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*The waterfront near the Cruise pier, Alcazar castle stands above the city and the city Cathedral with its unfinished tower.*

## Airline Baggage Fees

### Airline Baggage Policies

If you are flying internationally you will probably get one bag checked for free regardless of what airline you are using. Some allow a second free bag but most will charge for additional bags. If you are flying domestically you will probably have to pay, but how much depends on the airline. The

major U.S. carriers include Hawaiian Airlines, Frontier Airlines, Alaska Airlines, American Airlines,

Delta Airlines, United Airlines, JetBlue Airlines, Southwest Airlines, US Airways and Spirit Airlines. Only JetBlue and Southwest normally allow a free checked bag. In addition Spirit Airlines, Frontier Airlines and Allegiant Air, offer no-frills fares where carry-on bags cost extra.

#### All airline fees and services are not alike

Over the recent years the larger domestic air carriers (American, Delta and United) have made changes regarding additional fees or now offer "no frills" classes of service. United now offers Economy Plus which provides an

additional 6 inches between you and the seat ahead. Delta is offering Priority Boarding for an additional fee and provides a guaranteed overhead bin. Other carriers are selling basic fares which do not include use of overhead bins. Before buying tickets it's a good idea to check each airlines policy's regarding these sorts of features.

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Airfare is a major part of travel cost and unfortunately calculating comparison airfares has become a bit more

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complicated with the ever changing and usually increasing costs for checking bags. Most domestic airlines allow you to bring on one personal item such as a purse or briefcase, as well as one larger item such as a carry-on suitcase or backpack. On average the maximum size of a carry-on item is 22 by 14 by 9 inches including handles and wheels.

Most of the major airline carriers, other than JetBlue and Southwest, now charge a fee for checked baggage on domestic flights while

some are now charging for carry-on bags as well. On most

international flights, only Alaska Airlines, Sun Country Airlines and for some destinations, American Airlines, charge a fee for the first checked bag



(American treats many Caribbean destinations, Mexico and Canada by domestic rules).

One option to avoid bag charges is to get a credit card affiliated with an airline. For example using an Amex Delta card will get you free checked bags on Delta flights. The following is a list of cards that offer free bag check with some airlines:

- United MileagePlus Credit Card
- Delta SkyMiles Credit Cards
- American Airlines
- JetBlue Plus
- Platinum Card from American Express
- Premier Rewards Gold from American Express
- Citi Prestige
- Chase Sapphire Reserve

There are additional savings that can be found by using a credit card with features focused on travelers like Capital One Venture series (*may require fees*)



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# Airline Baggage Fees

**Please Note:** The following information was gathered in early 2025 but airline add-on charges are in constant flux as the airlines add policies to collect additional fees beyond your basic ticket cost while at the same time reacting to competition's changes. You should also be aware that many airlines have special rates for travel company bookings that often allow for lower baggage fees, so check with your booking agent for current rates. Please use the following information as a general comparison but be sure and check with your airline for their current fees before booking.

## THE ADD-ON COSTS OF AIR TRAVEL

There are very few things in this world that are free and the airlines are now making that point very clear. Lately the basic cost of air travel only includes carrying just you in the cabin to your destination. Your choice of seat – extra, luggage – extra, now a carry-on bag – extra.

If you are flying internationally you may get one bag checked for free regardless of what airline you are using. Some allow a second free bag but most will charge for additional bags. If you are flying domestically you will probably have to pay, but how much depends on the airline. The major U.S. carriers include Hawaiian Airlines, Frontier Airlines, Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, United Airlines, JetBlue Airlines, Southwest Airlines, US Airways and Spirit Airlines. Only JetBlue and Southwest normally allow a free checked bag. Also Spirit Airlines, Frontier Airlines and Allegiant Air, offer no-frills fares where carry-on bags cost extra.

Recently two major domestic air carriers (American and United) have added a new class of service designated "basic" or "economy basic" which is an attempt to compete with discount/no-frills airlines.. This service no longer allows you "use" of overhead bins for carry-on bags and puts you at the end of the boarding process. In addition they are charging the "economy basic" passengers for showing up at the gate with carry-on bags (right now the "fine" is \$25 plus the checked bag fee). If you are traveling on Basic Economy, your personal item (must fit under seat) will be the only item you can bring on board.

