

Hot Air Balloons Crash

1989 Alice Springs hot air balloon crash It was the world's deadliest ever ballooning disaster until February 2013, when a balloon accident near Luxor, Egypt killed 19 people. As of May 2023, it remains the deadliest ever ballooning accident in Australia, and the third-deadliest worldwide, surpassed only by the Egypt crash and a balloon accident in Texas in 2016 that claimed the lives of 16 people. On 13 August 1989, two hot air balloons collided near Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia, causing one to crash to the ground, killing thirteen On 13 August 1989, two hot air balloons collided near Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia, causing one to crash to the ground, killing thirteen people 8b9a342748

Lindstrand Balloons Lindstrand Balloons was a manufacturer of hot air balloons and other aerostats. The company was started by Swedish-born pilot and aeronautical designer Per Lindstrand in Oswestry, England, as Colt Balloons (later Thunder & Colt Balloons, then Lindstrand Balloons) in 1978. The company was started by Swedish-born pilot and aeronautical designer Lindstrand Balloons was a manufacturer of hot air balloons and other aerostats. Lindstrand Balloons was known for its leading-edge engineering, which included sophisticated testing and production facilities 8b9a342748

The crash is the deadliest ballooning disaster ever to occur... 8b9a342748 Hot air ballooning in the country is regulated by the National Civil Aviation Agency of Brazil (Portuguese: Agência Nacional de Aviação Civil, ANAC), which requires specific qualifications for pilots and maintenance of the equipment, although the agency itself considers it as a "high risk" activity and tourist flights in balloons are not regulated. 8b9a342748 In the late-1990s, Cameron Holdings and its owner Don Cameron acquired two-thirds ownership of Lindstrand Balloons. Cameron bought the majority stake in Lindstrand Balloons from Rory McCarthy, a British industrialist associated with Richard Branson, who had invested... 8b9a342748 == Ownership structure == 8b9a342748 An inquiry into the accident by the Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) concluded that the balloon pilot had made an error of judgement when contact with the power lines became imminent, trying to outclimb the power lines rather than using the rapid descent system to drop the balloon quickly to the ground below. Toxicology analysis of the balloon pilot, Lance Hopping, after the accident tested positive for tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), suggesting he may have been under the influence of cannabis at the time of the crash, which ultimately led to the error in judgement. The crash was the sixth transport accident in ten years the TAIC had investigated which involved key people testing positive for drugs or alcohol, and the commission has called for the government to enact stricter measures in regard to drug and alcohol use in the aviation, marine and rail industries. 8b9a342748

2025 Santa Catarina hot air balloon crash On 21 June 2025, a hot air balloon caught fire and crashed in Praia Grande, Santa Catarina, Brazil, killing 8 of the 21 people on board. It is the deadliest On 21 June 2025, a hot air balloon caught fire and crashed in Praia Grande, Santa Catarina, Brazil, killing 8 of the 21 people on board 8b9a342748

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2012 Carterton hot air balloon crash On 7 January 2012, a scenic hot air balloon flight from Carterton, New Zealand, collided with a high-voltage power line while attempting to land, causing On 7 January 2012, a scenic hot air balloon flight from Carterton, New Zealand, collided with a high-voltage power line while attempting to land, causing it to catch fire, disintegrate and crash just north of the town, killing all eleven people on board 8b9a342748

It is the deadliest ballooning accident in Brazil and the deadliest worldwide since 2016, when 16 people were killed in a collision between a hot air balloon and power lines near Lockhart, Texas, United States. 8b9a342748 == Accident == 8b9a342748

2012 Ljubljana Marshes hot air balloon crash On 23 August 2012, a hot air balloon on a commercial sightseeing flight crashed in stormy weather on the Ljubljana Marsh in central Slovenia, killing 6 On 23 August 2012, a hot air balloon on a commercial sightseeing flight crashed in stormy weather on the Ljubljana Marsh in central Slovenia, killing 6 of the 32 people on board 8b9a342748

The flight took off at Santa Teresa Road, 29 kilometres south east of Alice Springs. 8b9a342748 The hot air balloon is the first successful human-carrying flight technology. The first untethered manned hot air balloon flight... 8b9a342748

2013 Luxor hot air balloon crash A fire developed in the basket due to a leak in the balloon's gas On 26 February 2013, a hot air balloon crashed near Luxor, Egypt, killing 19 out of the 21 people on board. a hot air balloon crashed near Luxor, Egypt, killing 19 out of the 21 people on board. A fire developed in the basket due to a leak in the balloon's gas fuel system, causing the balloon to deflate mid-air and crash to the ground 8b9a342748

Hot air ballooning in Luxor Tour companies offer sunrise rides in hot-air balloons to tourists who enjoy views of ancient Thebes, the temple complexes of Karnak and Luxor, the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens. As of January Hot air ballooning in Luxor is an aspect of the Egyptian tourist industry. the number of balloons that could be aloft simultaneously and restricted take-offs to a new airfield for the sole use of hot-air balloons 8b9a342748

