## HEAD IN THE CLOUDS

## DESCRIPTION

The Aosta Valley is the native land of the Charbonnier family, the Italian champions of the discipline, all with 'their heads in the clouds'. The passion, transmitted from father to son, fills the sky of the Aosta Valley with multi-coloured balloons in every season.

Hot-air balloons are planned, constructed, and controlled according to high standards of reliability, and flights are always carried out in excellent weather conditions. The experience of the pilots, all with specific qualifications, additionally guarantees safety.

Looking down from this privileged, 360 degree observation point, the eye embraces Aosta and its monuments in unusual synthesis, extending to the mouth of upper Aosta Valley...

## REQUIRED ABILITIES

Finding oneself suspended above 2,000 metres, face to face with the highest mountains of Europe, is certainly not an every-day experience, but is one available to all. You do not even need special apparel, it is enough not to suffer from vertigo.


## LENGTH OF THE ACTIVITY

Duration of the flight is approximately one hour. The entire experience lasts 3 hours and consists of the inflation of the hot-air balloon, flight, recovery, packing of the balloon and return to the meeting point.

The regulation does not provide age limits, but the passengers' height must exceed that of the basket by 20 cm , which in these models is equivalent to 130 cm .

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## KIND OF OFFER

Hot-air balloon flight is a group activity, dynamic, moving and unique, an unusual resource for incentive and business team building. Hot-air balloons of 2-20 people are used.

Available proposals include:

- flight from Aosta with a tourist guide, to discover the capital's historic places, monuments and unusual sights from above;
- the high altitude flight in view of the spectacular chain of Mont Blanc, and on request, a toast at 3,000 metres and photography service.

Other routes can be arranged with the organisers.


## HOW TO GET THERE

The departure point can be reached both by bus and by car.

The hot-air balloon is not driven; speed and direction are decided by the wind. The pilot controls the altitude, taking advantage of the most congenial currents, and decides to lower where he or she wants to land. The departure point is known, but the exact point of landing is unknown, making every flight different.

## WHERE

Departure from Aosta or Corrado Gex airport

## WHEN

All year long in the morning. Schedule can vary according to the season: in summer, departure in early in the morning, while in winter flights take place closer to midday.

## APPROXIMATE COST

$215 €$ per person. For groups flights rates are agreed directly with the organisers.

