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### THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, MAKE IT A SMOOTH TRAVEL EXPERIENCE WITH THESE TIPS FROM AMERICAN AIRLINES

FORT WORTH, Texas – The busy holiday travel season is almost here. At American Airlines, our nearly 80,000 team members stand ready take you anywhere this holiday season – whether to a beach vacation, last-minute business meeting or Thanksgiving dinner. Wherever you go this year, consider these helpful items and tips from American to make your holiday travels go as smoothly as possible:

#### As You Pack...

- **Each ticketed customer is allowed two pieces of checked baggage free of charge.** Each checked item may weigh no more than 50 pounds each, and must measure no more than 62 inches (measured length + width + height).
- **Customers may carry onboard one bag that fits in the overhead bin or under the seat, plus one personal item.** Personal items include things such as messenger bags, purses, briefcases or laptops. Note: Carry on restrictions for flights departing the United Kingdom are different. See [www.aa.com/baggageinfo](http://www.aa.com/baggageinfo) for baggage-related information.
- **Remember “3-1-1 and you’re done.”** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) limits the amount of liquids, gels and aerosols you may carry on board. Each customer traveling domestically is limited to items that are each three ounces or less, all of which must fit into one, quart-size, clear zip-top bag. Many of our favorite skincare and beauty products now come in travel sizes that follow these guidelines. For more information, including limitations on international travel, visit [www.aa.com/liquids](http://www.aa.com/liquids) The TSA’s Web site, [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov), is also a good source of information.
- **Hold on to your valuables.** Be sure to put all MP3 players, cell phones, cameras, jewelry, documents, prescription medicine, car keys and other valuables in your carry-on luggage and keep it with you at all times.
- **Place your name and flight number inside your luggage, too.** Include your name, flight number and itinerary inside each checked bag in case the bag tag becomes detached in transit. It will help in returning the bag to you more quickly.

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- **Leave gifts unwrapped – even in checked luggage.** Wait until you arrive at your destination to wrap gifts or consider bringing gift bags and tissue paper with you instead. TSA personnel are authorized to unwrap gifts to check a package's contents. You may want to pack separate bags if you're afraid your partner may sneak a look at his or her gifts.
- **Keep the kids entertained.** If you're traveling with small children, prepare their own backpack filled with crayons, coloring books, quiet toys and their favorite snacks. A portable DVD player can also provide hours of entertainment on longer trips.

### Before Leaving for the Airport...

- **Bring proper documentation.** Traveling domestically? You'll need a government-issued photo ID. If you're traveling internationally, don't forget your passport, as well as other important documents such as visas or tourist cards. Make copies and carry an extra set with you (or electronically scan them and e-mail a copy to yourself); let others back home have a copy, too.
- **Consider trip insurance.** Planning a trip often involves preparing for the unexpected. American offers travel insurance at a reasonable cost through AA.com. You'll receive a refund for the prepaid, nonrefundable portion of your travel costs if your trip gets cancelled or interrupted for a covered reason. See [www.aa.com/tripinsurance](http://www.aa.com/tripinsurance) for details, or call (800) 628-5404.
- **Check in beforehand at AA.com.** At [www.aa.com/checkin](http://www.aa.com/checkin) you can check in up to 24 hours prior to your flight, select or change seats, and print out your boarding pass – all of which can reduce time and stress at the airport. American Airlines also makes it easy to check your own bag. When you arrive at the airport, simply scan the bar code on your boarding pass at a self-service machine to check your own luggage.
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### At the Airport...

- **In the event of inclement weather and flight disruptions,** your itinerary will be automatically rescheduled. Passengers should log on to AA.com, check with agents at the gate or ticket counter, or call American Reservations to obtain flight reaccommodation information or for additional help in arranging a flight. At some larger airports, a special reaccommodation desk may be activated for additional assistance.

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- **Note your parking spot.** Eliminate a tour of the parking garage upon your return. Instead of trying to remember your parking location or writing it down on a scrap of paper which can get misplaced, take a picture of your location sign with a camera phone or digital camera.
- **Beat the crowds and arrive early.** Airports aren't the place to be fashionably late. Allow extra time for traffic, parking and transportation to the terminal. Travelers should plan to arrive at the airport at least 90 minutes before departure for domestic flights and two to three hours prior to departure for international flights. Some cities have even earlier suggested check-in times because of lengthy TSA security checkpoint lines. See [www.aa.com/airportexpectations](http://www.aa.com/airportexpectations) for cities where earlier check-in is recommended.
- **Use Self-Service Check-in machines.** If you haven't already checked in beforehand at AA.com, try one of American's quick and easy Self-Service Check-in machines. They're a great time-saver and can be used for both domestic and international flights. You can print a boarding pass, check luggage, select or change seats, confirm flight changes and purchase upgrades or One-Day passes to the Admirals Club<sup>®</sup> lounge.
- **Try Curbside Check-in.** Another great time saver. Check your bag with a skycap at the curb (the fee is just \$2 per bag at most airports), and then it's a straight shot to the Security line and your gate. Don't forget to keep some extra cash handy, it is always polite to tip the skycap.
- **Move through Security quickly by being prepared.** Have your boarding pass and valid government-issued ID or passport available for Security, and wear shoes that are easy to slip on and off. Take your laptop, portable DVD player or large electronic items out of their cases, and put cell phones and PDAs in your messenger bag, purse, or other carry-on bag before getting in the Security line.
- **Buy beverages after clearing Security.** TSA guidelines prevent bringing standard-size beverage bottles through Security, so buy your beverages in the terminal once you clear the checkpoint. Or, American offers complimentary non-alcoholic beverages onboard its aircraft, and juice and milk are available for children of all ages.
- **Keep kids safe and protected.** Give your child a passcode that only you and he/she know so your child can't be tricked by another adult in case you get separated or lost. Make sure your children know the full names of their parents or guardians and how to contact them. Keep items with children's names on them out of sight.
- **Be at the gate at least 30 minutes before departure.** American typically begins boarding aircraft about 30 minutes before flight time for domestic flights (45 minutes for international flights) in order to help ensure an on-time departure.

**Onboard the Plane...**

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- **Bring along some entertainment.** A portable video player, audio player, or reading material can make the time fly while you fly. Don't forget your headphones!
- **Stay hydrated.** Experts recommend drinking plenty of water during your flight. If you buy bottled water, remember to purchase it after you clear security as bottled water exceeds TSA limits on liquids.
- **Prevent ear discomfort in small children.** Air pressure changes in the cabin during descent may cause discomfort in small children. Be prepared by having a bottle, pacifier, chewing gum or hard candy with you. Frequent swallowing allows air to flow freely out of and into the ear and sinus cavities, preventing discomfort.
- **Let your flight attendant help.** American has more than 16,000 highly trained, professional flight attendants. We pride ourselves on creating a friendly and welcoming travel experience for all of our passengers. If you have a question or special need, be sure to alert them; they're travel experts and are there to help make your travel experience on American an enjoyable one.

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