

## Enhance Your Loire Valley Holiday With a Hot Air Balloon Ride

One thing that every person should do whilst holidaying in the Loire Valley visiting the incredible historic chateau is to take the time to go on a hot air balloon ride. Although most of us have been in a plane and glanced out the window at the world below, there is nothing quite like ballooning and feeling the wind in your hair as you glide above the earth looking at these amazing architectural gems. Picture magnificent renaissance chateaux, charming villages, and sun-flower-filled hillsides viewed from a hot-air balloon. The perspective is amazing.

Most people only considering taking a ride in an air balloon on a special occasion such as a birthday or an anniversary, but you should not pass up the opportunity to have the memorable adventure floating over the scenic Loire Valley. It will add another dimension to your holiday as well as giving up fabulous photography opportunities. What is more it is a wonderful adventure for a family to undertake together.

The cost is actually very reasonable and probably less expensive than a balloon flight for the same duration in England or America. There are a few hot air balloon operators in the Loire Valley. You simply call them up or ask your host to on your behalf and inquire about their schedule as well as the cost.

The cost can vary depending on when you want to take the ride and how many people will be participating. For instance, a balloon ride first thing in the morning might be less expensive than one during sunset. If you are part of a large party staying at a chateau property in the Loire Valley it is most likely that the operator can arrange for the hot air balloon to take off from your property depending upon the topography.

If you suffer from airsickness you should mention this during the initial booking of the excursion. Remember that you can take a non-drowsy motion sickness pill before embarking on the hot air balloon ride. Similarly if you are scared of heights you need to inform the operator in case you faint.

Most companies will not allow small children to ride. There are several reasons for this concerning safety. The ignition system is very loud and potentially incredibly frightening to little ones. Small children tend to also be afraid of heights.

Bear in mind that weather may play a significant factor in your trip. The operator will be wary of any inclement weather and may have to postpone the trip for safety reasons. Although you may feel terribly disappointed if this were to happen, remember that taking a trip in bad weather is not worth the risks. Accordingly it is recommended that you book a hot air balloon adventure early in your holiday in case it needs to be postponed because of inclement weather.

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