



**2000**

**BALLOONS  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
BOOK**







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**WOW!**  
**SUPER!**  
**ULTRA**  
*Magic!*  
**2000**  
**BALLOONS**







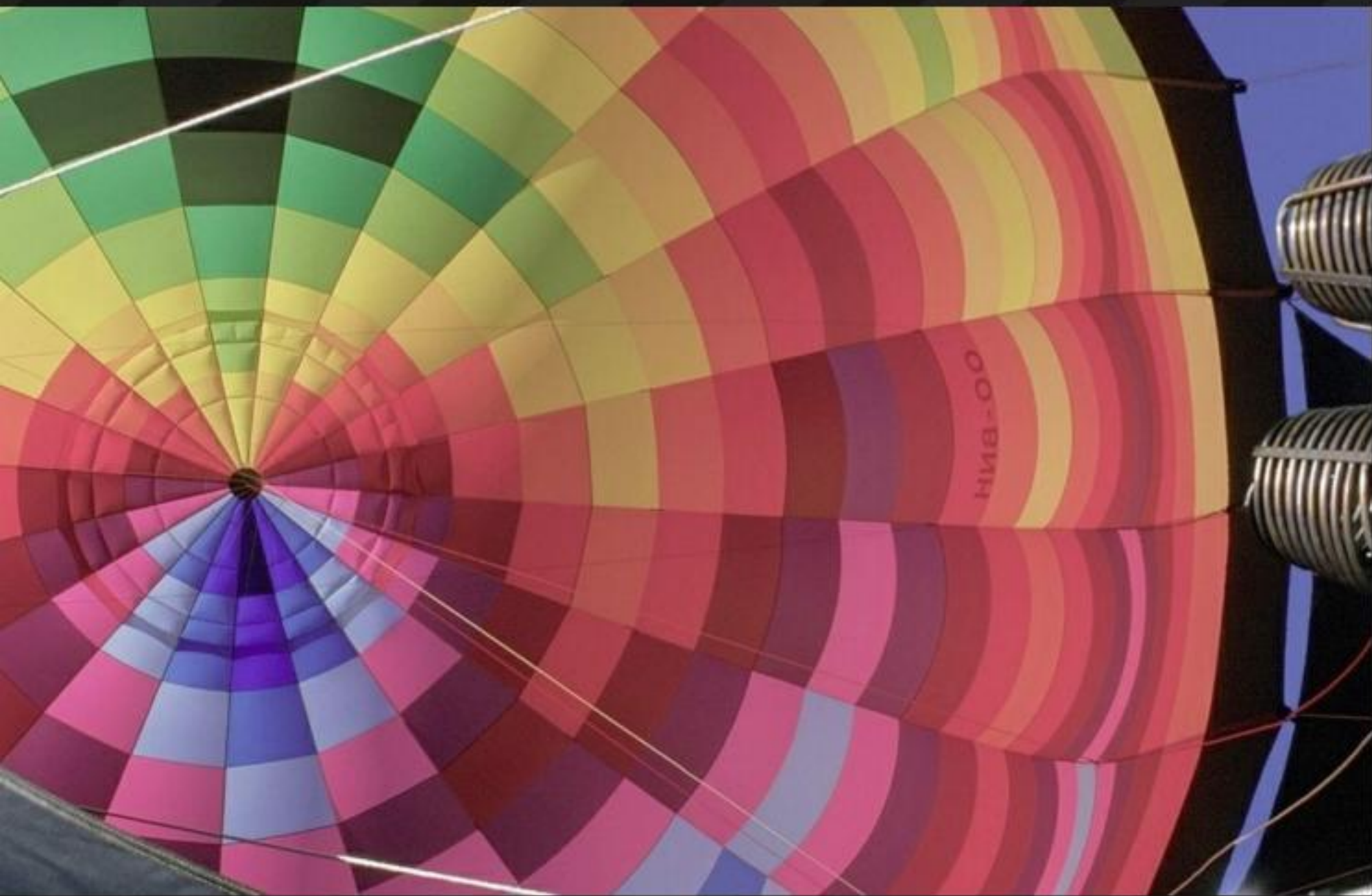
**MORE THAN 30 YEARS  
EXPERIENCE IN BALLOONS.  
MORE THAN 2000 BALLOONS!**

We started flying balloons in 1978 with a used balloon. Straight after this we designed and built our own much bigger balloon for an expedition to Africa. This trip in 1980, lasting 11 months, involved 40 flights and was from