

Dear balloonist friend,

In 2018, Romania celebrates 100 years!

The first 100 years has been a challenge! In the Great War, we lost 900.000 people. 600.000 were civilians. The Second World War was no victory either: communism won ... and we're still paying for it today. In 1989, we stood on the streets and once again paid the price for freedom. And somehow, this is our story since the beginning of time... It's kind of a miracle we're still here. Sometimes it's hard to be Romanian. But we keep smiling. Because for us, life is all about **people, love and kindness**.

This year, the Maramures Balloon Fiesta celebrates all Europe's heroes...

Join us for a 100 balloon salute!

We'd be honoured to have a representative from each European country and beyond, for a memorable meeting of pilots sending a great message of peace and joy, visible all over Europe:

"Happy birthday, Romania! We're glad you made it!"

**100 balloons for Romania!
at the Maramures Balloon Fiesta - 5th edition
3 - 7 October 2018**

Maramureş County is in northwest Romania, near the borders with Hungary and Ukraine. Magical and beautiful, the ancestral centre of Romania's village culture, with traditional wooden architecture, impressive landscapes and living traditions, Maramureş is the home of hospitality, great food and "*horinca*", the strong local drink!



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Program

Wednesday, 3rd October 2018

Arrival and registration. Welcome dinner.

Thursday, 4th October 2018

A great day out in Maramureş, just for pilots and their teams!

Fun and exploration in traditional Maramures.

Morning flight for those wishing to fly.

Friday and Saturday, 5th and 6th October 2018

Baia Mare Aeroclub - free flights morning and afternoon.

Concerts, traditional artists market, theatre, children's activities.

Sunday, 7th October 2018

Baia Mare Aeroclub - free flights morning. Tethered flights afternoon.

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Very special Closing Party!



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Conditions

There is no entry fee for teams.

We provide:

- 3-star hotel in double/triple rooms for pilots and crews (max 4 persons);
- Food and drinks – pre-flight snacks and coffee, late breakfast, dinner;
- Fuel and nitrogen for all the flights except the first flight;
- Maramures tour and traditional party (Thursday)
- Maps; Gift Bags; Friendship; Entertainment and a Good time for all!

For each flight session on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, pilots are asked to accept passengers as indicated by the organizers. This greatly helps. There is no minimum and we fully appreciate that crews come to fly.

The Sunday afternoon session is the 100 balloon salute in honour of Romania's Centenary. We kindly request all teams to stay for Sunday. There will be no afternoon flight and all balloons will perform tethered flights open to the public.

Mandatory documents: pilot licence and medical, ID card or passport, C of R, C of A, valid ARC and insurance policy for the balloons.

Additional requirements for pilots: minimum 50 hours of flight time and 50 take-offs and landings as PIC of balloons, minimum 6 hours of flight time including 10 take-offs and landings as PIC of balloons in the last 24 months.

Please find attached the entry form. If you would like to join us, please complete and send to mmballoonfiesta@gmail.com, as soon as possible, before 31st July 2018.

Thank you! We can't wait to welcome you to Romania!
Loredana Ionescu, organizer & Dan Chiriac, flight director

