

# Sunrise Balloon Flight over Yarra Valley

• 3.5-4.5 hours (approx.) •

## • KEY FACTS •



1. Approximate 1 hour balloon flight over the Yarra Valley - one of the world's most picturesque flying regions
2. In-flight commentary provided by expert pilots
3. Participation in the inflation and deflation process
4. Free parking at Balgownie Estate
5. Complete flight and ground insurance
6. Launch and landing government fees
7. A flight certificate



1. Transport from/to hotels
2. Food & beverages not listed as Inclusions
3. Professional Photos, Souvenirs
4. Travel Insurance

## Departure point

- Departs: daily, all year round  
Tour does not run on Christmas Day (25 December)
- Departure Point: Balgownie Estate (Address: 1309 Melba Hwy, Yarra Glen VIC 3775)
- Departure Time: 1.5 hours before sunrise  
Time to be advised the night prior to departure. Usually between 04:00 and 05:00 depending on the season.
- Arrives back at approximately 09:00-10:00

## How to get there

- By Car  
Balgownie Estate is located approximately 76km east of Melbourne Tullamarine Airport, takes about 1.5 hours; approximately 56km north-east of Melbourne Federation Square, takes about 1 hour 10 minutes.  
  
- Free Onsite parking available
- By Public Transport  
Unfortunately there is no direct public transport available. Most visitors drive or arrive on a coach tour. If you do not drive, please book one of the day tours that includes hotel transfers  
[<https://www.enjoyaus.com/n1859>]

## Operating hours

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| Christmas Day (25 December) | Closed |
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## Reconfirmation requirements

It is the passenger's responsibility to re-confirm on the night before travel between 18:00 - 19:00. Failure to do so may result in miscommunication and failure to fly, forfeiting your booking altogether. Please adjust your travel plan according to the details given by The Service Provider at time of reconfirming.

## Check-in requirements

Please ensure you arrive at the meeting point /departure point 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time to allow enough time to check in. Regrettably, failure to arrive before this time will most likely be classified as no-show and result in forfeiting the booking and it cannot be refunded or transferred.

If you are not familiar with the area or travelling on a weekend or local public holidays / school holidays, please make sure you've checked your timetable or driving route beforehand, and allow extra travelling time for unexpected delays to ensure you do not miss your check in

## What to bring/wear

- Wear clothes suitable for hiking. It is an active morning in the outdoors, so do wear clothes that can get stained or dirty.

- Closed toe, sturdy shoes are COMPULSORY. DO NOT WEAR high-heeled shoes, thongs/flip flops or open-toe shoes.
- Warm socks. Your feet can get wet and cold in the early morning dew, you may like to bring a change of socks.
- Water bottle
- Hat and sunglasses (The burners radiate heat, wearing a hat is recommended)
- Layered clothing. The experience meet before sunrise so depending on the time of year and weather, it can be extremely cold. You can always take off your jumper/ jacket in the basket if you need to. Generally it will not be any colder in the air during the balloon flight than on the ground.
- Please note: The balloon burners sometimes drip water mixed with Carbon. The Service Provider will not be responsible for clothing that is stained or damaged as a result of the adventure activity.

## Other info

- The minimum age to participate in this tour is 6 years old. Children between the ages of 6 and 12 years are welcome to fly accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Personal belongings taken on board are at your own risk.
- Smoking is not permitted on balloons.
- No flammable items or dangerous goods allowed to bring on board.
- Check with your medical practitioner if you have a pre-existing medical condition (including but not limited to pregnant) that may be affected by the physical nature of hot air ballooning. You agree to indemnify the Service Provider, its owners, officers and employees against any incident related to your health occurring during or after supply of the Services.
- Hot air ballooning is a weather dependent activity which means the flight is not guaranteed to proceed every day. You MUST check your flight details the night before your flight to find out if the flight is proceeding and the pickup time.
- Please note the exact time and flight direction will vary depending on weather conditions. The flight will either be over the city or around the surrounds of the city. It cannot be guaranteed that a flight directly over the city due to the change of wind direction
- Please refer to <https://www.globalballooning.com.au> for the latest updates.

### • OVERVIEW •

## Sunrise Balloon Flight over Yarra Valley

One of Victoria's most spectacular winery regions, with outstanding vineyards and mountains, the Yarra Valley, a leisurely one-hour drive from Melbourne's CBD. It is a natural amphitheatre, which makes it the perfect location for a ballooning tour: great views, native fauna and flora, excellent food and wine and stable weather. Let the breeze usher you along the corridors of grape vines and over the Yarra River as you lose yourself in the breathtaking views of mountains that surround the valley. This region has excellent locally grown food/wine and makes for a brilliant full day in the countryside!



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### About the Yarra Valley Balloons

- Provides a 365 degree view, perfect for sightseeing wineries and countryside beauty within the Yarra Valley.
- The baskets include cushioning around the inside for comfort as well as rope handles when in the landing position.
- The balloons are safe, comfortable and meet the standards of CASA.
- Balloon sizes vary depending on the pilot flying and their license. Baskets can hold 10, 16 and up to 24 passengers.
- On any one day, there're anywhere between 2-9 balloons fly at once.
- A carbon neutral flight
- Children under the age of 6 years old are unable to fly due to safety regulations.

### The FLIGHT PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Approximate 1 hour balloon flight over the Yarra Valley - one of the world's most picturesque flying regions
- Free parking at Balgownie Estate
- Complete flight and ground insurance
- Launch and landing government fees
- A carbon neutral flight
- A flight certificate
- Flights departing 364 days of the year, weather permitting

### SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

*Reference Only. Subject to change without notice.*

The entire experience lasts 4-5 hours in total so usually completed between 10:00-11:00.

- **Night before your flight** (anytime **after 18:00**): You **MUST** check your flight details to find out if the flight is proceeding and the meeting time. For details, please refer to your booking confirmation letter for flight confirmation procedures.
- **1.5 hours before sunrise** (time confirmed night before): Meet pilots and crew at designated time and venue; the Ballooning Company will drive all passengers to launch site
- **Launch**: Passengers can assist with the set up/ inflation of the balloon
- **Sunrise**: Fly for approximately 1 hour
- **Land**: Passengers can assist to pack up the balloon which is quite fun

### • POLICY •

### Cancellation Policy

- If you cancel at least 14 day(s) in advance of the scheduled departure, there is no cancellation fee.
- If you cancel between 0 and 13 day(s) in advance of the scheduled departure, there is a 100 percent cancellation fee.
- If no show, no refund.



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