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Checked bags and Equipment

For travel within the U.S. and Canada, and to many other destinations, you may travel **with two free checked items. (Backpacks are considered luggage and can be carried on board as your one carryon or checked as one piece of luggage).**

Your largest checked bag must have linear dimensions that do not exceed 62 inches and must weigh no more than 70 pounds.

You may substitute bowling, fishing, golfing, shooting, or skiing equipment for one piece of the two allowable checked pieces.

Carry-on bags

For travel worldwide on United Airlines, **you may carry on one bag and one personal item such as a purse, briefcase, or laptop computer**

In compliance with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) security directive for all North American airports, United will not allow knives or any size, or made from any material, permitted on flights.

Additionally, United wants its customers to know that cutting instruments of every kind are banned in the cabin, including but not limited to, carpet knives, box cutters, knives with folding or retractable blades (regardless of blade length), steak knives, straight razors, ice picks, corkscrews, and metal-tipped scissors. Items such as metal nail files, corkscrews, baseball/softball bats, golf clubs, pool cues, ski poles and hockey sticks are also prohibited in the cabin.

Medically necessary needles and syringes are exempt from these prohibitions if passengers have in their possession prescription medicine with a professionally printed label that identifies the medical office, pharmacy or manufacturer of the medication.

A carry-on bag must fit under your seat or in the overhead bin and cannot weigh more than 50 lbs. Its linear dimensions (length + width + height) cannot exceed 9" x 14" x 22" = 45"

Oversized baggage

Some checked items are assessed a special handling charge because of size, fragility, or other handling requirements. Examples are:

- Bicycles
- Kennels (Currently embargoed)
- Surfboards
- Sailboards
- Scuba gear

There is a charge for checked items between 62 linear inches and 115 linear inches (length + width + height).

We will not accept or check items in excess of 115 linear inches (length + width + height). No single dimension may be more than 62 inches.

Exceptionally bulky or fragile items will not be accepted as checked baggage, but may ride in a passenger seat in the cabin provided a ticket is purchased for the item and specific seating conditions have been met.

Contact United prior to your trip for details about any item that may be subject to a special handling charge. Acceptance, restrictions, and charges will vary depending upon destination.

Overweight baggage

We will accept as checked baggage items weighing between 70 pounds and 100 pounds. However, an excess weight charge will apply.

Excess baggage

If you check more baggage than the free baggage allowance permits, you will need to pay a charge that will vary by destination. Contact United prior to your trip for detail charges and restrictions.