Zanzibar (Tanzania) to Kisangani (Zaire). This was the beginning of a long story and we are now pleased to celebrate building more than 2000 balloons. This book is a memory of this special event.

The building of 2000 balloons has been much more than a business. It has been the making and developing of many friendships world wide. We thank all of our customers over the many years who have made this special moment recorded in this book possible.

*Flying is Magic*





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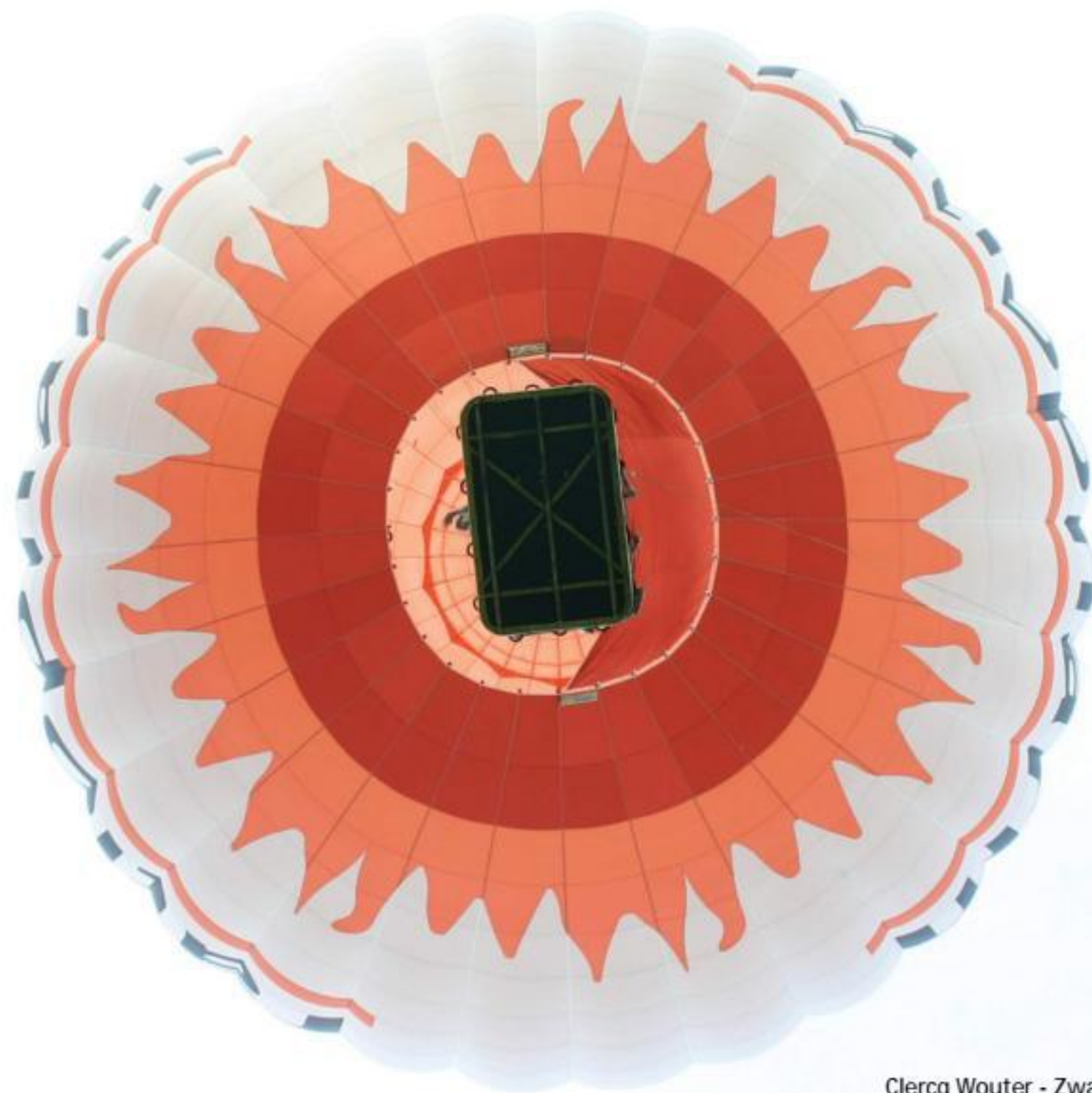


