



The Heavenly Half Hour

The Triple H is undoubtedly our most popular flight. Thirty minutes allows us to see both the splendour of Brighton and Hove from the air and also to experience some of the more rural sights north of the Downs. This trip can be flown in a helicopter with one, three or four passenger seats.

Leaving Shoreham Airport we route west passing picturesque Shoreham-by-Sea with its houseboats sitting in the silt at the mouth of the Adur river. The commercial heart of Shoreham Port is quickly beneath us; with its massive lock gates allowing large vessels carrying wood, aggregates and oil to berth, as well as providing a haven to local fishermen, sailors and the Coastguard.

Approaching the end of the harbour at Aldrington Basin we see Millionaires Row, some of Brighton and Hove's most expensive properties with their private beachfronts. Wave madly just in case Fatboy Slim, Zoe Ball, Sir Paul McCartney or Nick Berry are on their roof terraces'. Passing Hove Lagoon we see Hove lawns and the promenade with its gaily painted beach huts stretching before us.

Traveling legally at 115mph along the seafront, the sights come thick and fast. Don't worry too much about snapping pictures as you'll get a complementary souvenir photo CD with professionally taken high-resolution images.

The Regency splendour of Hove is shown in all its glory from the air as we pass Adelaide Crescent and Palmera Square. Passing into Brighton this splendour is put in stark relief by the rusting skeleton of the West Pier. We pass the Grand Hotel, Brighton Old Town, and head towards the flashing lights of the Palace Pier. Looking north we see the Old Stien and beyond it Brighton's most famous landmark, the Royal Pavilion.

Turning our eyes once again along the seafront we see Marine Parade and the Volks Railway (the world's first electric passenger railway) leading the eye down to Brighton Marina with its wave shaped sports centre, entertainment complexes and bustling shops. The white chalk cliffs lead on towards Rottingdean and perched on top of the cliffs we see Roedean, one of England's top independent girl's schools.

Saltdean, Telscombe Cliffs and Peacehaven pass on our port side as we continue to follow the stunning white cliffs eastwards towards Newhaven. Beyond Newhaven the beginning of The Seven Sisters are visible, as is the high ground towards Beachy Head. Our route takes us north now following the river Ouse towards the county town of Lewes.

As Lewes passes on our right the more 'eagle eyed' will spot the remnants of Lewes Castle atop a hill in the middle of the town. Sadly, the prison is much easier to spot!

The South Downs rise out of the Ouse valley to our left and we use these to route back towards Shoreham. On route we see some of the stunning properties tucked away in the lee of the Downs as well as the smaller villages of Plumpton, Westmeston and Ditchling.

On our we left pass Ditchling Beacon (the closest point to Heaven in East Sussex) and Clayton Hill, home to the Jack and Jill windmills. If there's a good breeze we may even be lucky enough to see Jill working, grinding organic wholemeal flour for the windmill's many visitors. Next we cross the A23 and see the National Trust site of Devil's Dyke often with paragliders hugging the slopes of the Downs looking for lift.





Just before Steyning we begin our descent and follow the river Adur through the Downs and south towards the airfield. As we approach there is a stunning view of Lancing College with its impressive chapel.

Back on the pad as the pilot shuts down the helicopter your mind will still be reveling in the sights and thrills of the Heavenly Half Hour.

How to reserve your flight

The simplest way to reserve your is via our web site. In your browser go to www.helifly.co.uk and let the page load, then select 'for pleasure' followed by 'The Heavenly Half Hour'. You should then see an enquiry form and a Buy Now option.

If you have any specific requirements use the enquiry form making sure you specify the date you want and your requirement. One of our staff will then contact you to confirm your reservation and arrange payment.

If you just want to get on and order a flight voucher (great as a gift), then click the Buy Now button.

Alternatively call 0800 756 9610 and we'll endeavour to process your booking directly. Please note that our staff are often working around aircraft and are unable to answer the phone for safety reasons or simply because it cannot be heard! For this reason we would be grateful if you could use the online reservation.

However you contact us, please don't leave it to the last minute. Although we pride ourselves on our flexibility, we have to juggle aircraft availability, crew rostering and aircraft maintenance schedules when making your reservation. If your flight is to celebrate a special occasion, reserve your flight now!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why do you need to know my weight?

A. Aviation law requires us to prepare a weight and balance schedule before any passenger transport flight. These are vital to ensure the aircraft is operated safely, so please be honest!

Q. What should I wear?

A. Don't worry you don't have to dress like Biggles! Standard day wear is fine, with a jacket or fleece in the winter.

Q. What if the weather's bad?

A. If we think the weather is going to be against us we will try to let you know the day before. If it is marginal we will endeavour to offer you the time during the day we think the weather will be suitable. If the flight cannot commence then the refund / rebooking options are detailed in our terms.

Q. A friend of a friend says he can take us flying for less?

A. If you are being offered a similar flight for less then the likelihood is that it is not legal. You are either being sold a flight with an individual only holding a Private Pilot's License, or the flight is being offered as a 'trial lesson' rather than a pleasure flight. Either way, it is unlikely that the pilot will hold the relevant qualifications for public transport work and the machine may not be maintained to the correct standards. Should an accident occur it is also unlikely that your, or their insurance will cover the flight. For more information see our [Is My Flight Legal?](#) page.

