

## Montgolfier Balloon

This balloon, built by Joseph and Etienne Montgolfier, was made of cloth and paper. The first living creatures to fly under a Montgolfier hot-air balloon were a sheep, a duck and a rooster. The balloon was launched in Versailles on September 19, 1783 before the French Royal Family, the court and 130,000 spectators. The first manned flight of a Montgolfier hot-air balloon was in Paris on November 21, 1783. Pilatre de Rozier and Francois Laurent (the Marquis d'Arlandes) flew across Paris for 25 minutes and travelled just over five miles.

