRISE FLIGHT

Hot-Air Balloon at Sunrise

Float over the temples and the Nile as the sun comes up

What to expect

Luxor is one of the best places in the world to fly a balloon. Before dawn you cross the Nile, watch the balloons fill with fire, and lift off just as the sun rises over the desert.

From the basket you see the whole West Bank at once: green fields, villages, the Colossi of Memnon, the Ramesseum and the terraces of Hatshepsut against the mountain of the Valley of the Kings.

≈45 min

in the air

≈4 h

total, hotel to hotel

Sunrise

the only time balloons fly

Licensedpilots and balloons,
checked by the authorities

Before you book

Duration	About 45 minutes of flight, 3–4 hours in total
Pickup	From your hotel before dawn, then a short boat ride to the West Bank
Included	Transfers, boat, flight, light refreshments, flight certificate
Children	Usually from 6 years; children pay a reduced price
Bring	A warm layer (mornings are cold), hat, phone or camera
Season	All year — October to April is the most pleasant
Price	Depends on date and group — message us for today's price

Prices change with season, group size and dates — contact us for an exact quote.



HOW IT WORKS

How the morning goes

Please note

Flights depend on the weather. If the wind is too strong the authorities stop all balloons that morning, and the flight is usually moved to the next possible day or refunded. Shared baskets carry a group of guests; a private basket for your family or friends can be arranged.

1 Hotel pickup

A driver collects you before dawn and takes you to the Nile.

3 Inflation

Watch the burners light up the balloons in the dark.

5 Over the monuments

Look for Hatshepsut's temple, the Ramesseum and the Colossi.

2 Across the river

A short boat ride to the West Bank, with tea or coffee.

4 Lift-off at sunrise

Rise slowly over the fields as the sun appears.

6 Landing & back

Soft landing, your certificate, and the ride back to your hotel.

Good to know

- Sleep early — pickup is around 4:30–5:30 depending on the season.
- Book a day or two ahead in high season (December–January).



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