*More discussion below the following chart*

## U.S. Airlines Baggage Fees on Domestic Flights *Updated in June 2019*

Alaska Airlines Checked Bags 1 – \$25 2 – \$25 3+ – \$75 Overweight Bags 1 – \$75 Oversized Bags 1 – \$75 Carry On 1 – Free

American Airlines Checked Bags 1 – \$25 2 – \$35 3+ – \$150 Overweight Bags 1 – \$100 to \$200 Oversized Bags 1 – \$200 Carry On 1 – Free to \$25

Frontier Airlines Checked Bags 1 – \$25 to \$60 2 – \$40 to \$45 3+ – \$75 to \$80 Overweight Bags 1 – \$75 Oversized Bags 1 – \$75 Carry On 1 – \$30 to \$35

Hawaiian Airlines Checked Bags 1 – \$25 2 – \$35 3+ – \$50 to \$100 Overweight Bags 1 – \$35 to \$200 Oversized Bags 1 – \$35 to \$100 Carry On 1 – Free

JetBlue Airways Checked Bags 1 – \$25 2 – \$35 3+ – \$100 Overweight Bags 1 – \$100 Oversized Bags 1 – \$100 Carry On 1 – Free

Southwest Airlines Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free 3+ – \$75 Overweight Bags 1 – \$75 Oversized Bags 1 – \$75 Carry On 1 – Free

Spirit Airlines Checked Bags 1 – \$30 to \$65 2 – \$40 to \$65 3+ – \$85 Overweight Bags 1 – \$30 to \$100 Oversized

## **DOMESTIC AIRLINE BAGGAGE FEES**

### **United Airlines**

#### Checked Bags

1 - \$25 to \$30, 2 - \$35, 3+ - \$150

Overweight Bags 1 - \$100 to \$200

Oversized Bags 1 - \$200

Carry On 1 allowed - Free

United Basic Economy Service- Full-sized carry-on bags are not permitted - You're not allowed a full-sized carry-on bag unless you're a MileagePlus Premier member or companion traveling on the same reservation, the primary cardmember of a qualifying MileagePlus credit card or a Star Alliance™ Gold member. Everyone else who brings a full-sized carry-on bag to the gate will be required to check their bag and pay the applicable checked bag fee plus a \$25 gate handling charge.

### **American**

Domestic Bag 1 \$25, Bag 2 \$35, Bag 3 \$150, Bag 4+ \$200

Mexico Bag 1 \$25, Bag 2 \$40, Bag 3 \$150, Bag 4+ \$200

Caribbean Bag 1 \$25, Bag 2 \$40 to \$55, Bag 3 \$150, Bag 4+ \$200

Central America Bag 1 \$0, Bag 2 \$35, Bag 3 \$150, Bag 4+ \$200

Brazil Bag 1 \$0, Bag 2 \$0, Bag 3 \$150, Bag 4+ \$200

South America Bag 1 \$0, Bag 2 \$0, Bag 3 \$150, Bag 4+ \$200

Transatlantic Bag 1 \$0, Bag 2 \$100, Bag 3+ \$200

Transpacific Bag 1 \$0, Bag 2 \$0, Bag 3+ \$200

### **US Airways**

Allows 1 carry-on bag and 1 personal item (purse, briefcase, laptop bag) per passenger free. Carry-on should not exceed the following size and weight restrictions: 45 linear inches (22 x 14 x 9 in) or 115 centimeters (56 x 36 x 23 cm) including handles and wheels.

US domestic (including Canada, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and U S Virgin Islands):

- First bag: \$25.00 USD
- Second bag: \$35.00 USD
- Third bag: \$150.00 USD
- Fourth bag +: \$200.00 USD per bag

Caribbean, Central America, and Mexico:

- First bag: \$25.00 USD
- Second bag: \$40.00 USD

South America:

- First bag: Free
- Second bag: Free
- Transpacific:
- First bag: Free

Brazil:

- First bag: Free
- Second bag: Free

Transatlantic:

- First bag: Free
- Second bag: \$100.00 USD

- Second bag: Free

## **Jet Blue**

### Checked baggage

We offer fare options that include different numbers of checked bags. Should your plans change after booking a particular fare, bags may be checked online or at the airport for additional fees. Checked bags that exceed 62" (157.48 cm) in overall dimensions (length + width + height) or exceed 50 pounds (22.68 kg) will also incur a fee.

