

Travel Tips

AIRPORT SECURITY

We want your trip to be relaxing and free from disruptions. If you follow these security tips, you'll speed your way through the airport and feel more comfortable about each airport's efforts to protect you and your fellow passengers. If you have any questions, please contact us.

1. Keep your photo ID and your ticket, boarding pass, or a copy of your itinerary (if you are traveling on an electronic ticket) easily accessible. You will need to show your photo ID and travel documents several times.
2. Each piece of checked luggage must have a nametag that matches the name on your ticket. You also need a sticker inside your luggage with your name and address in case your tag gets removed. Most luggage today is soft sided and black. Do not risk someone erroneously removing your bag from a luggage carousel. Make your luggage appear differently. Use large colored tape, place stickers on all sides, tie brightly colored yarn around the handles, etc.
3. Pack sharp or hazardous objects such as razors, knives, matches, lighters, remote controls, scissors or anything that could be used as a weapon in your checked luggage. Do not carry these items onboard or they will be taken from you. If security takes anything from you, ask them to mail it to you in an envelope you can get from the gift shop or airline clubs if you are a member. Address it to your destination, stamp it and mail it. It is wise to travel with a stamped envelope...just in case. Some airports, however, have removed all mail boxes for security. If you experience this, ask a shopkeeper to mail you envelope. Shopkeepers are usually more cooperative than airline or security personnel.
4. Remove any laptop computer, cell phone, or similar electronic device from your carry-on luggage before passing through security. They want to individually inspect these items. You may be asked to turn on your electronic items, so be sure to have working batteries. Remove these items before approaching security to save time for you and those behind you. More and more security checkpoints are providing plastic baskets to hold these items while they move through the scanner.
5. Travel with shoes that come on and off easily, in case security request a shoe inspection.
6. If you use curbside luggage check-in and you're selected for a random security check you may be asked to take your luggage to the ticket counter for inspection. You may also be subject to a thorough luggage search at security screening and again before boarding your flight. Some of these checks are random and some result from changes to your itinerary, paying cash or check for a ticket, and one-way flights. Just remember that these security checks are for your safety and they take time. By arriving at the airport 2 hours before flight time, the worst thing that can happen is that you'll have extra time with your favorite magazine. The rule of thumb is that you never know how long it will take you to clear security and board your flight and extra time is a good insurance policy.
7. Do not pack film in your checked luggage unless you place it in one of the specially approved pouches available most camera stores. Checked luggage is being scanned with x-ray equipment that can fog your vacation pictures.
8. Limit your carry-on to two pieces. Airline personnel are very strict about this. Due to the enforcement of this rule, you'll enjoy faster boarding and more room inside the plane. Also, try packing items in transparent plastic bags for easy inspection.
9. If you're carrying wine or alcohol in your carryon luggage, make sure it is easily accessible, it has an original label, and that the corks or caps are secured by the original seals. Security personnel will ask you to remove any container filled with liquid to check the container's label and seal. If the seal is broken or the label is questionable, security will confiscate the container.

10. Do not carry ammunition in your checked or carryon luggage. While this may sound obvious, it's amazing how many shotgun shells and bullets are confiscated by airport security everyday. What's even more amazing is how upset passengers get when they're informed that they must leave these items behind.
11. Remove and place in your carry-on luggage all large jewelry, watches, belt buckles, pens, glasses, coins, credit cards and other items that might trigger a metal detector. This will speed you through security and keep those behind you in a much better mood.
12. In compliance with the Department of Transportation, airlines will be collecting September 11th Security Fees for ticket sales. This fee is set at \$2.50 USD per enplanement at U.S. airport, with maximum collection of \$5.00 USD per one way trip and \$10.00 per round trip. Tickets issued before February 1st, 2002 will not have this fee included in the price. You will have to pay this fee at the check-in counter.

Enjoy your trip and know that these heightened safety measures are for your protection and peace-of-mind.

Leave your home safe while on vacation:

- Lock all doors and windows, and turn on alarm system.
- Unplug electrical appliances that aren't necessary and your garage door opener so that it won't open accidentally.
- Use a couple of variable timers to light the interior of your home and turn on a radio.
- Have calls forwarded to a friend who will be around while you are away if don't have answering machine.
- Arrange for your mail and newspaper to be held or picked up regularly.
- Ask a neighbor to put out your trash cans on pick-up day.
- Arrange for lawn care.
- If you plan to drive or park your car at the airport, hide or remove from your vehicle any registration information and any other documents that include your address.
- Alert the police and/or your neighbors of your travel plans so they can keep an eye on your house.

Holiday Travel Tips for a Safe and Comfortable Flight:

- Listen to the Safety Briefing.
- Keep Your Seat Belt Fastened.
- Obey Carry-On Baggage Restrictions.
- Wear Sensible Clothing.

HAVE A GREAT TRIP!!

Duct Tape to the Rescue!!

Have you ever had a sandal strap break or the handle fall off your suitcase in the middle of a trip? Try packing a long strip of duct tape for unexpected repairs. Just wrap it around a pen and tuck it in your bag.

A Crash Course in Packing:

- Find out what your hotel provides.
- Follow weather reports for your destination.
- Organize your wardrobe around a color scheme.
- Match clothing to your itinerary and destination.
- Keep a stocked travel kit.
- Lay out each outfit before packing.
- Learn to fold correctly.

General Rules When Traveling:

1. Leave a complete itinerary with phone numbers at home with a friend or family member.
2. Keep up with local news.
3. Dress to blend with the locals.
4. Learn some local language.
5. Don't act like a "know it all".
6. Don't wear expensive jewelry.

7. Avoid opening maps in public.
8. Be alert to surroundings.
9. Don't drink a lot in public.
10. Hide your money and credit cards on your person in your front pockets.

If you have children traveling alone this summer, please use the following tips to ensure the best experience and safety of your child.

Children Traveling Alone:

1. Book a morning flight.
2. Book a non-stop flight.
3. Check-out airline child programs.
4. Check-in early at airport.
5. Sit quietly and review every step of the trip with the child.
6. Book a window seat.
7. Pack a lunch or snack.
8. Pack a surprise toy or book.
9. Pack a one-time-use camera.
10. Remind children to only talk with a stranger in uniform if need assistance.
11. Give child photo of person picking them up with full name, address and phone number on back.
12. Give child **YOUR** phone number where you can be reached **ANYTIME**.