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Tips to make checking in you luggage a breeze

By Jawahn Thompson

Now that even more restrictions have been placed on what can go in carryon luggage, more people

are finding it necessary to check their luggage on flights. Unless you plan on purchasing all new toiletries after your plane has landed and abandoning them before you make your return trip, checking your luggage is the only way to make sure you've got everything you need on your trip. If you find yourself in the position where you have to check your luggage, here are some tips to make it as smooth as possible.

* Once you've purchased your tickets, find out how many pieces of carry on luggage you can take with you and what they can weight. Often this can be found on your ticket or the confirmation you've received via e-mail or fax. If you can bring two pieces of luggage, somewhere you will see the code 2PC (or 3PC if you can bring 3 pieces of luggage, etc.). You will also see a weight specification in pounds or kilograms. If you can't find this information on your paperwork, contact your travel agent or the airline, and they should be able to give you the information.

* Stay within the airline's allowance for baggage. If you are over, one of two things can happen. The airline can deny acceptance of your luggage, or more likely, they will charge you an overage fee when you are checking in.

* Find out the three letter code of the airport that you are flying into. When the handler checks your luggage, make sure the correct code is being put on the tag that gets attached to your luggage. It's one small way you can help avoid having your luggage lost. Unfortunately, if you have a connecting flight, you can't check the next code on your luggage, but at least it will at least get to your first stop with you.

* If you do have connecting flights, mention that to the baggage checker. It doesn't guarantee your luggage will follow you all the way, but at least the checker will be aware of what needs to be done with it.

* Place your contact information on the outside and inside of each bag. Luggage tags are great, but they can get separated from your luggage. If you have your contact information on the inside of your luggage, it will be easier for the airline to match it up to you if the outside tags do get lost. It's a good

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idea to do this with bags you plan to carry on also, because you never know when you may be required to check a bag you planned to carry on.

- * Put something on the outside of your bag to easily identify it. Some people put colored ribbons on their bags to easily identify them on the baggage carousel. Using an identifier makes it easy to spot your luggage and will help keep others from picking up your luggage by mistake.

- * Guard the stubs from your checked luggage. If your luggage is lost, you will need them.

- * If your bag doesn't end up with you, report it immediately. Most bags do eventually get returned and the odds are even better if you report the lost bag(s) as soon as possible.

With the increased security for electronic items, many passengers may also be finding themselves forced to check their cell phones, MP3 players, PDA's, and laptop computers. This is a concern for

many travelers for two reasons. First they are concerned about their electronic equipment arriving at their destination in workable conditions. Second, they are worried about the theft of their devices, which could be disastrous, especially for business travelers.

If you know that you are going to have to check, you should make sure you have the proper cases to do so. Even if you don't think you will have to, recent events have shown that sometimes these items may have to be checked at the last minute. Your best bet is to pack them as if you were going to have to check them. Here are some tips on packing your electronic equipment safely.

- * For cell phones, MP3 players, PDA's and other small devices, make sure that you have a padded section of your luggage that you can slip them into. This could simply be in the middle of your clothing. If you are really concerned about it, carry some bubble wrap in your suitcase that you can slip the devices into before placing them in the middle of the clothing.

- * For laptops, the concern is much greater. Baggage handlers aren't known to be gentle with luggage, and a laptop is going to get thrown around often so choose a case carefully. You need a durable, lockable, hard case with high-impact foam. You should be able to drop the case from 4 to 6 feet with damaging the contents inside.

A final concern for checked luggage is locking it. With today's security, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) may open luggage at any time to inspect it, even after it has been checked. This means that they can break open any lock at any time, and your luggage could be returned with a broken lock. If you don't want this, here's what you can do.

- * Purchase a TSA approved suitcase lock. They are combination locks that allow you to program a personal code to open them. They can also be opened by a key that TSA officials have. That way, the TSA can open your bag, check through it, and relock it. Anyone without the key or the combination cannot get into your bag. If the lock is opened with a TSA key, a security light changes from green to red alerting you that the lock was opened. Also, if the TSA does open your locked luggage, they are required to insert a slip of paper telling you they have done so.

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is always on top of travel tips and destination information. I hope this article on luggage check in tips has been useful.

Checking Luggage Do's and Don'ts

By Jerry Smith

As with everything else in life there are `rules' governing the checking of your luggage when you travel. They aren't real complicated. Rather, they are more like common sense things to do. Paying attention to these tips could make your checking in an easier process.

Do check airlines and other transportation modes to see what their policies are regarding checked luggage and carry on luggage. Most have a weight limit or a quantity limit. You should also check to see if the company has a luggage tracking service and how to make a claim in the event of damage or loss.

Do label your bags clearly with your name, address, and phone number. It sometimes recommended that you list your destination as well. This information should be placed inside your luggage as well along with your itinerary. You must definitely remove any old luggage tags that might cause your luggage to be misrouted. You might want to put colorful straps on the outside of your luggage to prevent it from popping open and possibly theft.

Do go directly to the luggage claims area to retrieve your luggage. This will help prevent loss and theft and get you out of the airport or depot that much faster. If you delay in retrieving your luggage it could be lost, damaged or stolen.

Do carry on such things as keys, medicine, computers and computer equipment, important documents including travel documents, and jewelry. Cash, cameras, and other personal and highly valuable.

Don't check bags that don't close properly—they could pop open. Don't check any bag with missing or broken parts, this will prevent further damage. Don't over pack as this can strain the frames, seams, and/or zippers. Don't check bags that are meant to be carry on bags. These include briefcases, tote bags, or garment covers. Don't forget to have fun!

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