

# Flight Rules and Restrictions

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## 1 General Conditions & Rules

Your safety is our top priority. That being said, there are many new rules related to security measures that we have implemented in recent years, like tough guidelines on liquids and items considered "dangerous goods". Although we know it may seem like an inconvenience at times, these measures provide us a way to keep our passengers and crew as safe as possible.

- All baggage is subject to search.
- We reserve the right to refuse any bag that has a size, weight or other condition that poses a safety or annoyance risk to other passengers and/or crew, or baggage that is unsuitable for transportation on the aircraft.
- Specific baggage check-in rules vary by airport and must be met accordingly. Please review airport Check-in Requirements for details.
- Baggage on our flights can be checked at Delta's airport curbside check-in, at any Delta airport kiosk or online via your computer or mobile phone.
- Please make sure your name is somewhere on your baggage. Baggage will only be checked to the destination on your ticket.

### 1.1 Exceptions

Additional restrictions to carry-on baggage may exist due to available space and limitations on certain flights. If you have additional questions, please see a check-in agent for help, or review our Baggage FAQs.

### 1.2 Liquids

Traveling with liquids, gels, pastes, and other similar items? Learn how to roll through Security Checkpoints.

### 1.3 Dangerous Goods

Matches? Affirmative. Firecrackers? Negative. Find out what is and isn't allowed onboard at Dangerous Goods.

Read the U.S. DOT's Safe Travel, opens in a new window information about travel with spare batteries.

### 1.4 Airline Partner Notice

Our SkyTeam® and codeshare partners may have different guidelines and restrictions on certain flights, so be sure to check before you check in.

### 1.5 Complete Baggage Rules

For complete checked and carry-on baggage rules, see Delta's Contract of Carriage.

## 2 Baggage Rules & Fee Exceptions

Find more information about baggage, restricted or prohibited items and exceptions for Active Military and Medallion Members. All baggage fees listed are current and applicable for all ticketing on or after today when Delta's baggage rules are determined to apply. If you ticketed at a much earlier date, please refer to Delta's previous checked baggage page for more details.

### 2.1 Baggage & Travel Fees

When you travel with Delta, we want to help you feel prepared and understand everything you need to know about your baggage — before, during and after your trip. Within 24 hours of your departure, you can check in and notify Delta of the number of bags you will check on [delta.com](#) or on the Fly Delta app. If you've already checked in, drop your bags at Baggage Drop. You may also check in and pay for bags at the airport.

For travelers in a Main Cabin seat on a flight within the United States, without a Delta SkyMiles® American Express Card, Medallion Status or Active Military exceptions:

- \$30 USD For your first standard checked bag under 50 lbs. (23 kg), each way +1 Free Carry-On Bag and 1 Personal Item
- \$40 USD For your second standard checked bag under 50 lbs. (23 kg), each way
- Baggage size must not exceed 62 inches (158 cm) when you total LENGTH + WIDTH + HEIGHT
- Visit Carry-On Baggage to find sizing and requirements for carry-on baggage
- For Delta SkyMiles Medallion Members and Delta SkyMiles® American Express Card Members, your first standard checked bag flies free
- Checked baggage allowance each way price varies by route and fare class
- Customers flying domestically may redeem miles toward checked baggage at most airports during check-in on [Delta.com](#), the Fly Delta app and at the kiosk at the airport

### 2.2 Excess & Overweight Baggage

If you're bringing a bag or two, or even 3 to 10, review the guidelines for associated fees. Keep in mind, there are separate fees for each limitation a bag exceeds: including size, weight or quantity limits. For items with a unique size, shape or weight, check Special Items. Exceptions may apply to Active Military and Medallion Members.

If you're bringing checked bags, follow the guidelines to make sure they meet these requirements — otherwise they might be subject to extra fees. To check your bag, measure in linear inches or centimeters (length + width + height).

- Up to 10 bags may be checked per passenger on flights operated by Delta or Delta Shuttle.
- Up to 4 bags may be checked bags on Delta Connection® carrier flights.
- We may limit the amount of excess baggage when such excess prevents us from transporting up to two bags per passenger.
- For more information on checked baggage limitations (baggage embargoes) please visit our Baggage Embargoes and Limitations page.
- Delta Connection carriers accept excess baggage on a space-available basis. If the baggage cannot be carried on the same flight with you, it will be transported on the next available flight.
- Camera, film, videotape, lighting, and sound equipment will be accepted when tendered by representatives of network or local television broadcasting companies or commercial filmmaking companies. See Media Bags for complete details.

- Any bags exceeding the ticketed itinerary allocation: number of pieces, weight or size are accepted on a standby basis. Bags that do not meet our size and weight restrictions size and weight restrictions will require special handling and additional fees.

It's important to know that there are separate fees for each limitation you exceed: size, weight and quantity. For example, if an extra piece of baggage exceeds the weight and size limits, it will be subject to three fees: one for the extra bag, one for exceeding the weight limit and one for going over the size restriction. Fees are charged for each additional bag, each way.

Some destinations may have additional restrictions as well. Please review the breakdown below. All baggage fees listed below are current and applicable for all ticketing on or after today when Delta's baggage rules are determined to apply. If you ticketed prior to the effective date of our current standard checked baggage fees, please refer to Delta's previous checked baggage page for more details.

