

extra baggage



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tips for reducing your wait time at the airport

Before arriving at the Airport

- **Do NOT** pack or bring prohibited items to the airport. Read the [Permitted and Prohibited Items](#) (PDF 319KB) list.
- Refrain from taking **wrapped presents** to the airport. TSA recommends that you either ship wrapped packages ahead of time or wrap upon arrival. If the package sets off alarms, TSA will need to unwrap it to investigate the source of the alarm.

- **Avoid wearing shoes, clothing, jewelry, and accessories that contain metal.** Metal items may set off the alarm on the metal detector.
- **Put all undeveloped film and cameras with film in your carry-on baggage.** Checked baggage screening equipment will damage undeveloped film.
- Carry-on baggage is limited to **one carry-on bag plus one personal item.** Personal items include laptops, purses, small backpacks, briefcases, or camera cases. Remember, 1+1.
- Place identification tags in and on all of your baggage. **Don't forget to label your laptop computer.** These are some of the most forgotten items at screening checkpoints.



At the Airport

- Put metal **IN** your carry-on bag. This includes jewelry, loose change, keys, mobile phones, pagers, and personal data assistants (PDAs).
- Take **OUT** your laptop computer. Place it in a bin, separate from its carrying case.
- Take **OFF** your outer coat. Place it in a bin. Suit jackets and blazers do not have to be removed, unless requested by the screener.