

### BALLOONS OVER LETCHWORTH

offers unique and exciting Hot Air Balloon adventures in the majestic surroundings of Letchworth State Park. The breathtaking scenery of the park makes an ideal backdrop for this adventure of a lifetime.

To make this a more rewarding and memorable experience, **Balloons Over Letchworth** offers a unique program of events to supplement your flight. These include: **Champagne Breakfast** at the **Glen Iris Inn**, evening **Picnic and Champagne** flight, **pre- and post flight Nature Talks** about the park, and an **Optional guided "Aerial Nature Walk"** with park naturalist **Doug Bassett**.

Our balloons carry 3 or 4 passengers, insuring your comfort and personal attention. The shared intimacy of our flights often result in new friendships and insights. When necessary we fly 2 or more balloons to accommodate larger groups.

Complimentary souvenirs and memorabilia are included, our way of saying "Thank You" for flying high AND low with us over one of Western New York's most famous attractions. We strive to make this one of your most memorable experiences!!

### ABOUT THE BALLOONS

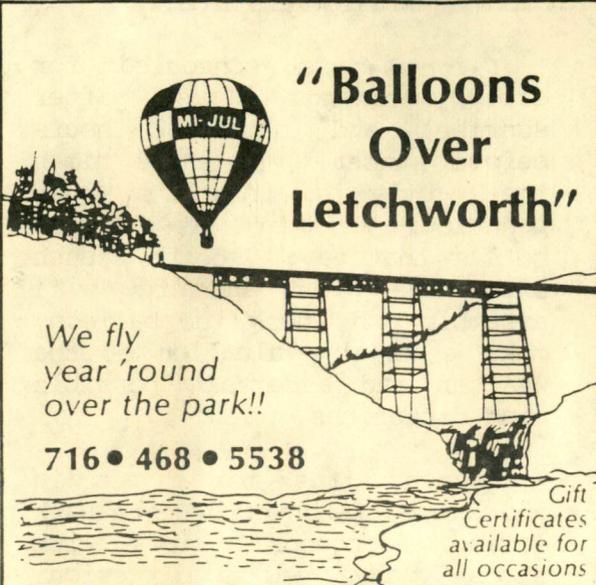
"MI-JUL" (my jewel) and "HI-C" are rated as AX 7 and AX 8 respectively, with volumes of 77,500 and 105,000 cubic feet. Lift capacity is about 800 and 1100 lbs. When fully inflated each stands about 65-70 ft. high and weigh about 700 lbs.

A balloon system consists of 3 main parts: basket, burner, and envelope. Each component is designed to complement the entire system and is inspected annually to assure its airworthiness.

Our basket is constructed from rattan which is very strong for its weight and flexible enough to absorb landing in irregular terrain. Located inside the basket are two 15 gallon propane tanks which fuel the double burners. These double burners offer an extra safety margin, permit us to maneuver the balloon quickly and allow us to reach altitudes of 10,000 ft. or more. Attached high above the basket and burner is the envelope, the most recognizable part of the system. Color patterns and design are made by the owner.

It is estimated that there are 4,500 balloons in the USA today. Prices vary depending on size, complexity of design, and equipment.

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## A TYPICAL FLIGHT

Flights are scheduled for early mornings (just after sunrise) and about 2 hours before sunset. At these times the wind is on it's best behaviour--as quiet as it will be for that day. At the launch site, the pilot and crew will assemble and check the balloon, make a final evaluation of the weather and ascertain possible wind directions.

Launch sites are chosen in and around Letchworth State Park giving "gorgeous" views with almost any wind direction. Although most terrain when viewed from the air is spectacular, the Park's natural beauty is breathtaking.

When the pilot and all passengers are on board, the crew will assist in take-off, proceed to chase (follow) the balloon, and the adventure begins! Friends and family wave as we slowly ascend to meet the gentle breeze that will carry us over the Letchworth gorge. As this incredible view unfolds before us we become aware of what "quiet" really is, awakening our senses to the beauty of nature surrounding us.

As we continue our aerial survey of the Park we have a chance to see the Falls Area with the train trestle high above the river, and witness the meandering of the Genesee, through the 600 ft. cliffs of the Great Bend area, towards Wolf's Creek and the Gardeau Flats.

People wave to us as we ascend to catch the winds that will take us out of the park, towards areas where we can skim the treetops and "hunt" deer and foxes. Our "chasers" are close enough at times that we can talk to them and be photographed on our fantastic voyage.

A landing site will be picked only minutes before landing. Every effort is made to land by descending gradually, skimming the ground for a few seconds and coming to a full stop in an upright position. Occasionally the pilot will have to deflate the balloon envelope upon touching down and the basket may tip over and drag in a horizontal position a short distance.

The entire adventure lasts approximately 3 to 4 hours. We average 1-1½ hours in the air, and upon landing a traditional celebration welcomes our aeronauts back to Mother Earth.

**PLEASE, if you are following a balloon, drive carefully and DO NOT drive onto private property without the express permission of the landowner. THANK YOU!!**

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### CELEBRATE

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## BOOKING POLICY

GIFT CERTIFICATES are valid for one(1) year from the date of purchase. Expired certificates are redeemable at our discretion and are subject to price increase.

Flights are booked subject to weather and balloon availability. We urge recipients of GIFT CERTIFICATES to book early if a particular date is desired. In the event of inclement weather we will reschedule your flight for a later date.

If you wish to book a flight without a Gift Certificate, a \$75.00 deposit is required.

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Pilot, Mick Hesse, has over 200 hours of balloon flight time and holds a Commercial Certificate. He flew over the Letchworth area more than 100 times in the 1988 season and his knowledge of the region assures you a memorable and interesting flight.

Mick offers training flights for those interested in learning to fly. Call for details.

Balloon and pilot are also available for special occasions at a location of your choice. Call and ask for Mick.