### Baggage fees for bags under 50 pounds

#### Fare option

Blue 1st bag \$25, 2nd bag \$35, 3rd bag + any add'l bags \$100 each

Blue Plus 1st bag Included, 2nd bag \$35, 3rd bag \$100 each

Blue Flex 1st bag Included, 2nd bag Included, 3rd bag+ \$100 each fees

#### Size requirements

Bags that do not meet the dimensions and/or weight restrictions are considered oversized and/or overweight and will be charged as follows:

51 lbs (23.13 kg) – 99 lbs (44.91 kg) – \$100 per bag.

63" in (160 cm) – 80 in (203.3 cm)(including wheels and handles)– \$100 per bag.

## **Delta Air Lines**

In economy, within Canada and the US, 1st bag \$25, 2nd bag \$35. To other destinations, prices vary by itinerary.

## **U.S. & International Airlines Baggage Fees\* on Most International Flights**

**Aer Lingus** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$100 3+ – \$100 Overweight Bags 1 – \$100 Oversized Bags 1 – \$100 Carry On 1 – Free

**Aeroflot Russian Airlines** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$50 3+ – \$150 Overweight Bags 1 – \$100 to \$150 Oversized Bags 1 – \$100 to \$150 Carry On 1 – Free

**Aeromexico** Checked Bags 1 – \$20 to \$25 2 – \$45 to \$55 3+ – \$150 to \$180 Overweight Bags 1 – \$35 to \$200 Oversized Bags 1 – \$160 to \$200 Carry On 1 – Free

**Air Canada** Checked Bags 1 – \$26 2 – \$37 3+ – \$105 Overweight Bag 1 – \$105 Oversized Bags 1 – \$105 Carry On 1 – Free

**Air China** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free 3+ – \$110 Overweight Bags 1 – \$75 to \$110 Oversized Bags 1 – \$75 to \$110 Carry On 1 – Free

**Air France** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$80 to \$100 3+ – \$200 Overweight Bags 1 – \$100 Oversized Bags 1 – \$300 Carry On 1 – Free

**Air India** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free 3+ – \$100 to \$200 Overweight Bags 1 – \$100 to \$200 Oversized Bags 1 – \$200 to \$600 Carry On 1 – Free

**Air New Zealand** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$150 3+ – \$200 Overweight Bags 1 – \$150 Oversized Bags 1 – \$150 Carry On 1 – Free

**Air Tahiti Nui** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$75 to \$100 3+ – \$150 to \$200 Overweight Bags 1 – \$75 to \$100 Oversized Bags 1 – \$150 to \$200 Carry On 1 – Free

**Alaska Airlines** Checked Bags 1 – \$25 2 – \$25 3+ – \$75  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$75  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$75  
Carry On 1 – Free

**Alitalia** Checked Bags 1 – Free Carry On 1 – Free

**All Nippon Airways** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free 3+ – \$100 to \$200  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$60 to \$200  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$200 Carry On 1 – Free

**American Airlines** Checked Bags 1 – Free to \$25 2 – Free to \$553+ – \$85 to \$200  
Overweight Bags 1 – Free to \$450  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$150 to \$200 Carry On 1 – Free

**Avianca** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free 3+ – \$175 to \$250  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$90 to \$150  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$130 Carry On 1 – Free

**Cathay Pacific Airways** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free 3+ – \$150  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$100  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$100 Carry On 1 – Free

**El Al Israel Airlines** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$85 to \$100 3+ – \$85 to \$200  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$55 to \$100  
Oversized Bag 1 – \$85 to \$200 Carry On 1 – Free

**Emirates** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free 3+ – \$158 to \$175  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$50  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$175  
Carry On 1 – Free

**Etihad Airways** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free 3+ – \$240 to \$300  
Carry On 1 – Free

**Finnair** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$60 to \$75 3+ – \$60 to \$75  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$100 to \$200  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$100 to \$200 Carry On 1 – Free

**Frontier Airlines** Checked Bags 1 – \$25 to \$60 2 – \$40 to \$50 3+ – \$75 to \$80  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$75  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$30 to \$35 Carry On 1 – Free

**Hawaiian Airlines** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free 3+ – \$150  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$50 to \$400  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$150 Carry On 1 – Free