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Carlo Coors - Hamburg, Germany



Clercq Wouter - Zwalm, Belgium





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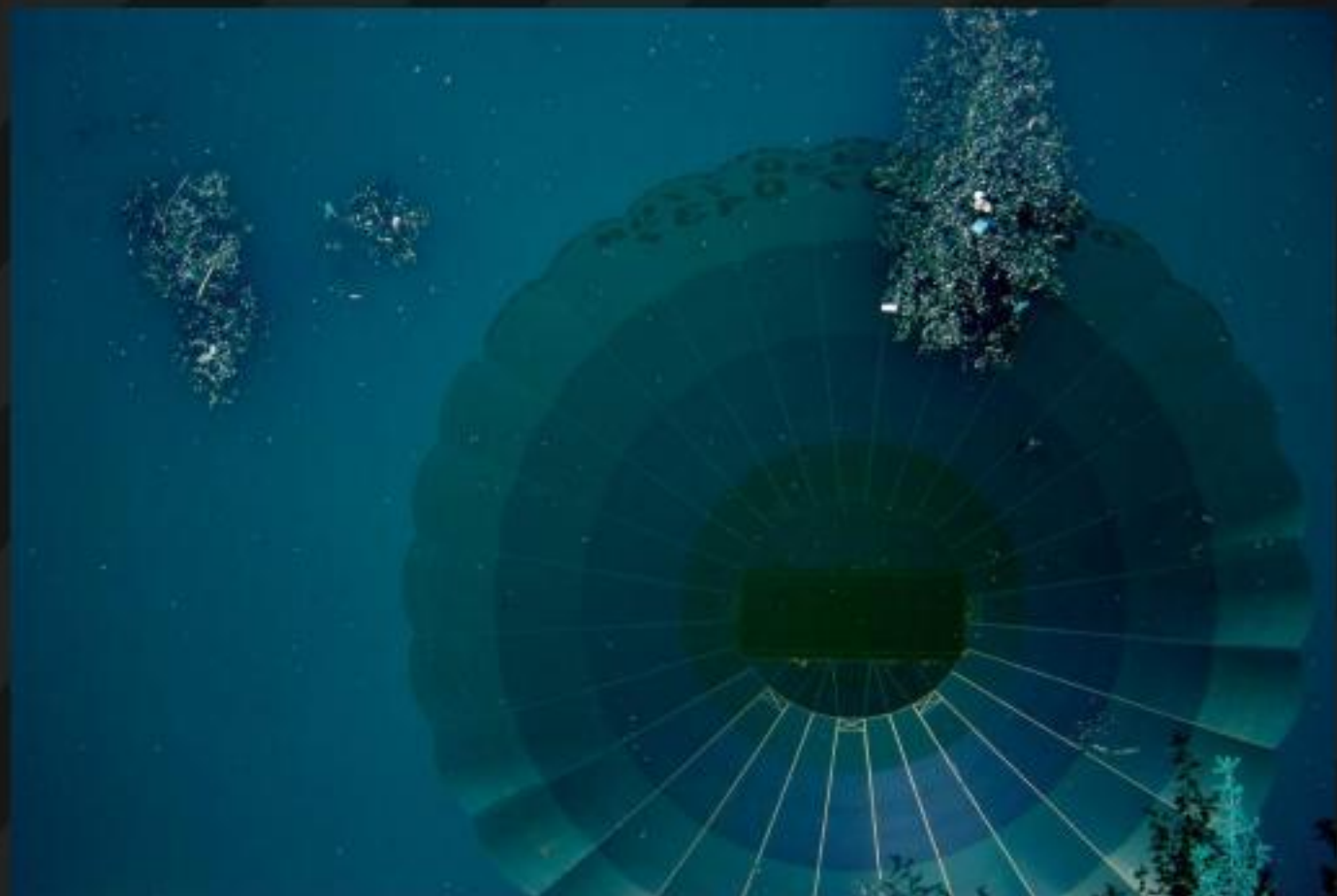


