

AIR TRAVEL TIPS TO AND FROM USA

Security Rules on Carry-on and Check-in Baggage:

Effective by order of the TSA (Transportation Security Administration), the following security measures are implemented to all domestic and international flights departing U.S. airports:

1. If you need larger amounts of liquids, gels and aerosols such as toothpaste or shampoo, pack them in your checked baggage.
2. Pack valuables such as jewelry, cash and electronics, as well as fragile items, in your carry-on. This will speed the screening process.
3. Avoid wearing accessories that contain metal, which will set off the metal detector.
4. In addition to liquids, gels, and aerosols numerous other potentially dangerous items such as knives, lighters, tools, are not permitted in carry-on baggage. For an up-to-date list of items prohibited in carry-on or checked luggage please visit TSA's website at www.tsa.gov/pil-sharpobjects.
5. If carrying a firearm, please check with your airline for appropriate procedures.
6. To bring dry battery, lithium battery or power bank, please see the FAA website www.faa.gov for more information.
7. 3-1-1 Liquids Rule: You are permitted to carry-on 1 quart-size, clear plastic, zip-top bag holding 3 ounces or less containers of liquids, gels or aerosols. Gallon size bags or bags that are not zip-top such as fold-over sandwich bags are not allowed. Limited to one bag per traveler. If in doubt, put your liquids in checked luggage.
8. Exceptions include: baby formula/breast milk/baby food while traveling with a small child, medications, liquids (to include water, juice or liquid nutrients) or gels for diabetics or other medical needs. If you have these exceptions, You need to perform the following :
 - Separate these items from the liquids, gels, and aerosols in your quart-size and zip-top bag.
 - Declare you have the items to the Security Officers at the security checkpoint.
 - Present these items for additional inspection once reaching the X-ray. These items are subject to additional screening.
9. Any liquid, gel or aerosol, such as coffee or soda, purchased in the secure area beyond the security checkpoint is allowed aboard your plane. Please note that if you have a layover and are re-screened at your connecting airport the above rules for carry-ons apply.
10. The traveler may take Duty Free items on board which he/she has purchased on the day(s) of the journey in a Duty Free shop within security restricted area at airport or on board an aircraft. But these items must be packed in a sealed plastic bag that is both tamper-evident and displays satisfactory proof;
11. All footwear, jacket, belt must be removed for X-ray screening. Wearing footwear and jackets that can be easily removed helps.
12. To facilitate screening and avoid a cluttered X-ray image, such plastic zip-top bags containing liquid, gels or aerosols containers should be presented apart from other carry-on baggage, jackets, footwear or laptops for X-ray screening.
13. Place all metal items inside your carry-on bag, such as coins, pens, keys and cellular phones. Or put them in a clear plastic zipper bag so you can "zip" through passenger screening.
14. All those travelling to/from USA, Canada and the UK are required to switch on their electronic devices at the airport or risk being denied access to fly. Please ensure that your electronic devices have sufficient power before reaching the airport. This is part of enhanced security measures required by the authorities of these countries.
15. It is strongly recommended that you use TSA recognized locks such as Safe Skies and Travel Sentry to reduce the likelihood of damaging the lock or bag if a physical inspection is required. TSA is not liable for damage caused to locked bags that must be opened for security purposes.

Come to the Airport Early & Be Patient

1. Heavy travel volumes and the enhanced security process may mean longer lines and time at security checkpoints. Passengers are advised to have minimal hand-carry baggage.
2. All passengers are advised to arrive at the airport earlier, at least 3 hours prior to the flight departure. Generally the check-in counters are closed forty minutes prior to flight departure.

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Before you go, visit www.tsa.gov for all the latest security policies and prohibited items list.***