



The Brighton Quickie

For those on a tight budget, the Brighton Quickie offers a 20 minute whiz round Brighton and Hove in a helicopter for one or three passengers.

Leaving Shoreham Airport we route East 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 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. Waving madly just in case Fatboy Slim, Zoe Ball, Sir Paul MacCartney 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 (told you it was a Quickie!), the sights come thick and fast. To save you having camera glued to your eye throughout the flight you'll be provided with a souvenir CD including professional digital photographs of most of the key sights.

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 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 but our flight takes us northwards passing Black Rock and following the Sheepcote Valley intersecting the curve of Brighton Racecourse as we route towards Falmer.

Turning westwards we use the path of the A27 to lead us back towards Shoreham Airport. To the south lies the urban landscape of Brighton and Hove, but to the north and west we see the rolling Sussex Downs and the green Weald of Sussex.

As we approach the airfield there is a stunning view of Lancing College with its impressive chapel and the river Adur cutting its path through the Downs.

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





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 Brighton Quickie'. 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.

