# 5 Mistakes You Need to Avoid When Travelling By Air

Travelling can be incredibly stressful especially if you are travelling for the first time. And it is not just first-time travellers who make these mistakes as regular flyers can do so too due to various reasons. To help make thighs easier for you, we are going to look at some of these mistakes and what to do to avoid them. Always be ready when flying and avoid these mistakes!

## Mismatched Names

All the names and details you submit when booking a flight must be correct. Your full names should match those in your travel documents and passports. This is a serious mistake that can cost you a lot more than just buying a new ticket.

To avoid this, always double-check all names and details before submitting them.

## Forgetting Your Documents

You will not be able to get through airport security if you do not have all the required documents. These include your passport, identification, and airplane ticket. Do your research beforehand to know which documents you will need to [get through security](https://www.insider.com/guides/travel/how-to-get-through-airports-faster). Then check again before leaving home to ensure you are not forgetting any of these documents.

## Not Signing Up For Travel Rewards

Travel rewards are built to give you some parks as you travel. These could be cashback rewards for every dollar spent or mile flown, credit card cashback rewards when you purchase the ticket or even exclusive deals with hotels and restaurants.

The good news is that it is easy to register for these frequent flyer programs. The best way is to talk to your credit card provider to see the perks available. You could also talk to a travel agent to see which airlines offer the best perks and book your flight with them.

## Forgetting to Give Yourself Enough Time

Airports are getting busier by the day as things slowly get back to normal. This means you are likely to spend more time at the airport than you would a few months when travelling by air. The issue is exacerbated further by the fact that there are lots of airlines coming back which is also increasing the number of people at the airport.

If you do not give yourself enough time, you will not b able to do everything you need to do to catch your flight. You might also have to force your way through the airport to get to your gate or designated waiting area. Manage your time well to get to the airport early. This allows you to get through security faster and ensure you get a seat closer to your gate so you do not have to struggle to get there.

## Packing Poorly

You will need to get some items out of your bags for security check and as you go through their airport. If you do not [pack strategically](https://www.nytimes.com/guides/travel/how-to-pack-a-suitcase) you will struggle to get these items out and to put them back.

To avoid the hassle, pack the things you will need plus those you will need to remove such as laptops close.

## Conclusion

Proper preparation and knowing what mistakes to avoid will help make travelling by air less stressful. Use the tips above to make your experience as stress-free as possible.