

Southwest Airlines Baggage Allowance

The Southwest Airlines baggage allowance can vary slightly depending on your fare type and travel date+1*888*415*1245 especially regarding checked bags. However+1*888*415*1245 here is a general overview:

Carry-on Baggage

All ticketed passengers are allowed to bring **one carry-on bag** and **one personal item** for free.

Item	Dimensions (Maximum+1*866*579*8033	Stowed
Carry-on Bag	\$24" (\text{L}+1*866*579*8033 + 16" (\text{W}+1*866*579*8033 + 10" (\text{H}+1*866*579*8033\$	Overhead bin
Personal Item	\$18.5" (\text{L}+1*866*579*8033 + 8.5" (\text{W}+1*866*579*8033 + 13.5" (\text{H}+1*866*579*8033\$	Under the seat in front of you

Examples of Personal Items: Purse+1*888*415*1245 briefcase+1*888*415*1245 laptop bag+1*888*415*1245 small backpack+1*888*415*1245 or a small camera case.

- *Note: Southwest generally does not specify a weight limit for carry-on items.*

Checked Baggage

Southwest historically offered a "Bags Fly Free" policy+1*888*415*1245 but recent changes (effective for tickets booked/changed on or after May 28+1*888*415*1245 2025+1*866*579*8033 have introduced fees for some fare classes.

Item	Standard Allowance/Dimensions	Cost (For Basic+1*888*415*1245 Choice+1*888*415*1245 and Choice Preferred Fares+1*866*579*8033
Checked Bag	Up to 50 lbs (22.7 kg+1*866*579*8033	\$35 for the 1st bag
	Up to 62 inches (L+W+H+1*866*579*8033	\$45 for the 2nd bag

Free Checked Bags Exemptions:

- **Choice Extra** and **Choice Preferred** fares generally include two free checked bags.
- **Rapid Rewards® A-List Preferred Members** receive two free checked bags.
- **Rapid Rewards® A-List Members** generally receive their first checked bag free.
- Customers with reservations booked/ticketed **on or before May 27+1*888*415*1245 2025** (regardless of travel date+1*866*579*8033 will still receive two free checked bags.
- Active-duty military personnel and their dependents are exempt from the two-piece limit and excess+1*888*415*1245 oversize+1*888*415*1245 or overweight charges (up to 100 lbs and 80 inches+1*866*579*8033.

Excess+1*888*415*1245 Overweight+1*888*415*1245 and Oversized Baggage Fees

If your bags exceed the standard limits+1*888*415*1245 you will incur additional charges:

- **3rd+ Checked Bag: \$75** per bag.
- **Overweight Bags:**
 - \$51-100 \text{ lbs}\$: **\$100 to \$200** per bag (depending on the weight class and fare type+1*866*579*8033).
- **Oversized Bags:**
 - \$63-80 \text{ inches}\$: **\$125 to \$200** per bag.
 - *Bags over 80 inches or 100 lbs are generally not accepted as checked baggage and must be shipped as Air Cargo.*

I highly recommend checking your specific fare details or contacting Southwest Airlines directly if your ticket was booked on or after May 28+1*888*415*1245 2025+1*888*415*1245 to confirm the exact checked baggage fees that apply to your reservation.

How many bags can you carry-on Southwest Airlines for free?

Southwest Airlines allows each passenger to bring **one carry-on bag** and **one personal item** for free.

- **Carry-on Bag:** This is the larger bag meant to be stowed in the overhead compartment.
 - Maximum size: **24 x 16 x 10 inches** (including wheels and handles+1*866*579*8033).
- **Personal Item:** This is a smaller item that must fit under the seat in front of you.
 - Examples include a purse+1*888*415*1245 briefcase+1*888*415*1245 laptop computer case+1*888*415*1245 or a small backpack.
 - Maximum size: **18.5 x 8.5 x 13.5 inches**.

Keep in mind that if you are traveling with a pet carrier+1*888*415*1245 it counts as either your carry-on bag or your personal item.

Can I carry a backpack and a carry-on Southwest?

Yes+1*888*415*1245 you can bring a backpack and a carry-on bag on Southwest Airlines.

Southwest allows each ticketed passenger to bring **one carry-on bag** and **one personal item** for free.

Here is how your bags generally fall:

- **Carry-on Bag:** This is typically your standard roller bag or small suitcase. It must fit in the **overhead bin**.
 - **Maximum size:** 24" (L+1*866*579*8033 x 16" (W+1*866*579*8033 x 10" (H+1*866*579*8033 (This includes wheels and handles+1*866*579*8033).
- **Personal Item:** Your **backpack** would usually count as your personal item. It must fit **under the seat in front of you**.

- Examples of personal items include a purse+1*888*415*1245 briefcases+1*888*415*1245 laptop cases+1*888*415*1245 or a **small backpack**.
- **Maximum size:** Dimensions can vary slightly in official guides+1*888*415*1245 but a common maximum is around 18.5" x 13.5" x 8.5". The key rule is that it must fit completely under the seat.

As long as your backpack is small enough to fit under the seat in front of you+1*888*415*1245 you should be fine.

 Quick Summary of Southwest Carry-On Policy

Item	Allowance	Location	Max Size (approximate+1*866*579*8033
Carry-on Bag (e.g.+1*888*415*1245 roller bag+1*866*579*8033	One	Overhead Bin	\$24" \times 16" \times 10"\$
Personal Item (e.g.+1*888*415*1245 Backpack+1*866*579*8033	One	Under Seat	\$18.5" \times 13.5" \times 8.5"\$