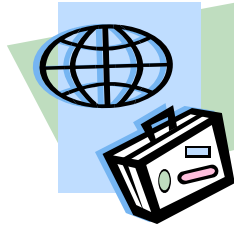


Last-minute Travel Tips



With rising fuel costs, airlines are charging new fees and/or increasing existing fees. Visit your airline's website to familiarize yourself with their policies and keep the following bits of information in mind to avoid unexpected hassles:

- ☞ Airline change fees have risen to \$150 from \$100.
- ☞ Most airlines now charge a fee (\$15-25) for checked and/or extra bags.
- ☞ Security regulations and procedures are very specific and strict. Visit the TSA web site before you pack (<http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/simplify.shtm>).
- ☞ Remember you can't carry food or drinks (even unopened bottles and cans) with you through security. You can buy those once inside security.
- ☞ Follow the 3-1-1 carry-on rule: 3-o.z liquids stored in 1 quart size clear zip lock bag placed in 1 security bin.
- ☞ Check the weather both for your departure city, your destination, and any connecting points on your trip (<http://weather.cnn.com/weather/forecast.jsp>). Bad weather can cause delays and cancellations. If storms are expected, you can sometimes get your airline or travel agency to reroute your itinerary, or move you to an earlier or later flight
- ☞ To stay informed while you're traveling, sign up for alerts about your flights that can be sent to your cell phone (<http://www.airportinfoalerts.com>). These alerts can notify you of gate changes, as well as delays. With early warning, you can be first in line to rebook.



Safe Travels!