

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Do I really get to fly in a REAL Airplane or is this a simulator?

A. Yes, You will fly in a real aircraft and you do NOT need a pilot license (no experience necessary).

Q. Is this a jet?

A. No. The aircraft we use is a propeller-driven aircraft called the Extra 300L which is the highest performance certified aerobatic aircraft in existence. There are no prohibitive maneuvers.

Q. Do I really get to fly the aircraft myself?

A. Yes. The aircraft are tandem seating: You will be in the front cockpit actually flying the aircraft. Your expert instructor will be in the rear cockpit leading the mission and keeping you safe in a “see-one” – “do-one” profile.

Q. If I’m the one actually flying the plane, how can it be safe?

A. You can fly the plane, but ultimately our pilots are in control. That is a basic element to being an instructor. All taxiing, close formation, take-offs and landings will be handled by our instructors. Also, during the mission brief, the instructors will explain the maneuverability of the aircraft and will set control passage guidelines for you to follow.

Q. How often do people get sick? How is the flight tailored to ensure my enjoyment?

A. Approximately one in six people become motion sick at some point during the mission. However, the majority of this small cross-section continues the mission successfully after a short break of straight and level flying. The mission is designed in a building-block format. The instructors are expertly trained and will lead you through the maneuvers step-by-step to ensure your enjoyment. If at any point you want to land, the instructor will immediately accommodate your request. However, if you want to go extreme in the aircraft and have the wildest ride possible, there’s no limit to the type of maneuvers we can perform within the parameters of flight safety and common sense.

Q. What type of safety features does Fighter Combat International incorporate into their combat and Flight of Your Life missions?

A. We have the most expertly trained and experienced instructors of any flight school in existence. All of our pilots are former military fighter pilots with 1000’s of hours of experience. Extensive training rules and regulatory compliance with the FAA are mandatory. All passengers will be required to wear a parachute and headset which is equipped with radio so the instructors can tell the passengers what to do or give instructions. Plus, each passenger receives a safety brief along with emergency bail-out procedures and emergency landing instructions.

Q. Do I get a parachute?

A. Yes, all passengers must wear a parachute which have a maximum weight limitation of 245 pounds. The parachutes are repacked every 180 days.

Q. How long will I be up in the air?

A. Up to one hour for the Advanced Air Combat Mission, up to 30 minutes for the Basic Introduction to Air Combat Maneuvering, up to 45 minutes for the Flight of Your Life Super Ride, and up to 20 minutes for the Flight of Your Life Power Ride.

Q. How long will the whole experience last?

A. Depending on the profile you choose, you can plan to be at our facility anywhere from 2 – 4 hours.

Q. Can I just go and watch?

A. Yes. “Moral support” is always welcome, however children under the age of 12 are not allowed during the pre-flight briefing portion and must ALWAYS be accompanied by an adult.

Q. How can I book my flight date?

A. Just call 1-866-FLY-HARD (359-4273) or 480-279-1881 and the scheduler will get you all set up. We fly Tuesdays thru Saturdays all year ‘round.

Q. Are there age, height and/or weight requirement to fly?

A. You have to be able to easily get in and out of the aircraft by yourself. Minimum age is 15 years old; Minimum weight is 100lbs; Maximum weight is 245lbs; Maximum height is 6’6” tall – if you think you may be on the limits, we invite you to visit our squadron to have a seat in our plane if you are not within the height limitations.

Q. Do I have to participate in the flight briefing?

A. Yes, a pre-flight briefing is required by law by the FAA. The passengers will be asked questions to make sure they understand what to do.

Q. What are your Refund Policies?

A. All purchases are fully transferable, and non-refundable (no exceptions).

Q. What are your Rescheduling Policies?

A. We require 72 hours notice to reschedule any flight. A 50% rescheduling fee will be applied with less than 72 hours notice.

Please feel free to contact our staff at any time with questions: 1-866-FLY-HARD