

Amtrak® Baggage Policies

Amtrak has one of the largest allowances for free carry-on and checked baggage in the travel industry. Take a moment to see all the ways Amtrak can help you bring aboard the items you want and need en route and at your destination. By following these policies, you'll have everything you need to make your trip as enjoyable as possible.



Carry-on Allowance

Each passenger can bring a total of two carry-on items on board the train; each item should not exceed 50 lbs. (23 kg) and 28 x 22 x 14 inches. (*Pacific Surfliner* — 28 x 22 x 11 inches).



Personal Item Allowance

Passengers may also carry two personal items, 25 lbs. (12 kg) 14x11x7 inches each, such as small bags, backpacks, purses, or laptops. **The two personal items do not count toward the carry-on baggage limit.**

For most Amtrak passengers, a policy of charging an excess baggage fee for additional carry-on items will have no impact, since the allowance of four items per person (two of no more than 50 lbs., plus two of more than 25 lbs.) is more than many people carry on board.

Infant Items

Passengers traveling with infants under the age of two are allowed an additional infant item (strollers, diaper bags), which does not count towards the carry-on baggage or personal item allowance.

Checked Baggage

If checked baggage is available, each passenger can check two bags free of charge to their final destination. Checked baggage is not offered on all trains and stations. Please check with Amtrak to see if checked baggage is available throughout your journey. Amtrak reserves the right to deny transport of items exceeding policy limits. The complete baggage policy is available on [Amtrak.com](https://www.amtrak.com).

Excess/Oversize Baggage Fees

A \$20 excess baggage fee will be charged for each carry-on and personal item above the quantity and size limits. A maximum of two excess bags are permitted per passenger. Fees will be collected at the station or onboard the train if the station is unstaffed. If checked baggage is available, you can check two bags through to your final destination free of charge.

Temporary Bag Storage

Customers holding tickets for Amtrak travel may store their items in Parcel Check service when available for \$10 per item for 24 hours. Check the station detail page for the stations you'll be visiting to see if they offer this service. Customers that don't have an Amtrak ticket may store items for \$20 per item for 24 hours (valid photo ID required).

At-Station Baggage Services

If you need help with your baggage or somewhere to store it while you explore your stops, Amtrak offers baggage assistance and temporary bag storage at many stations.

Customers can count on uniformed Red Caps to provide free baggage-handling assistance at many major stations. We recommend you accept assistance only from uniformed Red Cap agents. All baggage handled by Red Cap agents is free and protected by a claim check.

Overweight Baggage

Overweight bags must be repacked to under 50 lbs. Boxes are available for purchase at staffed stations to repack luggage.

Storing Items

Items must be kept in the passenger's custody, stored in overhead racks, under seats, or designated baggage areas; items may not be stored in empty seats, aisles, vestibules, or other areas where they cause annoyance to other passengers or present a safety hazard.

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