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What is it like?

Imagine standing at the edge of an open doorway in an aircraft flying at 10,000 ft - the noise of the engines and the wind ringing in your ears with only the outline of distant fields below. Now imagine leaning forward out of that doorway and letting go - falling forward into the clouds, diving down through the air as you start freefalling at over 120mph! Then imagine the peace and quiet as the canopy opens, the steering toggles come down either side of you and you begin a tranquil parachute descent from a mile up in the air, steering yourself back down to the centre of the drop zone below. Imagine being able to do this for FREE whilst harnessed to a professional freefall parachute instructor and at the same time being able to help a national charity! Stop imagining, it's real and it's happening all the time and you can be part of it...

What does the jump involve?

Technically the jump is called a 'Tandem Skydive'. It is a Skydive because you will be freefalling through the air (without the parachute deployed) for several thousand feet; it is in Tandem because you will be harnessed to a professional parachute instructor at all times throughout the descent (see front photo). This is the only way you can jump from such an altitude without spending thousands of pounds becoming a freefall parachutist. This is literally the chance of a lifetime!

This jump is also much less demanding than the traditional 'static line' jump as the jump and training are completed in one day and your instructor will be in control of your landing.

Points to remember:

- Jump and training completed in one day
- Harnessed to an experienced parachute instructor at all times
- Jump from at least 10,000 ft just like the professionals
- Freefall down to 5,000 ft falling through the air at 120 mph!
- Ride the parachute down to the ground we teach you how to steer onto the drop zone
- Landing controlled by your instructor
- Certificate to prove that you have completed a 'two-mile high' Tandem Skydive!

What must I do to qualify for a free jump?

All you have to do is raise £395* (or more!) for Voluntary Service Overseas by asking your friends and colleagues to sponsor you, using our specially designed sponsorship forms which you will find at the back of this information pack. Please do not be put off by this amount - if you ask everybody you know to sponsor you, you will find you can quite easily raise the minimum £395 sponsorship and remember, every penny you raise over the minimum will be further contributing to Voluntary Service Overseas and giving you the chance to make an exhilarating freefall parachute jump for FREE!

* For airfields based in Scotland and Northern Ireland the minimum sponsorship level for a tandem skydive is £450

What do I do next?

Read the pages entitled 'Important Information' and 'Paying Your Sponsorship Money' and then simply choose a date for your jump and complete the enclosed reservation form, or book online at https://www.skylineregistrations.co.uk/parachuting/booking.aspx?clientid=896. After that all you have to do is make an exhilarating Tandem Skydive from 10,000 feet for FREE!

This is your chance to experience 120mph freefall!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

When can I jump?

We organise jumps throughout the year so you can put your preferred dates on the enclosed reservation form and as long as there is availability we can book you in for your chosen date. If your preferred date is not available, we will contact you to discuss alternatives.

Where is the airfield?

The British Parachute Association approved centres that we use are located across the UK and are indicated on the enclosed map. Once we have received your reservation form we will do our best to place you at your nearest available centre but if this is not possible we will contact you to discuss the alternatives.

Are there any restrictions on age or health?

For a tandem skydive you must be at least 16 years old and be under 15 stone in weight. Please note some centres have lower weight limits - please contact us for details. The principal medical restrictions are diabetes, epilepsy, fits, recurrent blackouts, heart or lung disease, mental illness and some cases of asthma. You will be required to sign a medical form before your jump declaring your fitness to take part - this will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation form but is also available on request. Those under the age of 18 will need the medical form signed by a parent or guardian; those aged 40 and over, or those with a medical condition, will need it signed by their doctor.

Pre-existing physical conditions will not necessarily prevent you from taking part but please inform Skyline of any physical condition as this may affect the location of your jump. If you are in any doubt then please contact us for further information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONTINUED

What about insurance?

You will automatically be covered for up to £2,000,000 third party insurance but this will not cover you

for personal injury. Should you wish to take out cover for personal injury you should either arrange this through your own broker or you can contact us on the number below and we will send you a Personal Insurance Form.

How do I book my place for a FREE jump?

Simply complete the enclosed reservation form and send it to us as soon as possible and certainly no later than the latest booking date indicated on the form. Please note you must also provide a £70 booking deposit made payable to 'Skyline' – this can be reimbursed with any offline funds you have raised once you've hit your target. Alternatively you can reserve your place online at https://www.skylineregistrations.co.uk/parachuting/booking.aspx?clientid=896.

Paying your sponsorship money

Your have four weeks from the date of your jump before your money to charity is due. Full details of our sponsorship payment system are included on the following page entitled 'Paying Your Sponsorship Money'.

Finally

We sincerely hope that you decide to give it a go - it has often been described as a thrilling 'once in a lifetime' experience and is an excellent way in which to raise funds for such a worthwhile cause. There will be lots of other people trying parachuting for the very first time on the day, so you are welcome to bring along your friends and family so they can watch you on a day you will simply never forget: The day you perform an exhilarating skydive or parachute jump in aid of Voluntary Service Overseas.

Fill in your Reservation Form now!

PAYING YOUR SPONSORSHIP MONEY

Tandem Skydive

The following sponsorship system makes it easy for you to take part and ensures that you do not have to pay all of your sponsorship money in advance. At all airfields your jump and training costs must be covered on the day, this can be with cash or card unless you have an online donation page which you have informed us of. Your money to charity is not due until four weeks after you have completed your jump but if you have raised funds offline you will be asked to provide a post-dated cheque at the airfield. Remember, as long as you raise the minimum sponsorship level for your jump (£395* for a tandem jump), you can recover both the cost of the booking deposit and the jump from your sponsorship money - which means you get to jump for FREE!

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Booking Deposit

Whichever airfield you jump at you must provide the standard £70 booking deposit which must be sent in advance but can be taken out of the minimum sponsorship that you raise (with offline funds, once you have reached your target.)

Tandem Skydive

Payment for your jump will be required on the day which varies from airfield to airfield but is generally between £170-£230. You must also provide the remaining sponsorship money due to the charity but this can be post-dated by up to four weeks. This post-dated method of payment makes it as easy as possible for you, allowing you plenty of time to collect your sponsorship money after the jump before it is due to the charity. Precise instructions on how to operate the above system (including how much to pay your local airfield on the day and how much sponsorship money is due to the charity) will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation form and booking deposit.

NOTE: We cannot start organising your jump for you until you send in your reservation form and appropriate booking deposit - please do this as soon as possible so that we can give you the date of your choice and so that you can start preparing yourself for what has often been described as 'the experience of a lifetime'!

Reserve your place today!

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Name:	
Address:	

I'm doing a Skydive for Voluntary Service Overseas!

PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The person named above has agreed to take part in the above event in aid of Voluntary Service Overseas, (Registered Charity No. 313757) The aim is to raise as much money as possible through sponsorship and we would value your support. Any amount raised would be gratefully received but please be aware that your jump will only be covered if you reach the target of £395; part of the money raised pays for the tuition and jump costs, whilst the remainder goes directly to Voluntary Service Overseas.

Full Name	Home Add (essential for gift aid) & Tel No	Postcode	Amount	Date	Gift Aid

Please photocopy the following side if you need more space for sponsors

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10,000 feet Tandem Skydive in aid of Voluntary Service Overseas, (Registered Charity No. 313757). The aim is to raise as

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If I have ticked the box headed 'Gift Aid' I confirm that I am a UK Income or Capital Gains taxpayer. I have read this statement and want the charity named above to reclaim tax on the donation detailed below, given on the date shown. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax / or Capital Gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

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CHOOSE YOUR AIRFIELDS

