



WEATHER TO FLY OR NOT!

So many people make the same mistake year after year, thinking that they'll wait for the weather to be a little warmer, and then they'll go flying.

Unfortunately with ballooning the warmer months are not good flying months for us. The reasons are many.

Firstly you get what we call thermals, this is when the colder air mixes with the warmer air and these can be a balloonist nightmare, causing uncontrollable lift. Then we have the problem of a "total fire ban" People forget that balloons work with a big gas burner, so you put dry grass and a balloon burner together and it can be a deadly mix.

People are aware that Hot air rises, hence the burners on the envelope are designed to push the balloon upwards, and if the air outside the balloon is higher than what is inside, what will happen is the balloon will be pushed to beyond its limits and our balloons get worn out very fast.

Any temperature above 15 degree limits the lifting ability of a balloon.

What a lot of people don't realize for a balloon flight to be successful, we need very little wind, and cold air. A fine frosty morning with a 5 knot wind or less at launch time is excellent weather to fly, so autumn and early winter is the best time to go ballooning.

Do we fly in the warmer months??

The answer is yes, but you must be aware that several attempts will need to get a successful flight; we will not fly if there is any risk to our passengers.

So you may book from October through to March, but we may very well cancel on you several times, and we ask that you be flexible in these months, and don't expect to get a flight happen on the first attempt.

If further information regarding the weather is needed please don't hesitate to contact us.