Prepay for your checked bags

Save time at the airport by prepaying for your checked bags. On some routes, you’ll also get a discount when you pay more than 24 hours before your flight. If you’re traveling within the U.S., you can use your miles to pay before check-in.

Make the check-in process easier by prepaying for bags before your flight. For some routes, you’ll also save money on fees. You must prepay for bags more than 24 hours before your flight to save.

**How to prepay**

**Enter** your confirmation number under My Trips.

**Select** the "Prepay bags" icon.

**Enter** your info and check the details.

**Select** "Continue to payment."

When you get to the airport, print your bag tags, put them on your bags and leave them with an agent at the bag drop counter.

* **Can I prepay for bags over the phone?**

No. You can only prepay for bags online or on the United app in the My Trips section.

* **Can I get a discount if I prepay for my bags?**

Save on checked bag fees when you prepay for your bags on United or United Express® flights within the U.S. You can also save on flights between the U.S. and Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico, and shorter flights to Latin America. Use our [baggage calculator](https://www.united.com/en/us/baggage-calculator/any-flights) to find out how much it will cost to check a bag for your flight.

* **Can I prepay for my sports gear or overweight bags?**

No. Special items like [sports gear](https://www.united.com/ual/en/us/fly/travel/baggage/sports-equipment.html), oversized bags and overweight bags must be paid for at the airport.

* **Why can’t I prepay for my bags even though I just bought a flight?**

It can take time for our system to make tickets for new reservations. Try again in a couple of hours.

* **What if I make changes to my flight?**

If you change your flight, the bags that you paid for will transfer to your new itinerary.

* **Will I still get free bags as a MileagePlus® member if I prepay?**

Yes. Our system will know if you get any free checked bags.

* **Can I prepay for my bags if I bought my ticket from a third party?**

Yes. As long as your flight is operated by United or United Express, you can prepay for bags.

* **Can I prepay for bags for multiple passengers on the same reservation?**

Yes. You can prepay for bags for multiple passengers with the same confirmation number.

* **Can I get a refund for prepaid bag fees?**

If you prepay for more bags than you check, you may be able to get a refund. [Contact us](https://www.united.com/en/us/fly/customer-support/contact-directory.html) or talk to an agent at the airport for more information.

* **Terms and Conditions**

All checked bags are subject to our bag rules. This product only applies to flights operated by United or United Express and marketed by United. The billing address for your trip must be in the U.S. to qualify. You must prepay for your checked bags at least 24 hours before your flight to receive any discount. Prices are based on standard sized bags for one-way flights. Oversized and overweight bags, as well as special items, must be paid for at the airport.