**Iberia** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$85 to \$100 3+ – \$170 to \$200  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$100  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$50 to \$320 Carry On 1 – Free

**Icelandair** Checked Bags 1 – Free Carry On 1 – Free

**Insel Air** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$40 3+ – \$150  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$40  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$150 Carry On 1 – Free

**JetBlue Airways** Checked Bags 1 – \$25 2 – \$35 3+ – \$100  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$100  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$100 Carry On 1 – Free

**KLM Royal Dutch Airlines** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$80 to \$100 3+ – \$200  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$100  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$80 to \$150 Carry On 1 – Free

**Korean Air** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free 3+ – \$200  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$100 to \$200  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$200 Carry On 1 – Free

**Latam Airlines Group** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free 3+ – \$100 to \$200  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$50 to \$200  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$100 Carry On 1 – Free

**LOT Polish Airlines** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$71 to \$332 3+ – \$71 to \$332  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$71 to \$221  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$71 to \$221 Carry On 1 – Free

**Lufthansa German Airlines** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$75 to \$100 3+ – \$75 to \$500  
Overweight Bags 1 – \$70 to \$70 to \$450  
Oversized Bags 1 – \$70 to \$450 Carry On 1 – Free

**Malaysia Airlines** Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free Carry On 1 – Free

Norwegian Air International Checked Bags 1 – \$57 to \$130 2 – \$57 to \$130 3+ – \$57 to \$130 Carry On 1 – Free

Philippine Airlines Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free 3+ – \$100 Overweight Bags 1 – \$150 to \$450 Oversized Bags 1 – \$150 to \$450 Carry On 1 – Free

Qantas Airways Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$175 3+ – \$175 Overweight Bags 1 – \$75 Oversized Bags 1 – \$75 Carry On 1 – Free

Royal Air Maroc Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$150 3+ – \$150 Overweight Bags 1 – \$50 Oversized Bags 1 – \$50 Carry On 1 – Free

SAS Scandinavian Airlines Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$110 3+ – \$110 Overweight Bags 1 – \$250 Oversized Bags 1 – \$250 Carry On 1 – Free

Singapore Airlines Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free 3+ – \$150 to \$350 Overweight Bags 1 – \$100 to \$225 Oversized Bags 1 – \$100 to \$225 Carry On 1 – Free

South African Airways Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free 3+ – \$200 to \$400 Overweight Bags 1 – \$200 to \$400 Oversized Bags 1 – \$200 to \$400 Carry On 1 – Free

Southwest Airlines Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free 3+ – \$75 Overweight Bags 1 – \$75 Oversized Bags 1 – \$75 Carry On 1 – Free

Spirit Airlines Checked Bags 1 – \$32 to \$65 2 – \$32 to \$65 3+ – \$32 to \$65 Overweight Bags 1 – \$30 Oversized Bags 1 – \$100 to \$150 Carry On 1 – \$39 to \$65

Swiss Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$85 to \$210 3+ – \$85 to \$210 Overweight Bags 1 – \$300 to \$450 Oversized Bags 1 – \$300 to \$450 Carry On 1 – Free

TAP Portugal Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$160 to \$280 3+ – \$160 to \$280 Overweight Bags 1 – \$120 to \$220 Oversized Bags 1 – \$180 to \$220 Carry On 1 – Free

Thai Airways Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free Carry On 1 – Free

Turkish Airlines Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$100 3+ – \$100 to \$300 Overweight Bags 1 – \$80 to \$150 Carry On 1 – Free

United Airlines Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – Free to \$100 3+ – \$200 Overweight Bags 1 – \$200 to \$400 Oversized Bags 1 – \$200 Carry On 1 – Free

Virgin America Checked Bags 1 – \$25 2 – \$25 3+ – \$25 Overweight Bags 1 – \$50 to \$100 Oversized Bags 1 – \$75

Virgin Atlantic Airways Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$100 3+ – \$200 Overweight Bags 1 – \$100 Oversized Bags 1 – \$60 Carry On 1 – Free

Virgin Australia Checked Bags 1 – Free 2 – \$90 3+ – \$160 Overweight Bags 1 – \$100 Oversized Bags Carry On 1 – Free

WestJet Checked Bags 1 – \$19 to \$22 2 – \$26 to \$30 3+ – \$74 to \$87 Overweight Bags 1 – \$55 to \$65 Oversized Bags 1 – \$55 to \$65 Carry On 1 – Free