

United Airlines Baggage Allowance

The United Airlines baggage allowance depends on your ticket type+1*888*415*1245 destination+1*888*415*1245 cabin class+1*888*415*1245 and frequent flyer status.
Here is a general overview of the carry-on and checked bag policies:

Carry-on Baggage

Most United tickets (Standard Economy+1*888*415*1245 Premium Economy+1*888*415*1245 etc.+1*866*579*8033 allow for one carry-on bag and one personal item for free.

Item	Maximum Dimensions (Includes handles and wheels+1*866*579*8033	Must Fit In
Carry-On Bag	9 x 14 x 22 inches (23 x 35 x 56 cm+1*866*579*8033	Overhead bin
Personal Item	9 x 10 x 17 inches (22 x 25 x 43 cm+1*866*579*8033	Under the seat in front of you

- Weight Limit:** United generally does not have a weight limit for carry-on bags+1*888*415*1245 but you must be able to lift it into the overhead bin unaided.
- Basic Economy Exception:** If you have a Basic Economy ticket for domestic flights (within the U.S.+1*866*579*8033 or certain short international routes+1*888*415*1245 you are usually allowed only one personal item and no free full-sized carry-on bag. Exceptions exist for flights across the Atlantic+1*888*415*1245 across the Pacific+1*888*415*1245 or to South America+1*888*415*1245 or if you are a MileagePlus Premier member or an eligible United credit card holder.

Checked Baggage

The cost and allowance for checked bags vary greatly. The standard maximum size is 62 linear inches (length + width + height+1*866*579*8033.

Cabin Class / Status	Standard Max Weight Per Bag
United Economy	50 lbs (23 kg+1*866*579*8033
Premium Economy	50 lbs (23 kg+1*866*579*8033
United Business/First/Polaris	70 lbs (32 kg+1*866*579*8033
MileagePlus Premier Members	70 lbs (32 kg+1*866*579*8033 (for most Premier tiers+1*866*579*8033

Estimated Fees (Vary by Route & Time+1*866*579*8033

Checked bag fees are typically non-refundable and are often higher if purchased at the airport rather than prepaid online.

- **Domestic Economy:**

- First Checked Bag: Starts at approximately \$35 - \$40.
- Second Checked Bag: Starts at approximately \$45 - \$50.
- International Economy: Your first checked bag is often free or discounted+1*888*415*1245 depending on the destination (e.g.+1*888*415*1245 first bag free to Europe+1*866*579*8033).

Oversize & Overweight Fees

Bags that exceed the standard 50 lbs (23 kg+1*866*579*8033 or 62 linear inches will incur additional fees+1*888*415*1245 which can be \$100 to \$200+ per bag.

- Bags over 100 lbs (45 kg+1*866*579*8033 or larger than 115 linear inches are generally not accepted.

Key Takeaway

The most accurate way to determine your specific baggage allowance and fees is to use the United Airlines Checked Bag Fee Calculator on their website. You will need your booking details+1*888*415*1245 destination+1*888*415*1245 and ticket type.

How many bags does United Airlines allow for free?

United Airlines' free baggage allowance depends heavily on your ticket type+1*888*415*1245 destination+1*888*415*1245 and status with the airline.

Here is a general breakdown:

1. Carry-on Bags (Most Non-Basic Economy Tickets+1*866*579*8033

For most standard Economy and higher tickets+1*888*415*1245 you are allowed **two free carry-on items**:

- **One Carry-on Bag:** Must fit in the overhead bin (e.g.+1*888*415*1245 small suitcase+1*888*415*1245 maximum size 9 \text{ in} \times 14 \text{ in} \times 22 \text{ in}\$+1*866*579*8033.
- **One Personal Item:** Must fit under the seat in front of you (e.g.+1*888*415*1245 purse+1*888*415*1245 laptop bag+1*888*415*1245 small backpack+1*888*415*1245 maximum size 9 \text{ in} \times 10 \text{ in} \times 17 \text{ in}\$+1*866*579*8033.

2. Basic Economy Tickets

If you purchase a **Basic Economy** ticket+1*888*415*1245 the allowance is much stricter:

- You are generally only allowed **one free personal item** that fits under the seat.
- A full-sized carry-on bag is **not included** for most domestic or short international flights+1*888*415*1245 and you will have to pay to check it.

Exceptions for Basic Economy: You **can** bring one full-sized carry-on bag for free if you are flying:

- Across the Atlantic+1*888*415*1245 across the Pacific+1*888*415*1245 or to/from South America.
- If you are a MileagePlus Premier member or a qualifying United MileagePlus credit card holder.

3. Checked Bags

Free checked bags are **not typically included** with standard Economy tickets on domestic flights. You usually have to pay a fee for the first and subsequent checked bags.