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## FRIENDSHIP

From the outset the objective of the Ultramagic Friendship Balloon was to promote friendship as a common shared belief and to create long lasting connections between people worldwide. The "Friendship Balloon" has now been admired and followed throughout the world for nearly 3 years whilst being flown by different pilots only once.

The balloon was born with the concept as: a "Handover Balloon" with the idea that this balloon will be shared among many different pilots who make a record of their flight, when they have made the flight and in what place. It is then "handed over" to the next pilot. This movement of the balloon and hand over data has been recorded in the "flight log" of the balloon as well as on the website so that it can be followed by all of the friends made through the balloon as the years have passed by.

We expect this unique balloon experience to create a new Guinness World Record by becoming the balloon having been flown by the largest number of different pilots and only once each time.

We recognise that "Friendship Balloon" has become a special symbol in the world of ballooning.

With more than 300 pilots having already flown the Ultramagic Friendship Balloon so far, a significant amount of money has now been donated for the NGO charity project linked to the project.

Check out > <http://ultramagicfriendship.com/donations/> for more information.

"Friendship, a fundamental value for the relationship between people."

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Richard Walch - Augsburg, Germany





Mariano Olivera - Naval, Spain



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Benoit Simeons - Les Carroz, France





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Raul Carbonell - Illa de Tabarca Alicante, Spain



Edoardo Barbieri - Chambord, France



## EXPERIENCE

We at Ultramagic balloons do not just design and build balloons. We live and breath balloons! Sharing special balloon flight experiences with friends enables us to gain more knowledge about balloons and pilot requirements. We enjoy flying and having adventures and look to making our balloons safer by these experiences. Here below are just some of our experiences. Check out [ultramagicexperience.com](http://ultramagicexperience.com) for more details.

**Madagascar Ultramagic Balloon Experience** April/May 2016

**Ultramagic Alpine Experience Switzerland** January 2016

**Full Solar Eclipse In Svalbard** 20 March 2015

**Full Moon Night Flight Over Pyrenees** March 6Th 2015

**Catalonia Tour** February 2015

**Long Endurance Flight Finland** June 2014

**Long Distance Flight From Chateaux D'oex To Ferrara** February 2013

**Kilimanjaro Ultramagic Balloon Experience** August 2011

**"Aconcagua" Balloon Crosses Aconcagua** February 2010

**Tanzania Balloon "Shani"** April 2005

Ultramagic Experience. Continually gaining experience in all aspects of ballooning.  
Making balloons more safe and enjoyable to fly.





