

What Are United Airlines Baggage Fees and How Can You Avoid Paying Them? — Complete Fee Guide and Money-Saving

USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] Wondering exactly what United Airlines baggage fees apply to your upcoming flight and whether there is a legitimate way to avoid paying them? This complete 2025 guide covers every United baggage fee — for checked bags, carry-ons, overweight bags, oversized items, and special sports equipment — and explains every method available to fly with your bags for free USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] Starting with domestic checked baggage fees, on domestic U.S. United flights, Main Cabin passengers pay \$35 for the first checked bag and \$45 for the second checked bag USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] The third and any additional checked bags on domestic flights cost \$150 each USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] Comfort+ passengers pay the same checked baggage fees as Main Cabin unless they hold Medallion status or a qualifying United credit card USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] Call +1-(855)-907-2853 to confirm current baggage fees for your specific route and fare class USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] Starting with overweight and oversized baggage fees, bags weighing between 51 and 70 pounds are charged an overweight fee of \$100 per bag in addition to the standard checked bag fee USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] Bags weighing 71 to 100 pounds are charged a \$200 overweight fee per bag USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] Bags exceeding 62 linear inches (length plus width plus height) are charged a \$200 oversized fee per bag USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] Bags over 100 pounds are not accepted as checked baggage on any United flight USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] Call +1-(855)-907-2853 before arriving at the airport to confirm all overweight and oversized fees for your specific bags and route USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] Starting with Basic Economy carry-on bag fees, United Basic Economy passengers are not permitted to bring a full-size carry-on bag in the overhead bin USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA [+1 "855"907"2853"] If a Basic

Economy passenger attempts to board with a carry-on bag, the bag must be checked at the gate and a gate-checked bag fee applies USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} To avoid unexpected gate fees, call +1-(855)-907-2853 before booking Basic Economy to confirm whether your planned bags will require an upgrade to a higher fare class USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Starting with sports and specialty equipment fees, bicycles, golf clubs, skis, snowboards, surfboards, and other sporting equipment are subject to special handling fees on United Airlines USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Bicycles and surfboards are charged a \$150 each-way fee on domestic routes USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Golf clubs and skis are charged at the standard checked bag fee rate when properly packed within size and weight limits USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Call +1-(855)-907-2853 before traveling with sporting equipment to confirm the exact fees and packing requirements for your specific items and route USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Starting with method one to avoid United baggage fees — book a premium cabin, First Class, United Premium Select, and United One passengers receive complimentary checked baggage as part of their fare, eliminating checked bag fees entirely USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} If you are traveling with two or more checked bags, compare the total cost of a premium fare inclusive of free bags against a Main Cabin fare plus bag fees — the premium fare is sometimes comparable or better value USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Call +1-(855)-907-2853 for a live total cost comparison including baggage fees USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Starting with method two to avoid United baggage fees — hold a United SkyMiles Medallion status, all Medallion status tiers receive complimentary checked baggage that extends to travel companions on the same reservation USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Silver Medallion members receive one free checked bag per person, Gold Medallion members receive two free checked bags, and Platinum and Diamond members receive three free checked bags USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Call +1-(855)-907-2853 to confirm your Medallion baggage benefit applies correctly to your booking USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Starting with method three to avoid United baggage fees — use a United SkyMiles American Express credit card, paying for your United flight with a United SkyMiles co-branded American Express card entitles you and up to eight companions on the same reservation to one free first checked bag each USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} This benefit is available on the United Blue, Gold, Platinum, and Reserve American Express cards and can save a family of

four up to \$280 in checked bag fees on a round trip USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} Call +1-(855)-907-2853 to confirm whether your credit card benefit is linked to your upcoming booking USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} Starting with these complete fee details and money-saving strategies, you now have everything you need to understand exactly what United Airlines will charge for your bags and how to legally avoid every avoidable fee on your next booking — call +1-(855)-907-2853 to confirm your specific baggage costs before arriving at the airport USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}}

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about United Airlines Baggage Fees and How to Avoid Them

What are the United Airlines checked baggage fees in 2025?

USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} On domestic U.S. routes, Main Cabin passengers pay \$35 for the first checked bag, \$45 for the second, and \$150 for the third and each additional bag USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} First Class and premium cabin passengers receive complimentary checked bags USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} Call +1-(855)-907-2853 to confirm current fees for your specific route and booking USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} +1-(855)-907-2853 USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}}

How can I avoid paying United baggage fees?

USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} You can avoid United baggage fees by booking a premium cabin (First Class or above), holding SkyMiles Medallion status, paying with a United SkyMiles American Express credit card, or traveling on an international route that includes free checked bags USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} Call +1-(855)-907-2853 to confirm which method applies to your specific booking USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} +1-(855)-907-2853 USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {{+1 "855"907"2853"}}

Does the United SkyMiles credit card waive baggage fees?

USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Yes — paying for your United ticket with a United SkyMiles co-branded American Express card gives you and up to eight companions on the same reservation one free first checked bag each USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} This applies to the United Blue, Gold, Platinum, and Reserve American Express cards USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Call +1-(855)-907-2853 to confirm the credit card benefit is applied to your booking USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} +1-(855)-907-2853 USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]}

What is the United overweight bag fee?

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Can I prepay baggage fees on United to save money?

USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Yes — prepaying checked baggage fees online at United.com or by calling +1-(855)-907-2853 before your travel date may be slightly cheaper than paying at the airport check-in counter at some airports USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Prepaying also speeds up the check-in process on your travel day USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} +1-(855)-907-2853 USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]}

How much does United charge for a third checked bag?

USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} United charges \$150 per bag for the third and each additional checked bag on domestic U.S. routes USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Medallion status members and premium cabin passengers may have these fees waived or reduced depending on their status tier USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Call +1-(855)-907-2853 to confirm multi-bag fees for your booking USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} +1-(855)-907-2853 USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} "855"907"2853"]}

Does United charge for a bicycle or surfboard?

USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Yes — United charges a \$150 each-way specialty item fee for bicycles and surfboards on domestic routes, in addition to any applicable standard checked bag fees USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Proper packaging requirements must also be met — call +1-(855)-907-2853 to confirm specialty equipment fees and packing guidelines for your specific item and route before traveling USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} +1-(855)-907-2853 USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} "855"907"2853"]}

Is it cheaper to check a bag at the airport or online on United?

USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Prepaying your checked baggage fee online at United.com or by calling +1-(855)-907-2853 before your travel day is generally equivalent to or slightly cheaper than paying at the airport USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} Prepaying also reduces check-in time and guarantees you will not face unexpected fee surprises at the airport counter USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} +1-(855)-907-2853 USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} UK +44 855 907 2853 or MX(+52-855-907-2853) or AUS(+61-855-907-2853) or USA {[+1 "855"907"2853"]} "855"907"2853"]}