



Pilots for Christ International-Colorado Chapter

<http://pilotsforchrist.org/coloradochapter.html>

Background:

If you are accepting a flight with Pilots for Christ International Colorado Chapter (PCI CO), there are a few things to know before you go. Our 100% volunteer members donate their time, as well as the wear and tear on their aircraft and automobiles to provide you with the transportation requested. Our pilots and autopilots (drivers) are not paid. They have taken time out of their busy schedules in order to reveal the Love of the Lord by helping you reach your destination. We accept Jesus as our personal Savior, and Savior of the world. In gratitude, we provide services to those in need, free of charge, regardless of their race, color, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability and/or veteran status. Pilots for Christ is not a religion; we are nondenominational, emphasizing common Christian values. It is our desire that you have a great experience, understand the process and are completely comfortable. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Are you able to fly?

Before you request a flight, please make sure you will be able handle your flight-related responsibilities, activities and flight conditions. In order to board the aircraft, you will either have to step up directly into the cabin or onto a wing that is up to 20 inches above the ground. While the pilot may provide a small stool to aid in getting in the cabin, you will need to be able to duck and crouch slightly to fit through a small door and lower yourself into the seat. If you or your traveling companions cannot perform these movements, you will not be able to board the aircraft or fly. For medical related flights PCI CO requires a physician signature stating you are able to fly in a small aircraft:

http://pilotsforchrist.org/images/Physicians_Evaluation_9-2014.pdf

About your Pilot:

Your pilot has earned at least a private pilot license by completing the appropriate initial and recurrent training to act as pilot in command of a small plane in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) "Part 91".

How is this different than an Airline?

Your pilot operates and the aircraft is maintained in accordance with FAR "Part 91" which governs small, private (non-commercial) aircraft. These regulations are not as strict as commercial airlines which operate under FAR "Part 121". FAR Part 91 rules are the same regulations your pilot would use while flying his friends and family in these same small aircraft, when not serving missions of mercy. To ensure your understanding and to protect our pilots and organization, PCI CO requires your signatures on the liability waiver, http://pilotsforchrist.org/images/Liability_Waiver_9-2014.pdf

About the Aircraft:

Your flight will be in a small, piston powered, propeller driven aircraft with four seats (one for the pilot and up to three passengers). These aircraft are much smaller and slower than commercial jet airlines or air ambulances. There are no restrooms, food service or flight attendants. This experience will be more like riding with a friend in a small passenger car than being in an airliner.

Weight limitations:

A small plane is limited in the amount of weight it can carry. All passengers' weights and luggage must be approved by your pilot. For initial planning purposes, assume that the luggage should be soft-sided and not larger than a commercial



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airplane carry-on of 45 linear inches (the total of the height, width, and depth of the bag). Oxygen, crutches, car seats, strollers, and other items may be accommodated but the pilot needs to know about each item you will bring.

Sounds, Turbulence and Temperature in a small airplane:

Engine and propeller noise on small planes can be loud enough to prevent a normal conversation. Though not required, pilots will generally provide headphones for in-flight communication between the pilot and other passengers. In most small planes, you will hear different sounds as the engine changes speeds, which is normal. For safety reasons, some pilots will request no talking during take-off and landing. Your pilot will share their specific requirements. You may also experience more bumps than you're used to on commercial aircraft because small planes are more susceptible to turbulence. Turbulence should be expected, but is perfectly normal and not cause for alarm. Also, note that while small planes have heaters, it may still seem chilly or drafty if it is cold outside. Small planes do not typically have air conditioning so it may be hot in the cabin during the summer. Please talk to your pilot about the appropriate attire.

Children and Babies:

The pressure in the cabin will change over the flight. To help children equalize their ears if they experience ear pain, a bottle or pacifier is perfect for babies or chewing gum for older children. Bring your child's favorite toy, blanket or comfort object to help keep them relaxed and entertained. Most kids find flying exciting. Let them know it will be fun to see familiar sights from the air and to let the pilot know if anyone is feeling uncomfortable.

Schedule Coordination and Meeting your Pilot:

After your mission flight has been approved and the signed paperwork returned, the PCI CO Flight Coordinator will contact our volunteer pilots. Once a pilot has accepted your flight, you will be contacted directly to coordinate schedules. If you have not heard from your pilot or flight coordinator by the day before your flight, please contact us as we may have been unable to reach you.

Have a back-up plan:

The final decision on all flights is made by your Pilot; any mission can be delayed or cancelled. While it is our desire to complete your flight, if the weather is bad or unforeseen circumstances such as mechanical issues arise, we ask that all passengers either have a back-up plan or be able to re-schedule appointments.

Questions and Concerns:

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