

Heights Christian Junior High
DC Trip 2011

Luggage Allowance Guidelines

American Airlines, Continental Airlines and United Airlines have the same luggage requirements.

- ❑ Maximum weight of **50 lbs.**
- ❑ There will be an **\$50 charge** for luggage over 50 lbs.
- ❑ **Maximum** dimensions for luggage checked-in is 62 inches (length+height+width)
- ❑ **There will be a charge of \$150.00 for luggage that is oversized.**
- ❑ ALL luggage checked-in (backpack) and carried on must have identification with name. (provided by HCJH)
- ❑ ALL luggage checked-in and carried on is subject to inspection by physical or electronic means. (**Do not lock luggage.**)
- ❑ One carry-on bag (backpack) is allowed. (A daypack/backpack for our students and chaperones) The carry on must go under the seat, **NOT** overhead!) The dimensions should measure less than 9x14x22 inches and weigh less than 40 pounds. These are the outer dimensions of a fully packed carry-on bag.
- ❑ A purse, briefcase, or computer case is also allowed for adults.
- ❑ One suitcase per person and the airport luggage fees for this bag are included your trip costs.

You will want to weigh the check-in luggage as you are packing and before you leave home to take your child to the airport. Do not leave the airport until the luggage is weighed.

“You will be responsible for the \$50 charge if the luggage is overweight and the \$150.00 charge if it is oversized!”

We will give the student two identification tags for their check-in and carry on luggage with the school information. The students name must be on both tags.

You will not be able to lock the checked-in luggage as they do random checking after it leaves your hands. **DO NOT pack anything valuable!**

Now **is not** the time to bring your “blankie”, a favorite pillow, over-sized slippers or anything else that is in excess of the required clothing items. You do not need robes. The hotel rooms are heated and you are not allowed outside the room unless you have street clothes on.

PLEASE REMEMBER – iPods and cell phones will be allowed on the plane but not while touring during the day. They will be confiscated if found and not given back until after the trip.

Packing tips from the experts!

(taken from an LA Times article)

- Weed out the excess
 - Start by laying out all your clothes ahead of time. Then assess whether you need everything that is in sight.
- Coordinate your clothing around just two or three colors.
 - This increases your outfit choices because everything goes with everything else.
 - Use black, blue and brown basics. (pants, vests, jackets, sweaters)
 - You may use each item two to three times. (The dirt doesn't show!)
 - Your colors can be in your shirts, blouses, turtle necks, etc.,
- Leave the blow dryer and curling iron at home.
 - Share with your room mates
 - All of our hotels will have hairdryers
 - Use travel size shampoo and conditioner (avoid large heavy bottles)
- Wear your heaviest clothes and shoes on the plane
 - Carry your jacket/coat or put it in your day pack
 - Wear your heaviest shoes (pack the other pair in your daypack)
 - Put your hat, gloves, scarf, etc. in your daypack
- Take older clothes (They can still be neat and clean – not torn or ragged)
 - If they get dirty you may want to just throw them away.
 - Socks and underwear do well in this situation.
 - This leaves more room in your luggage for souvenirs!

Please remember that besides the size of your carry-on, there is the question of the content.

The following item should not be in your carry-on: (have to say it!)

- Knives of any length
- Cutting instruments of any kind
- Straight razor/spare blades/folding or retractable blades
- Metal nail files/metal scissors
- Liquids of any kind, including gels, hairspray, shampoos ect...

If you have any question about an item in your carry-on, put it in the luggage to be checked.

Call Mrs. Snyder if you have any questions!