The Great Reno Balloon Race

Rancho San Rafael Regional Park | Reno, Nev. Sept. 11-13, 2015



Up, up and away!

Soaring high above the Reno skyline, upwards of 100 hot-air balloons take flight over a three-day period for the world's largest free hot-air balloon festival.

Now in its 34th year, The Great Reno Balloon Race draws 120,000 + spectators from all over the world. Supported by sponsorship support from a team of volunteers, city and state tourism partners and local businesses, the event has become an economic driver for northern Nevada.

Featuring 20 special-shaped balloons a year, pilots from near and far make it a point to participate in the event. This year, the farthest commuting pilot travels all the way from Belgium to fly his iconic Darth Vader and Master Yoda balloons, which draw Star Wars fanatics from across the region.

A permanent fixture in Reno's September skyline, the event is held annually from Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, offering early morning spectators an entertainment lineup consisting of its Glow Show, Dawn Patrol, Mass Ascension, kids interactive area and shopping on Balloon Boulevard.

