

## Yippee! This Instagram-worthy balloon festival will lift off in 2019 right near NYC

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As much as we adore NYC's best [winter activities for kids](#), we can't help but crave warm weather once February hits—especially when summer news begins to surface.

We just learned that the [world's largest bounce house](#) is Brooklyn-bound July 26–28, and now the 37th annual **QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning** announced it will also float into town on **July 26–28**. Snow might still be in the forecast, but we can't help but daydream about our impending [summer bucket list](#), and understandably so.

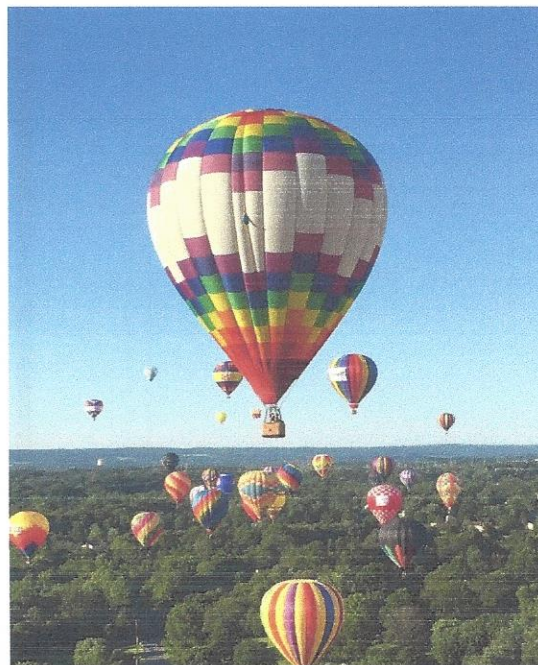
This feast for the eyes (and Instagram feeds) will feature 100 hot air balloons from around the globe that take flight twice each day—a scene the whole family will certainly appreciate. You and the family can make your way nearby to the Solberg Airport in Readington, NJ for the jaw-dropping display. (And yes, there's an option to ride the balloons, too.)





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But the balloons are but one part of this exciting festival. What better way to ring in the summer with a performance from none other than **The Beach Boys**? This is the perfect way to celebrate the season! Additionally, ABBA the Concert tribute band (performing July 26 at 8pm) and kids' musicians Dan Zanes and Claudia Eliaza (performing July 26 at 7:30pm) will take the stage. Families can also look forward to a lot of other exciting entertainment such as amusement park rides, food vendors, crafters and more.



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To learn more about the Festival of Ballooning and its events lineup, click [here](#). Already thinking about snagging tickets? Click [here](#). Note that the event runs from \$24–\$35 for adults, \$10–\$15 for children and free for those 3 and under.

Summer—we're ready for takeoff!