## 2.3 Special Items

### Overview

We're here to help you fly with special items like children's seats and strollers, medical equipment, sports equipment, oversized or bulky baggage and more. Each special item counts as one bag and some may require an additional fee, though many items do not.

### Do You Have a Special Item?

With all special baggage, meet with a Delta gate agent when you arrive at the airport — they'll assist you in checking your special item, and determining if an extra fee applies for an overweight or oversized item.

You might have a special item:

- If your bag is a unique size or shape
- If your bag contains items that needs extra care and attention
- If your bag exceeds 50 lbs. (23 kg) or 62 linear inches (157 cm) (length + width + height)
- If you bring equipment for medical assistance, children's items, musical instruments or sporting gear

Special items include:

- Children & Infant Items
- Fragile, Bulky & Other Items
- Medical Supplies & Wheelchairs
- Musical Instruments
- Perishables & Imported Merchandise
- Sporting Equipment

### Fragile, Bulky & Other Items

If your luggage doesn't fall in one of the other categories, but still might be considered bulky, oversized or need extra attention, review the outlined guidelines to decide if you should check it, carry it on or even purchase a seat of its own.

## FRAGILE ITEMS

We suggest that you carry all precious or other highly valuable items, including without limitation cash, cash equivalents, securities, negotiable instruments, irreplaceable documents, jewelry, silverware, precious metals, works of arts, computers, electronic equipment, photographic equipment, medication, hearing aids, and any other items that cannot be easily replaced if lost or damaged. These items may not be transported in checked baggage.

Fragile items that meet all the requirements are allowed as carry-on or checked baggage may still require a Limited Liability Waiver. Review our limited liability policy.

## CABIN-SEAT BAGGAGE

Traveling with something too large and/or too fragile to check or put in the overhead bin? You have the option of purchasing a ticket at the best available published fare for your fragile item. You can then store your item in any passenger seat with a physical bulkhead or divider in front of the compartment. For fee information, contact reservations.

To fit into a seat, your fragile/bulky item(s) must:

- Not exceed 165 lbs. (75 kg)
- Not restrict access to, or use of, any required emergency or regular exits or aisle of the cabin.
- Not obscure any passenger's view of the seatbelt, no smoking, or exit signs.
- Not contain prohibited or restricted items
- Be securable with a seatbelt to avoid shifting during the flight.
- Be packaged or covered safely to avoid potential injury to occupants.
- Be secured in a seat in the same cabin as the owner, and preferably next to the owner.

## Sporting Equipment

You can bring most sports equipment with you on your trip, though keep in mind that standard checked baggage fees apply based on cabin, travel region and total number of checked bags. Overweight baggage fees apply to bags that exceed 50 lbs and bags cannot exceed 115 linear in/292 cm (length + width + height). Items in excess of the baggage allowance will be subject to additional, overweight, and oversized baggage fees. Please refer to Calculate Baggage Estimate for additional details. All Sports Equipment must be packed in a durable protective container designed specifically for the equipment.

- If you don't see your item below, then normal baggage allowances, fees and handling policies apply
- Items over 115 linear inches (292cm) and/or 100 lbs (45kg) will not be accepted
- CAD amount will be charged exit Canada, and EUR amount will be charged exit Europe
- See Previous Checked Bag Fees for tickets purchased before 12AM (ET) July 17, 2019

## 3 Ticket Rules & Restrictions

### 3.1 Rules

1. Fares and schedules are subject to change without notice.
2. All fares are subject to the restrictions that apply to the particular fare.
3. Seats are limited and all fares may not be available on all flights.
4. Tickets are valid for the named passenger only and are not transferable.

5. When you purchase a ticket here at delta.com, you can view the complete fare and ticket rules at the time of purchase. Look for the
6. Taxes/Fees link next to every quoted fare during your shopping experience.
7. Itineraries priced at delta.com include government-imposed transportation taxes & fees.
8. Only the actual purchase of your delta.com e-ticket(s) will guarantee the quoted fare at delta.com.
9. Your e-ticket purchased from delta.com can be canceled without penalty if it qualifies for Risk-Free Cancellation.

### **3.2 Restrictions**

1. Fares may or may not require advanced purchase. Most of our deeply discounted products require advanced purchases of 3, 7, 14 or 21 days.
2. Some round-trip fares have minimum or maximum stay requirements.
3. Change fees apply to most ticket changes initiated by the customer.

Contact Reservations if you have any questions about fare and ticket rules.

### **3.3 PROHIBITED PRACTICES**

Our fares apply only to the specific itineraries for which they are quoted and the restrictions that apply to our discounted fares are an essential part of our contract with you. These restrictions make it possible for us to offer these discounted fares.

While not an exclusive list, the following ticketing practices are prohibited:

- Back-to-back ticketing - combining multiple overlapping round-trip tickets to circumvent Saturday or other overnight stay requirements
- Throw-away ticketing - use of discounted round-trip excursion fares for one-way travel
- Point-beyond ticketing - use of a fare published for travel to a point beyond your actual intended destination or from a point before your actual intended origin

Failure to comply with applicable fare restrictions, circumventing those restrictions, or misrepresenting your intended itinerary are all violations of our Contract of Carriage. Violation of this contract reserves us the right to:

- Cancel the remainder of the itinerary and confiscate any unused flight coupons.
- Refuse to board the passenger or check baggage.
- Charge the passenger for the difference between the fare paid and the fare for the passenger's traveled itinerary.