

Description of Courses and Rates

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Private Pilot / Add-On Rating Course (FAA Part 141)

This course includes 25 hours of ground instruction, including 15 hours of home study, **and** 8 hours of flight training including 5 training flights with an instructor consisting of: (2) 30-minute flights, (1) flight to at least 2000' AGL, (2) flights in preparation for the check ride (stage checks) including (2) solo flights.

A Private Pilot License is prerequisite to Commercial Pilot Training. Training is very concentrated and structured with students training at their own individual pace. Courses can be completed in as little 1 to 2 weeks, weather permitting.

Commercial Pilot / Add-On Rating Course (FAA Part 141)

This course includes 25 hours of ground instruction, including 15 hours of home study, and 10 hours of flight training including: (8) hours training with an instructor consisting of: (2) flights of 30 minutes or more, (1) flight to at least 3,000 AGL, (2) flights in preparation for the check ride (stage checks) including (2) solo flights

The Commercial Pilot Certificate entitles the holder to fly for hire, fly passengers and cargo and instruct in balloons. The Part 141 Commercial Pilot Course is concentrated and can be completed in 1 to 2 weeks, weather permitting.

Required Tests

Passing scores on (1) written test is required to complete either training course. The FAA test may be waived for holders of certain powered aircraft certificates. A pre-solo written test must be successfully completed prior to solo flight. At the end of either the Commercial or Private Pilot Course, the student must successfully complete an FAA check ride. Pilot licenses are issued immediately after the successful completion of the flight check ride.

Course Materials

At enrollment, each student will be provided with the following materials:

- 1 – Certificate of Enrollment
- 2 – Preflight and Inflation Checklist
- 3 – Curriculum outline and training syllabus.

A list of required and optional study materials is available to students desiring additional written study materials. Cost for additional study materials is approximately \$50 to \$100, depending on the reference material selected.

Equipment

Our FAA Certified Repair Station services all major brands of hot air balloon systems, making it possible for the student to complete his training using the balloon equipment of any number of balloon manufacturers. Those opting to use Adventure Flights equipment will be trained in balloons made by Aerostar International, the world's oldest and largest manufacturer of hot air balloons. For those wishing to purchase their own system, we have a wide variety of new and used balloons of all makes in stock for immediate delivery. Additionally, we specialize in renovating used balloon systems and generally have several in stock at bargain prices.

Transportation and Lodging

Lodging is available on-site in a guest house, 30' travel trailer, or a 40' luxury motorhome with slide-out, full kitchen, TV, DVD, etc. for \$15 to \$25 per night. High speed internet and the use of private office space is included. Accommodations are also available in various local motels starting at approximately \$65 per night.

Training Course Rates

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	Commercial	Private
Student provides balloon, all necessary equipment, Propane, insurance, chase vehicle and chase crew:	\$3,495	\$2,895
Student provides balloon, all necessary equipment, propane, insurance and chase vehicle. We provide crew:	\$3,895	\$3,495
We provide balloon, all equipment, and liability insurance and chase crew:	\$4,595	\$4,395

The basic rate covers 25 hours ground instruction, including 15 hours of home study, and 8 hours flight training for the Private Pilot Certificate and 25 hours ground instruction, including 15 hours of home study, and 10 hours flight training for the Commercial Certificate. If required, additional flight hours are \$350 to \$400 per flight hour depending on the size of balloon being flown. The hourly charge includes equipment, crew, chase truck, fuel, liability insurance, etc. Check flights with an FAA Inspector are free. Private FAA Designated Examiners usually charge a fee of around \$300-\$350 for the check ride.

Rates are based on students having passing grades on appropriate FAA written tests and/or an FAA powered aircraft certificate. Tutoring for FAA written tests and ground school beyond the 25 hours, including 15 hours of home study, is available at \$35/hour. A separate commercial or private pilot ground school course is available for students at a cost of \$549. A further discount of \$150 is given to the student who purchases both courses in advance.

Discounts from 10% to 15% are available if the student buys a new or used balloon from Adventure Flights. Students with previously properly documented balloon flight training will be offered a reduction in fees appropriate to their experience level. This discount will be estimated after a flight test evaluation has determined which portions of the balloon-training curriculum have been met.

A \$500, fully refundable deposit is required to reserve the course. A payment schedule will be arranged with each student. All training fees must be paid for in advance. VISA, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted.

Most training is conducted in AX-6 or AX-7 size balloons (77,500 to 90,000 cubic feet of volume). Specialized training in larger commercial ride balloons (105,000 to 245,000 cubic feet) is available at an additional charge for students planning to fly commercially in the future. Other advanced courses are available for students wishing to increase their flying skills after they have obtained their pilot certificate.

Advanced Courses

1. Large Balloon Course (140,000 to 245,000cf) 4-hours transition training plus ground school. Learn to fly larger balloons safely with precision. \$2,495
 2. Commercial Passenger Ride Course: 4-hours flight training plus ground school. Learn the best techniques for flying and landing with paying passengers. \$1,895
 3. Precision Landing Advance Training Course: 4-hours flight training plus ground school. Learn to control the balloon with superior precision in various challenging landing conditions. \$1,750
 4. Mountain Flying, Rough Terrain Training Course: 4-hours flight training plus ground school. Learn the appropriate flying and situational awareness skills for flying in mountainous and rough terrain environments. \$1,750
 5. Racing / Competition Flying: 4-hours flight training plus ground school. Learn the best flying and wind tracking techniques for navigating from point to point. \$1,795
- Nonsuperpressure Tether Course: 3-hours flight training plus ground school. Learn the safest and best techniques for tethering non-superpressure hot air balloons in various wind and weather environments. \$1,495
6. Superpressure Balloon Course: 3-hours flight training plus ground school. Adventure Flights specializes in Superpressure tethered balloons. We have utilized these systems to perform in over 180 movies and tv shows, and countless commercial tether operations. A superpressure balloon is a hot air balloon that has been specifically structurally modified and internally pressurized so that it can tether in winds of up to 15 mph. Normal hot air balloons cannot tether in winds exceeding about 6-7 mph. Very few balloonists are familiar with Superpressure balloons or how to operate them. A Superpressure balloon gives a huge commercial edge when negotiating a high paying film shoot or other commercial tether jobs. \$1,895
 7. Sewing, Maintenance and Repair Course: Approximately 40 hours. Learn how to repair, maintain or rebuild envelopes, baskets, burners and more. Learn how to build form fitted banners and apply artwork and lettering to balloon envelopes and banners. This course is designed for students who plan to set up or to work in an L-T-A Repair Station. \$1,995