Jaakko Kajan - Tikkakoski, Finland



Stefan Walchli - Château d'Oex, Switzerland





Nick Vermeulen - St. Eloois Winkel, Belgium



Benoit Simeons - Putrajaya, Malaysia



Heinz Wälchli - Willisau, Switzerland



Masa Fujita - Bali Island



Benoit Simeons - Lorraine, France





Hugo Varela - Pamplona, Spain



Jordi Aracil - Mollerussa, Catalonia



Werner Schrank - Hofkirchen, Austria





Ben Bläss - Château d'Oex, Switzerland



Ismael Martinez - Segovia, Spain





Peter Kollar - Desert of Dubai, United Arab Emirates



Benoit Simeons - Spa, Belgium





Christian Moullec - Saint Simon, France





Pepjin Van Cauenwerb - Moerbeke Bas, Belgium



Hans Pravda - Lorraine, France



Sibylle Maus - Puch, Austria





Gonzalo Ferrer - Igualada, Catalonia



Yvette Ratton - Château de Chambord, France









Heiri Burkhard - Switzerland



Manuel Ferreira - Alentejo, Portugal





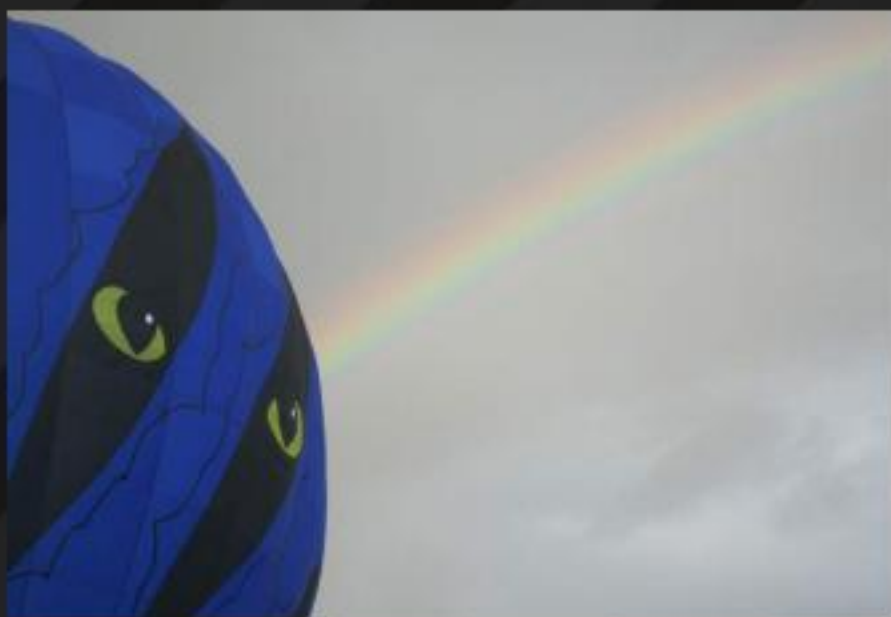
Ben Bläss - Arosa, Switzerland



Michel Lebleux - Gap, France



Ashley Moore - English Channel (Canal de la Mancha)



