



## **The Event:**

Egypt will witness the First International Balloon Festival in Luxor from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2016, a meeting of 80 balloon amateur pilots from different countries worldwide – in view of the preliminary registrations – will be flying in the sky of the ancient city of Luxor, enjoying the view of the Nile River and its famous heritage of monuments, challenging in amicable competitions energizing their flights.

It is quite evident that this event is not limited to ballooning activities that all pilots are dreaming with, but it has a wide scope of touristic programs that will contribute to the visit of Luxor.

An evening flight is scheduled with a landing at sun set in the desert, where a Bedwen night will be organized to enjoy the fascination of the desert, the Bedwen folkloric dances and the grilled Bedwen food.

## **The Venue:**

Luxor is the selected venue of the event , it is situated 800 Km to the south of Cairo , and often called the world's greatest open air museum , but that comes nowhere near describing this extraordinary place, nothing in the world compares to the scale and grandeur of the monuments that have survived from ancient Thebes.

The setting is breathtakingly beautiful, the Nile flowing between the modern city and west-bank necropolis, backed by the enigmatic Theban escarpment. Scattered across the landscape is an embarrassment of riches, from the temples of Karnak and Luxor in the east to the many tombs and temples on the west bank.

The opening ceremony will take place at the temple of Luxor in such a fascinating environment, presenting some Egyptian Folkloric dances.

The flying activities will be organized at the take of strip dedicated to hot air balloons used for commercial touristic flights. While the landings will be at the landing strip currently used for touristic commercial balloons.



## **The Organizers:**

The Aero club of Egypt Planned, organized and worked out the First Hot Air Balloon Festival to be held in Luxor second week of December this year.

The Aero club of Egypt was established in 1910, in the same year together with the collaboration of the Aero club De France, they organized the first world Air Race, a cross country flight between Heliopolis and the Pyramids.

In 1911 The Aero club of Egypt joined the International Aviation Sport Federation (FAI) the responsible International agency for sport aviation, and became the representative of Egypt in the federation.

Later in 1933, the aero club of Egypt organized the first desert Rally, crossing the desert between the different Egyptian oasis that met a great success and had an important impact on the international sport aviation.

The second desert rally followed in 1937 covering longer distances extending the flying course to join Luxor and Aswan.

Now it is almost 80 years since the last international event was hosted by Egypt, yet the Hot air Balloon Festival in Luxor will be a rejoining to the international sport aviation activities.

## **Registration:**

- [www.aeroclubofegypt.org](http://www.aeroclubofegypt.org).

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## **Latest Registration:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>. October 2016

## **General conditions:**

- No entry fee for the festival.
- Free transportation of Balloons from collecting points at Egypt Air Cargo stations to the site of the event and return (See instructions bellow)
- Gas tank recharging cost 10 Euro per tank.
- Daily cost of crew helper and transport truck inside the field of operation 40 Euro per balloon per day.
- Free transportation from Luxor airport to hotel and return.
- Free transportation from Nile river west bank to East bank.
- Free Entrance to all monuments and museums of Luxor City.
- Free attendance of opening ceremony cocktail party at Queen Hatshepsut Museum.
- Free attendance of closing ceremony and Gala Diner in the Hotel.
- International insurance certificate against third party of 20,000 Euro is compulsory.

### **Instruction for Balloon Transportation**

1. Available Cargo stations of Egypt Air and relative information are indicated in the enclosed brochure.
2. The Balloon owner or pilot will send to the Aero club of Egypt a notification via e-mail about his balloon transportation, indicating his name, balloon type, size, weight, and the Egypt Air Cargo station to be used.
3. The Aero club of Egypt will notify – on his turn – the corresponding Egypt Air cargo station and copy the owner or pilot.
4. Any airport charges or custom fee at the airport of departure will be at the charge of the owner or pilot.
5. The Balloon should be delivered to the cargo station three days in advance before the estimated date of departure.
6. The Air way bill will be addressed to The Aero club of Egypt, who will receive the balloon and take care of the custom clearing in Cairo and transportation to final destination at site.

7. Considering that the transportation process needs seven days it is advisable to start the Air freight process not later than fifteen days before the start of the event date i.e not later than 15 November 2016.
8. Tanks are considered dangerous goods therefore a certificate that the gas cylinders have been purged is required.
9. In case the balloon equipment includes Transceiver or transponder that will be air freighted with the same cargo, please send in your notification of shipment, the model and serial number of the instrument and copy of the certificate for the issue of eventual permits from Egyptian authorities.
10. A copy of the balloon registration certificate in the country of origin must be sent with the Air way bill.
11. Remember the maximum dimensions for air cargo will be:  
Length: 220 cm  
Width: 290 cm  
Height: 155 cm

## **Event Program Dates:**

The Event will run from the 9<sup>th</sup>. To the 16<sup>th</sup>. Of December 2016 as per the following Program and the Event Director may set simple tasks with targets on the ground without the use of GPS and/or observers:

### **Thursday 8 December**

- 05:00 pm Opening Ceremony at sonesta Hotel (Nile View).
- 07:00 pm Meeting in the hotel for briefing

### **Friday 9 December**

- 05:00 am introductory flight in organizer balloons Operating in the area for familiarization
- 07:30 am balloon flight
- 10:00 am Entertainment

### **Saturday 10 December**

- 05:00 am Balloon Flight
- 03:30 pm balloon Flight ( option )

### **Sunday 11 December**

- 05:00 am Balloon Flight
- 10 am entertainment

### **Monday 12 December**

- 05:00 am balloon Flight
- 03:00 pm balloon Flight landing in the desert Followed by Bedwen Night

### **Tuesday 13 December**

- Free day for Tourist activities to enjoy the Historical heritage of Luxor City

### **Wednesday 14 December**

- 05:00 am balloon flight
- 08:00 am balloon flight ( option )
- 03:00 pm balloon flight ( option )

### **Thursday 15 December**

- 05:00 am balloon flight
- 03:00 pm balloon flight

### **Friday 16 December**

- 08:00 am Balloon packing, purging of cylinders and preparation for freight.
- 6 pm Closing ceremony and gala dinner at Luxor Temple

N.B. Successive Bulletins will be issued for detailed information covering this event.

