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Akaash pops the balloon question



Love was very much in the air when Akaash Rajput arranged a romantic hot air balloon ride for his girlfriend Gurpreet from Gloucestershire Airport last month. As the pair lifted off from Staverton and drifted gently into the winter sky over Cheltenham, Akaash dropped to one knee and proposed marriage. Delighted Gurpreet from Coventry accepted and the couple later celebrated with champagne as they landed in the Cotswolds.

28 year-old Akaash, from Birmingham said: - “We have been together for a year now and I wanted to make Gurpreet's dreams of being in the clouds come true. That is what prompted me to fly on a balloon and I thought the flight over the Cotswolds would be beautiful. The day was amazing, as was the outcome, one which will live in the memory forever. We are looking at getting married at some point between spring and summer, although nothing has been confirmed.”

Gurpreet later said – “I was left speechless, this is truly a dream come true and the happiest day of my life, one which I will never forget”

Airport Business Development Manager, Kim Davenport said: - “We began the balloon flights last summer and they’ve been very popular. We think we’re the only Airport in the UK launching passenger balloon flights and the unique views over Gloucester, Cheltenham and beyond are memorable but Akaash and Preeti’s flight is one they’ll remember for the rest of their lives. We’re delighted for them and offer our sincere congratulations.”

For more details about ballooning and other airborne opportunities; especially with Valentine’s Day approaching, visit our website www.gloucestershireairport.co.uk