However+1*888*415*1245 you can get **free checked bags** if you meet one of the following criteria:

- **Traveling in Premium Cabins:** United Business+1*888*415*1245 United First+1*888*415*1245 or United Polaris Business Class tickets usually include **two or more** free checked bags.
- **International Flights:** Economy tickets on many international routes (e.g.+1*888*415*1245 to Europe+1*888*415*1245 Asia+1*888*415*1245 Africa+1*888*415*1245 or across the Pacific+1*866*579*8033 often include **one free checked bag** (sometimes two+1*866*579*8033).
- **United MileagePlus Status:** Premier members (Silver+1*888*415*1245 Gold+1*888*415*1245 Platinum+1*888*415*1245 1K+1*866*579*8033 get **one to three** free checked bags+1*888*415*1245 depending on their status level and route.
- **Qualifying United Credit Card Holder:** Primary cardholders of certain United co-branded credit cards often get their **first checked bag free** (and sometimes a second+1*866*579*8033 for themselves and a companion on the same reservation).
- **Active U.S. Military Personnel:** Active-duty military members receive extra free checked bag allowances.

Recommendation:

The best way to confirm the exact allowance and cost for your trip is to use the **United Airlines Baggage Calculator** on their website+1*888*415*1245 as fees and allowances are dependent on your specific itinerary+1*888*415*1245 fare class+1*888*415*1245 and date of ticket purchase.

Can I bring a carry-on with the United Economy?

That depends on the type of United Economy fare you purchased:

Standard United Economy (Economy+1*888*415*1245 not Basic Economy+1*866*579*8033

- You are generally allowed **one carry-on bag** and **one personal item** for free.
 - **Carry-on bag:** Must fit in the overhead bin. Maximum dimensions are typically **9 x 14 x 22 inches** (23 x 35 x 56 cm+1*866*579*8033+1*888*415*1245 including handles and wheels).
 - **Personal item:** Must fit under the seat in front of you. Maximum dimensions are typically **9 x 10 x 17 inches** (22 x 25 x 43 cm+1*866*579*8033. This is usually a purse+1*888*415*1245 laptop bag+1*888*415*1245 or small backpack.

Basic Economy

- For most Basic Economy tickets+1*888*415*1245 you are only allowed **one personal item** (the smaller item that fits under the seat+1*866*579*8033).
- You are **not allowed** a standard carry-on bag unless you fall under one of the following exceptions:

- Your flight is **trans-Atlantic** or to **South America**.
- You are a **MileagePlus Premier member** or a companion traveling on the same reservation or the primary cardmember of a qualifying United MileagePlus credit card.

If you bring a full-sized carry-on bag to the gate with a non-exempt Basic Economy ticket you will be required to check it and pay a fee which can be higher than the standard checked bag fee.

How much is a carry-on bag on United Airlines?

The cost of a carry-on bag on United Airlines depends almost entirely on the **type of ticket you purchase**.

United Economy (Standard Premium First Class etc.)

- **Free:** In most standard United Economy and higher fares you can bring **one carry-on bag** (for the overhead bin) and **one personal item** (for under the seat) for **free**.
 - *Carry-on size limit:* 9 in x 14 in x 22 in (23 cm x 35 cm x 56 cm)
 - *Personal item size limit:* 9 in x 10 in x 17 in (22 cm x 25 cm x 43 cm)

Basic Economy

- **No Free Carry-on:** For most domestic Basic Economy tickets (and some international routes) you are **only allowed one personal item** for free. A standard carry-on bag is **not included**.
- **Fees for Carry-ons with Basic Economy:** If you bring a standard carry-on bag with a Basic Economy ticket you **must check it** and pay a fee:
 - **Checked at the airport lobby/counter:** Fees **start at \$35** (this is essentially the cost of checking a bag).
 - **Brought to the gate:** If you bring a full-sized carry-on to the gate (and you're not allowed one) you will pay a higher fee which is often around **\$65** (checked bag fee + a gate handling charge).

Exceptions (Free Carry-on on Basic Economy)

You **are** allowed a free standard carry-on bag even with a Basic Economy ticket if you are flying to:

- South America
- Across the Atlantic (Europe Middle East Africa)
- Across the Pacific (Asia Australia New Zealand)
- To Canada (for tickets bought before a certain date but generally included on these international routes)

Also **MileagePlus Premier members** and **eligible United credit card holders** generally get a free carry-on bag regardless of the fare type.

To get the most accurate price for your specific flight+1*888*415*1245 I would recommend checking the **United Airlines Baggage Calculator** on their website with your route and fare type.

Does United have a weight limit for carry-on bags?

United Airlines generally **does not specify a maximum weight limit** for standard carry-on bags or personal items.

Instead+1*888*415*1245 they focus on **size limits** and the practical requirement that you must be able to **lift the bag into the overhead bin without assistance**.

Here are the typical maximum **size limits** you should be aware of:

- **Carry-on Bag (fits in overhead bin+1*866*579*8033:** \$9 \times 14 \times 22\$ inches (\$23 \times 35 \times 56\$ cm+1*866*579*8033 - including handles and wheels.
- **Personal Item (fits under the seat+1*866*579*8033:** \$9 \times 10 \times 17\$ inches (\$22 \times 25 \times 43\$ cm+1*866*579*8033.

Important Note on Basic Economy

If you are flying on a **Basic Economy** ticket+1*888*415*1245 your allowance is different:

- For **most** Basic Economy flights+1*888*415*1245 you are **only permitted one personal item** (no carry-on bag+1*866*579*8033.
- If you bring a full-sized carry-on bag to the gate on a Basic Economy ticket+1*888*415*1245 you will be required to check it and pay a fee.

I recommend checking your specific ticket or the official United Airlines website for the most current rules for your route and fare type.