Jackie Woodcock, Exclusive Cup, England



JP Odouard - Annonay, France









Sacha Haim - Mount Kilimanjaro



Roger Costa - Lake Natron, Tanzania



Philippe de Cock - Mount Kilimanjaro





Bruno Parey - Chaumont sur Loire, France



Andreas Senn - Switzerland









Ines Gasmann - Schönried, Switzerland



Mary Rose Rambaldi - Carpineti, Italy





Laurent Sciboz



Alex Bejat - Annonay, France



Alex Bejat - Chatillon sur Chalarone, France









Dave Baker - Allée des Baobabs- Madagascar





Alain Neuens - Filzmoos, Austria



Phil Hooper - Billing Aūdrome, United Kingdom



Benjamin Senn - Diegten, Switzerland



Carles Figueras - Cabeço de Vide, Portugal



Unai Cantalapiedra - Alter do Chao, Portugal





Bruno Parey - Chaumont sur Loire, France





Filip Pares - Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland



Unai Cantalapiedra - Orduña Bizkaia, Spain





Frédéric Ragot - Chateau d'Esclimont, France



Josip Jose Bozic - Gubasevo Zagorje, Croatia





Sibylle Maus - Baden-Baden, Germany



Alex Bejat - Châtillon sur Chalaronne, France



Rafael Vilarrubias - Aconcagua, Argentina



Sebas Fernández - EBF- Igualada, Catalonia



Yudai Fujita - Aizu, Japan









Laurent Sciboz - Gruyères Castle Fribourg, Switzerland



Ben Bläss - Albuquerque IBF, USA





Laurent Sciboz - Fribourg, Switzerland



Alex Achmiauke - Chiang Rai, Thailand



Exclusive Ballooning - Somerset, USA









Elías Oliva - Teotihuacán, Mexico







Michael Van Wiele - Oostrozebeke, Belgium



Jordi Rodriguez - Igualada Catalonia





Lius Fuentes - Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala



Federico Miceli - Chenonceau Castle, France





Josep Lluís Puntí - Château d'Oex, Switzerland



Sonja Trindler - Akaslompolo, Finland





Rebeca Rodigo - Haro, Spain

## INNOVATION

Over more than 30 years we as a company have looked at ways to constantly develop new equipment - both to meet customer demand and to create new markets. With our team of 6 Aeronautical Engineers we are well equipped to constantly advance balloon technology. See below just a small selection of balloon equipment innovations introduced first by Ultramagic.

**The Racer.** The world's leading competition balloon. In 1996 Ultramagic made a giant step forward in the world of competition ballooning. The Racer was born. This was the first time that a balloon had been designed, developed and produced especially for the demanding requirements of balloon competition.

**Ultralite Balloon Fabric.** High strength light weight silicone coated balloon fabric.

**Basket Doors And Seats.** Double lock safety door system. Fully tested seat systems.

**The Solo.** Unique dual fuel safety system.

**The Duo.** Unique dual fuel safety system and safety harness.

**Ecomagic!** The worlds most fuel efficient hot air balloons.

**Ultramagic Tekno.** Light weight collapsable basket systems.

**Ultramagic Flightpack.** An exciting new tablet application developed by Ultramagic which gives a balloon pilot all the information required for flight in one place!

**Electric Basket Seats.** Remote controlled electric raisable seats.

**Vista Basket.** The ultimate view basket with integrated luxury seating and in flight service facility.

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Jakob Sørbotten - Spitzbergen, Svalbard



Daniela Salvemini - Mondovi, Italy





Javier Tarno - Bagan, Myanmar



Ina Van Der Craats - Belgium









Àngel Aguirre - Camarasa, Catalunya



Felip Pares - Azores Portugal









Kiff Saunders - Melbourne, Australia



Adriana Lladó - Lorraine, France



Raymond Dessault - Le Puy En Velay, France

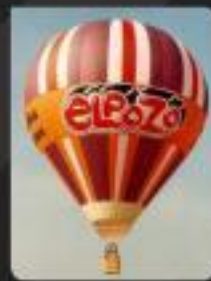




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Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return.

Leonardo Da Vinci











- What time is it?  
 - Time to fly.

AMELIA film.  
 Directed by Mira Nair, released  
 in 2009.

































Flying lets me move in three dimensions.

