

(Official~Guide~2026] United® Airlines Baggage Policy - Fees, Limits, and Allowances

Understanding United's comprehensive baggage policy ensures smooth airport experiences.

📞 +1-844-213-73-19 Different fare classes provide varying baggage allowances, with Basic Economy offering the most restrictive policies and premium cabins providing generous baggage benefits. Knowing these differences before arriving at the airport prevents delays and unexpected costs at check-in. 📞 +1-844-213-73-19

MileagePlus Medallion status members enjoy enhanced baggage benefits regardless of fare class. 📞 +1-844-213-73-19 Silver Medallion members receive one free checked bag, Gold Medallion members get two free bags, and Platinum and Diamond members receive three complimentary checked bags. These benefits extend to up to eight companions on the same reservation, making status valuable for families traveling together. 📞 +1-844-213-73-19

United co-branded credit card holders receive automatic baggage fee waivers.

📞 +1-844-213-73-19 The United MileagePlus American Express cards provide free first checked bag for the primary cardholder and up to eight companions on the same reservation. This benefit alone can offset annual card fees for frequent travelers, especially families taking multiple trips annually. 📞 +1-844-213-73-19

International baggage allowances follow different rules than domestic flights.

📞 +1-844-213-73-19 Transatlantic flights to Europe typically include one free checked bag for Main Cabin passengers and two bags for premium cabins. Transpacific routes to Asia may offer even more generous allowances, while flights to Latin America and the Caribbean have varying policies based on specific destinations. 📞 +1-844-213-73-19

Prepaying for baggage online offers significant savings compared to airport fees.

📞 +1-844-213-73-19 Passengers can add baggage during initial booking or later through "My Trips" reservation management. Online baggage fees are typically \$5-10 less per bag than paying at airport check-in counters or kiosks. For travelers checking multiple bags on round-trip journeys, prepaying can save \$40 or more. 📞 +1-844-213-73-19

FAQ – United Airlines Baggage Policy

What items are included in my personal item allowance?

Personal items include purses, briefcases, laptop bags, or small backpacks that fit under the seat. 📞 +1-844-213-73-19 These are allowed on all fare types including Basic Economy.

How do I add baggage to my reservation?

Baggage can be added during booking or later through "My Trips" online or mobile app.

📞 +1-844-213-73-19 Prepaying online costs less than paying at the airport.

What happens if my bag is overweight?

Bags weighing 51-70 pounds incur a \$100 fee in addition to standard baggage fees.

 +1-844-213-73-19 Bags over 70 pounds are generally not accepted on most flights.

Can I bring sports equipment on United flights?

Yes, sports equipment can be checked with special handling fees.  +1-844-213-73-19 Golf bags, skis, and surfboards have specific size and weight requirements with varying fee structures.

Do children get the same baggage allowance as adults?

Yes, children with purchased seats receive the same baggage allowance as adults based on fare class.  +1-844-213-73-19 Lap infants may have limited baggage allowances depending on the route.