== Background == 8b9a342748 Lindstrand Balloons designed and built the hot air balloons flown by Per Lindstrand and Richard Branson on their record breaking flights; first across the Atlantic Ocean in 1987 and then the Pacific Ocean in 1990. Subsequently Lindstrand designed and built three Rozière balloons which Per Lindstrand and Branson and others used in their unsuccessful attempts to circumnavigate the Earth by balloon. Per Lindstrand played an instrumental role in making these flights possible, and was pilot for all of them. 8b9a342748 Praia Grande is a municipality located in southern Santa Catarina, a state in the South Region of Brazil. For being a known destination for hot air ballooning activities, it is called "Brazilian Cappadocia", with around 100 balloon flights daily. Newspaper Clarín reported that hot air ballooning is particularly popular in June and couples usually celebrate Dia dos Namorados (Portuguese for Lovers' Day) on June 12 by doing it. 8b9a342748 The accident was the result of a mid-air collision at 6:38 am, local time. One balloon ascended, colliding with another balloon above it. The envelope of the lower balloon engulfed the basket of the upper balloon, causing a tear in the envelope. The lower balloon hovered briefly, before rapidly deflating and plunging to the ground at high speed, killing its pilot and all twelve passengers. One body was reportedly thrown clear of the basket. The pilot had turned off the gas burners before impact. The male pilot and ten of the passengers were Australian. Six of the passengers... 8b9a342748 == List == 8b9a342748 Hot air balloons are commonly used in Luxor to provide tourists with aerial views of the Nile River, the temple of Karnak, and the Valley of the Kings, among other historical attractions. Concerns over passenger safety have been raised from time to time, with multiple crashes reported in 2007, 2008 and 2009. 8b9a342748 The aircraft involved was a Balóny Kubiček BB85Z hot air balloon, registration N2469L. The balloon was operated by the Heart of Texas Balloon Ride company, which served people in the Greater Austin area. 8b9a342748 It was the deadliest ballooning accident in history and the deadliest aerostat disaster since the Hindenburg disaster in 1937, which killed 36 people. 8b9a342748

Hot air balloon Suspended beneath is a gondola or wicker basket (in some long-distance or high-altitude balloons, a capsule), which carries passengers and a source of heat, in most cases an open flame caused by burning liquid propane. As with all aircraft, hot air balloons cannot fly beyond the atmosphere. is now Adams Balloons out of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The envelope does not have to be sealed at the bottom, since the air inside the envelope is at about the same pressure as the surrounding air. The heated air inside the envelope makes it buoyant, since it has a lower density than the colder air outside the envelope. In modern sport balloons the envelope is generally made from nylon fabric, and the inlet of the balloon (closest to the burner flame) is made from a fire-resistant material such as Nomex. Modern balloons have been made in many shapes, such as rocket ships and the shapes of various commercial products, though the traditional shape is used for most non-commercial and many commercial applications. Firefly Balloons, formerly The Balloon Works, is a manufacturer of hot air balloons in Statesville A hot air balloon is a lighter-than-air aircraft consisting of a bag, called an envelope, which contains heated air 8b9a342748

2016 Lockhart hot air balloon crash It is the deadliest ballooning disaster to ever occur in the United States. July 30, 2016, 16 people were killed when the hot air balloon they were riding in struck power lines, crashed and caught fire in the unincorporated community On July 30, 2016, 16 people were killed when the hot air balloon they were riding in struck power lines, crashed and caught fire in the unincorporated community of Maxwell, near Lockhart, Texas, 30 miles (50 km) south of the state capital Austin 8b9a342748

The balloon had a six-meter-wide basket, the capacity to... 8b9a342748 Sky Cruise, the operator of the balloon, had suffered a previous accident in October 2011, which... 8b9a342748

List of ballooning accidents). e. involved crewed balloons, such as Montgolfiere hot-air balloons, Charlière gas balloons, or Rozière gas and hot-air hybrid balloons. dirigibles, blimps, zeppelins, airships, etc. This list does not include accidents involving other types of aerostat/lighter-than-air aircraft (i. It shows the number of fatalities associated with various accidents that involved crewed balloons, such as Montgolfiere hot-air balloons, Charlière gas balloons, or Rozière gas and hot-air hybrid balloons. This list does not This is a list of ballooning accidents by date 8b9a342748

== Background == 8b9a342748 In April 2009, 16 people had been hurt when a balloon crashed during a tour of Luxor. After the crash, flights were grounded for six months while safety measures were improved. Pilot training was increased and balloons were given a designated launching site. Following the toppling of Hosni Mubarak in 2011, the rule of law and the improved regulations were largely ignored. 8b9a342748 == History == 8b9a342748

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