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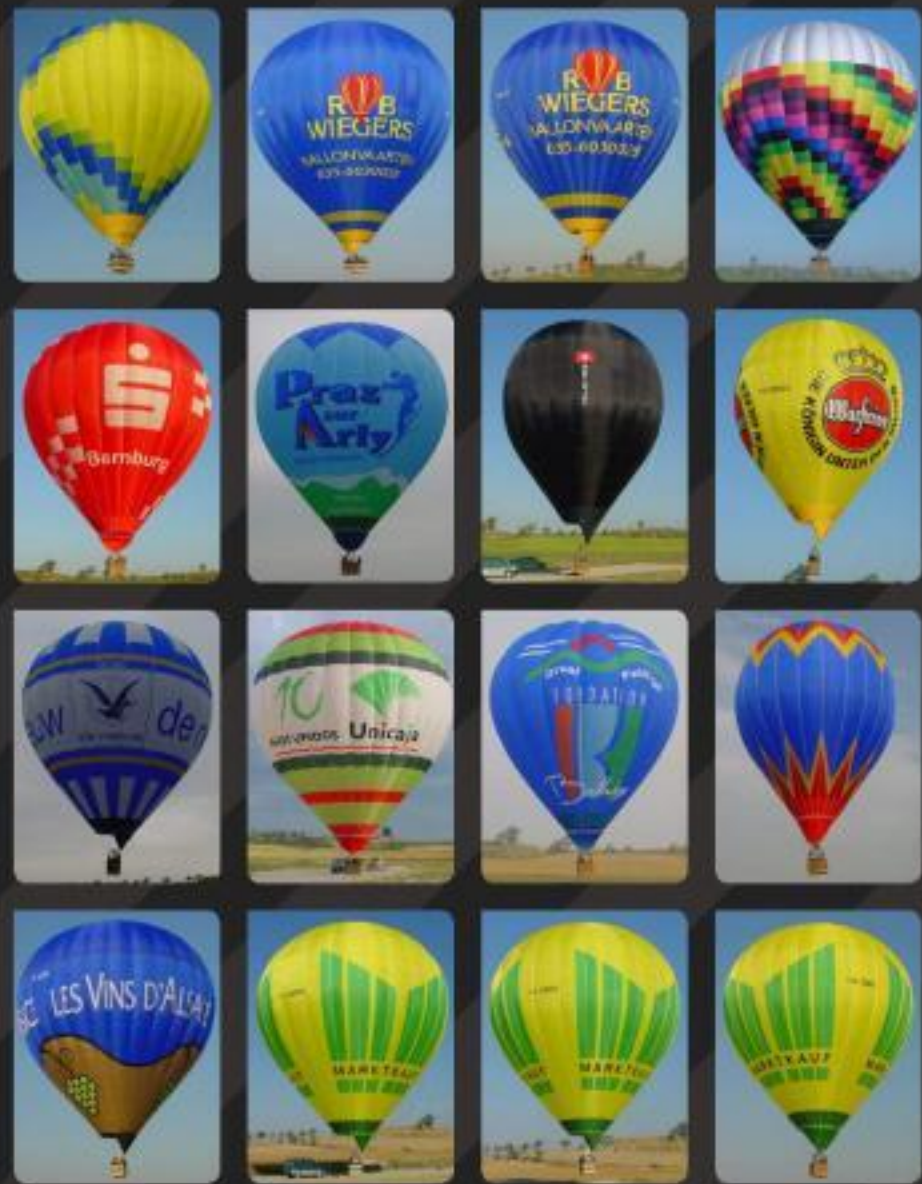


Let me fly but tripped  
over the sky, starry  
nights and days there  
crashing to the ground.

Rosana























Feet, so I want if I have wings to fly.

