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High Altitude Skydivers to Have Birds-Eye View of August's Total Eclipse Military-Style HAHO Jump Planned Near Nashville

A series of precisely-timed high-altitude skydives will take place over Portland, Tennessee on Monday, August 21, providing an international group of adventurers with the opportunity to witness the day's historic total and partial eclipse from the sky. The skydivers will exit from airliner altitude and perform tandem versions of what are known in the military as "HAHO" jumps.

"Exit altitudes will be nearly 30,000 feet. Jumpers will deploy their chutes immediately upon exiting and be under canopy around 23,000 feet. This will happen approximately four minutes prior to totality, so the team has time to maneuver and observe totality while suspended under the canopy with their jumpmaster", says Incredible Adventures CEO, Gregory Claxton.

Adventurers and jump professionals will be making the extreme "high-altitude high-opening" jumps in order to spend the maximum amount of time in the air, sharing what will literally be a birds-eye-view of the eclipse. Skydivers will be provided with custom eclipse-viewing goggles to allow them to safely view the sun. It is anticipated that skydivers will be capable of remaining airborne up to 20 minutes.

"We are quite excited to be part of a world's first in human flight. While consulting on a high-altitude ballooning project, the idea just hit me! Combining a high altitude skydive with the sights of a total eclipse just makes sense. Getting higher will remove most obstructions and beat looking out of a small airplane window. It's something I would want to do, so I imagined we would have clients who would be excited to join the adventure", says Claxton.

Exiting at high-altitude requires the use of supplemental oxygen and specialized jump equipment. The eclipse skydivers will jump from a modified King Air into FAA-secured air space, wearing the same military-grade helmets and oxygen systems worn by US military operations personnel. To combat a temperature at high-altitude that can be a frigid 30-below, they'll be provided with special protective clothing.

The eclipse watchers will jump tandem with military-trained and USPA-certified skydiving professionals, after receiving a detailed safety briefing and training in the use of supplemental oxygen. Three individuals and their tandem masters will be under parachute during the total eclipse. Other jumpers will be airborne during the partial eclipse that follows.

Incredible Adventures is offering the August 21 eclipse skydives in partnership with an elite team of jump professionals led by US Special Forces Veteran Kevin Holbrook.

“After being approached by Incredible Adventures with the idea of offering an Eclipse Skydive, I got with my team and we analyzed the area, our different skill sets and various other jump components and concluded we could help make this incredible adventure a reality,” said Holbrook. “Given our long history working with Incredible Adventures, we knew how great they’d be at organizing this one-of-a-kind event.”

Holbrook and his jump team are the holders of more than 30 world skydiving records. The parties have been teaming up to offer extreme, record-setting skydives since 2003 and from April through October, offer high-altitude military-style freefall jumps near Memphis, TN.

Portland was selected as the site for the Eclipse Skydive after a review of several alternatives. “We feel lucky to have found such a great location for our event,” said Claxton. “The airport is really nice and Airport Manager Doug Hunter and the people of Portland have been very accommodating and welcoming.”

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