

# Bendigo Passenger Guide



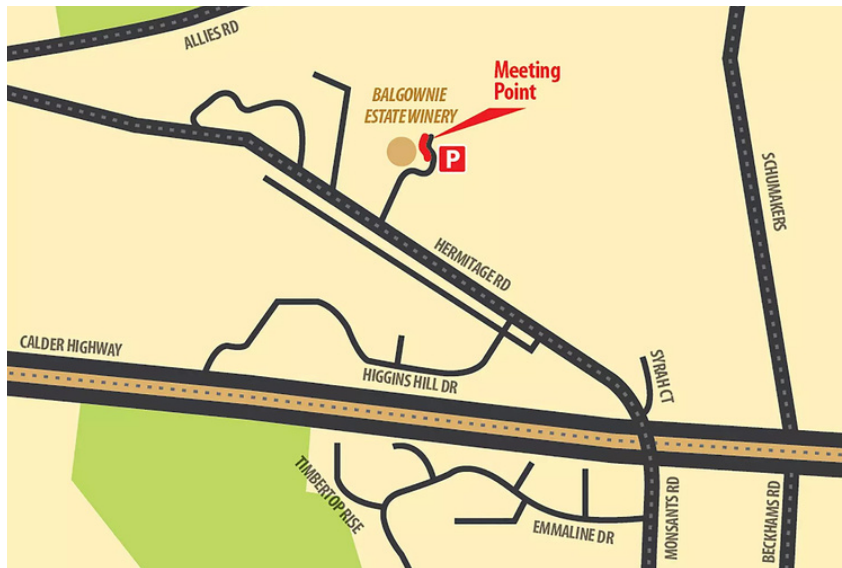
So, you're coming on a balloon flight with us! What an experience we have in store for you. Please take a few minutes to read this guide to help explain how it all works on the day of your flight.

**Flight Date, Bookings & Ticket Validity** Please check all details of the flight date and phone numbers are correct on your booking correspondence. It is important that you call us on 9427 0088 if changes are required. Bookings are available 7 days of the week. If you have not had a date allocated to your voucher please contact our office to check availability. Your ticket is valid for use for 12 months from date of purchase. Please book your flight to take place prior to the last month of your tickets validity, as ballooning is weather dependent, and may take a few attempts to get your flight, and weekends will likely not be available to tickets booked beyond their initial 12 month validity.

**Call Our Office to Reconfirm Your Flight Details** We request passengers call us the day before between 9am and 12 noon on either 1800 HOT AIR (1800 468 247) or +61 3 9427 0088 to confirm the meeting and departure times. (If your flight is booked on a Saturday, Sunday, or Monday please contact us between 9:00am and 5:00pm on the FRIDAY before your scheduled flight). When you call to confirm your flight, we will provide you with a meeting time and departure time. On the morning of your flight, please be at the departure point at the pre-arranged time.

★ In the event of a flight cancellation, you will receive a text message notifying you the flight is cancelled. Otherwise, it's all systems go!

**Cancellation Conditions** If you wish to cancel or change your flight date, we require a minimum of three (3) full business days to replace you on a flight. Larger groups of 4 or more passengers require five (5) full business days notice to cancel. A business day does not include weekends or public holidays. Passengers failing to turn up for their flight are considered "No Shows" and will not be rebooked or refunded.



## The Meeting Point - Balgownie Estate Winery

We meet our passengers and depart as a group from Balgownie Estate Winery - 46 Hermitage Rd, Maiden Gully (See Map) Call Paul on 0423 509 588 only if you are lost or running late.

**Parking** is available free of charge in the Balgownie Estate car park.

## Meeting Time - You Must Be On Time

We meet 1 hour prior to sunrise; these times are confirmed prior to the flight.

**Champagne Breakfast** at Balgownie Estate we celebrate the occasion of our flight with a delicious fully cooked breakfast including champagne at Balgownie Estate Winery - 46 Hermitage Rd, Maiden Gully. Family and friends are very welcome to join us for breakfast after the flight for \$40.00pp.

**What Clothes Should I Wear?** Ballooning is an audience participation activity so you need to dress appropriately for the morning, keep in mind we are out and about in parkland areas that may be a little wet underfoot. You are no colder once you are in the balloon than you are on the ground as the balloon travels with the wind. We recommend you bring a hat along as the burners generate a little radiant heat. Minimize baggage, the fewer items that you take on board the flight the more room you have to move in the balloon basket, bags may be left in the mini bus during your flight. High heel shoes are inappropriate. No Food or Drink to be taken on our bus. This is a strictly non-smoking experience, as enforced by Aviation Law.

**Can I Bring Photographic Equipment?** Absolutely. Ballooning provides photographers with a fabulous opportunity to snap away as the balloon basket is completely stable during the flight, be sure to charge the batteries.

**For safety reasons - No Selfie Sticks**

**Bendigo's Weather BalloonMan** Bendigo requires certain weather conditions to ensure great views and we will never compromise your safety. Each morning we study Bendigo's prevailing weather conditions, using this information we then flight plan for an hour's flight time and determine our launch site for take-off. The duration of the flight and the flight path vary daily according to the weather and wind conditions, our flights usually last about an hour. No flight path or duration can be guaranteed. Your balloon flight may be cancelled due to inclement weather conditions; you then have the opportunity to rebook another day.



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