Frida Khalo



























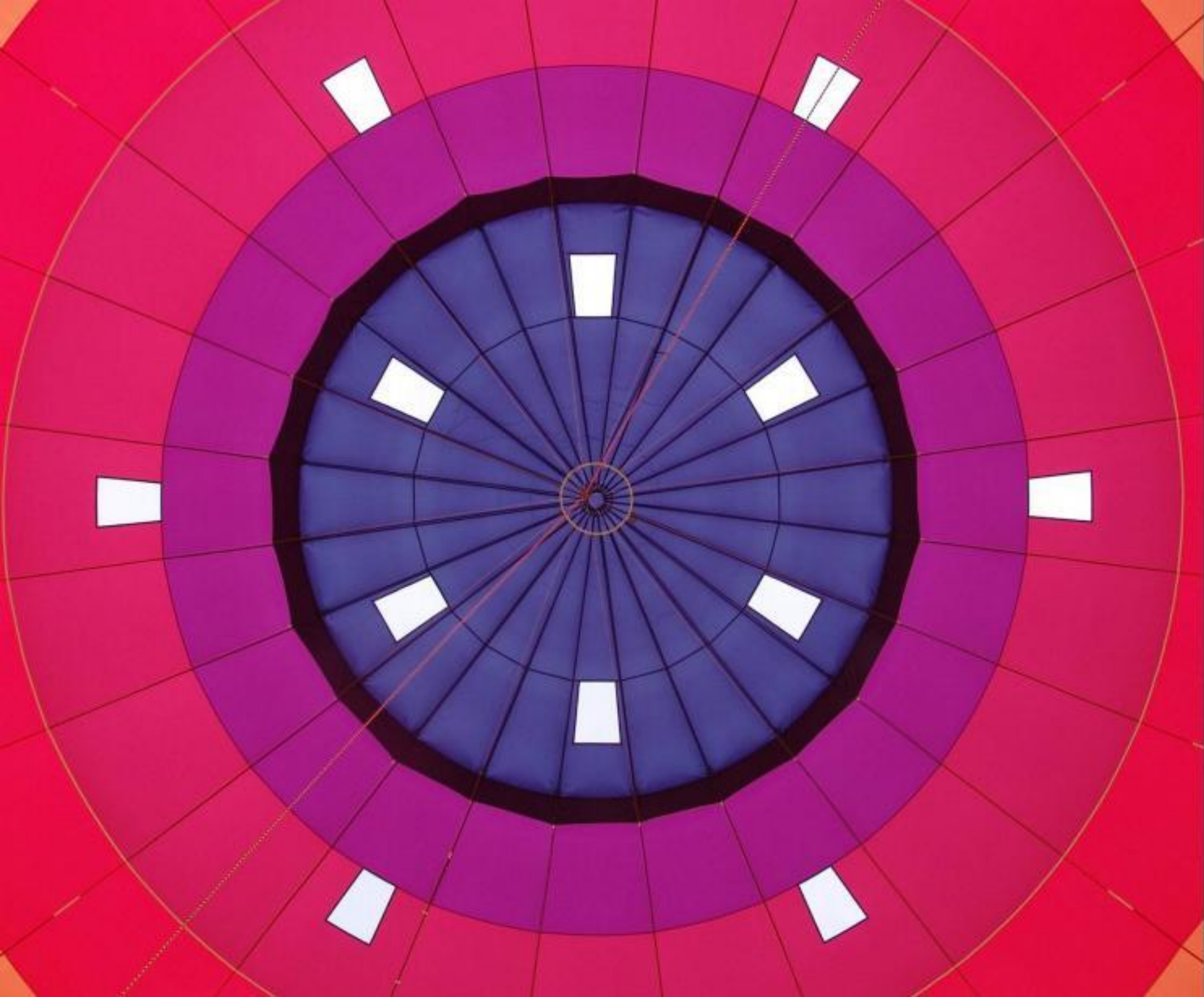


If we fly our dreams,  
we can be capable of  
anything.

Brian Selznick











Imagination is the  
highest a kite can fly.

Lauren Bacall





The best way of travel, however, if you aren't in any hurry at all, if you don't care where you are going, if you don't like to use your legs, if you don't want to be annoyed at all by any choice of directions, is in a balloon. In a balloon, you can decide only when to start, and usually when to stop. The rest is left entirely to nature.

William Pene du Bois,  
The Twenty-one Balloons









Yudai Fujita - Mount Fuji, Japan







Flying is not a bed of roses, but the fun is worth the price.

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AMELIA film.  
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The balloon seems to stand still in the air while the earth flies past underneath.

Alberto Santos-Dumont















Carles Comellas - Madagascar







What worlds have  
within the soul that I  
have long asking means  
to fly?

Alfonsina Storni















Live adrift, feeling that all is well, always fly up and think I can not lose.

Burning your memories  
Roberto Iniesta















When you fly a balloon you don't file a flight plan; you go where the wind goes. You feel part of the air. You almost feel like part of eternity and just float along.

Jeannette Piccard







I have known today  
 a magnificent  
 intoxication. I have  
 learnt how it feels to be  
 a bird. I have flown. Yes  
 I have flown. I am still  
 astonished at it, still  
 deeply moved.

Le Figaro, 1908

















The winds have welcomed you with softness.  
 The sun has greeted you with it's warm hands.  
 You have flown so high and so well  
 that God has joined you in laughter  
 and set you back gently into  
 the loving arms of Mother Earth

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Anon, known as 'The Balloonist's Prayer', believed to have  
 been adapted from an old Irish sailors' prayer.



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