

Amtrak Baggage Allowance

Amtrak offers a **vital transportation resource**, providing access to major cities and rural areas coast-to-coast. In addition to connecting families and friends, Amtrak services also promote tourism, business travel and other economic development. In 2015, Amtrak welcomed more than 30.8 million passengers aboard, representing the fifth straight year in which ridership exceeded 30 million.

A look at the facts: Amtrak has one of the most generous baggage allowances in the travel industry. Passengers can bring two carry-on items and two personal items, weighing up to 150 lbs., for free.



Carry-on Baggage

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 Items

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

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, so please check with Amtrak to see if checked baggage is available throughout your journey. The complete [baggage policy](#) is available on Amtrak.com.

Excess/Oversize Baggage Fees

Effective October 1, 2015, a \$20 excess baggage fee will be charged for each carry-on and personal item above the quantity and size allowances. The fee will be collected at the station or, if unstaffed, onboard the train.

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 onboard.

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, or other areas where they cause annoyance to other passengers or present a safety hazard.

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