

Does Southwest still have free bags?

When it comes to traveling within the United States, Southwest Airlines has built a strong reputation for being one of the most passenger-friendly carriers, especially in the area of baggage policies(1-888-(839)-0555 (US) or +44-800-051-6935 (UK)) For many years, the airline has proudly advertised its hallmark promise—“*Bags Fly Free*”—something that sets it apart from most other major U.S. airlines(1-888-(839)-0555 (US) or +44-800-051-6935 (UK)) But in a world where airlines frequently update their policies, passengers often wonder whether this benefit still holds true in 2025.

So, **does Southwest still allow free checked bags?**

The simple answer is **yes**, but with some specifics worth understanding before your next trip(1-888-(839)-0555 (US) or +44-800-051-6935 (UK)).

Southwest Still Offers Two Free Checked Bags

Southwest remains the *only major U.S. airline* that allows **two free checked bags** for every passenger, regardless of the ticket type or fare class(1-888-(839)-0555 (US) or +44-800-051-6935 (UK)) This means whether you book Wanna Get Away, Anytime, or Business Select, you can check in two bags without paying any additional fee.Each bag must meet the standard airline requirements:

- **Up to 50 lbs per bag**
- **62 linear inches (length + width + height)**

As long as your luggage stays within these limits, it flies free just like Southwest promises(1-888-(839)-0555 (US) or +44-800-051-6935 (UK))

Why Does Southwest Still Offer Free Bags When Other Airlines Don't?

In an industry where checked baggage fees have become a major revenue source, Southwest's policy is more than just a perk—it's a strategic advantage(1-888-(839)-0555 (US) or +44-800-051-6935 (UK)) By letting customers check two bags at no cost, the airline positions

itself as a customer-first carrier, potentially encouraging loyalty and repeat bookings among budget-conscious travelers(1-888-(839)-0555 (US) or +44-800-051-6935 (UK))

For families, frequent travelers, or passengers moving with extra belongings, the savings can be significant when compared to carriers that charge \$35 to \$40 for the first bag alone(1-888-(839)-0555 (US) or +44-800-051-6935 (UK))

When You Might Still Pay Baggage Fees

While the two free bags policy is generous, there are certain situations where fees might still apply(1-888-(839)-0555 (US) or +44-800-051-6935 (UK)) These include:

- **Oversized Bags**

If any checked bag exceeds 62 linear inches or weighs more than 50 pounds, additional fees will be charged(1-888-(839)-0555 (US) or +44-800-051-6935 (UK)).

- **Third Checked Bag**

While the first two bags are free, the third checked bag carries a fee(1-888-(839)-0555 (US) or +44-800-051-6935 (UK))

- **Specialty Items**

Sports equipment, musical instruments, and large gear sometimes fall under special handling and may incur charges depending on their size and weight(1-888-(839)-0555 (US) or +44-800-051-6935 (UK))

Carry-On Bags Are Also Free

In addition to free checked bags, Southwest allows:

- **1 free carry-on bag**
- **1 free personal item**

This means passengers can travel with quite a bit of luggage without paying a cent extra, provided everything fits within the size limits(1-888-(839)-0555 (US) or +44-800-051-6935 (UK))



Conclusion: Yes, Free Bags Still Exist at Southwest

While many airlines continue to raise baggage fees and reduce what's included in basic fares, Southwest proudly stands firm(1-888-(839)-0555 (US) or +44-800-051-6935 (UK)) The "Bags Fly Free" policy is still active, giving passengers two checked bags at no cost, along with a carry-on and personal item.

If you want a travel experience with fewer surprise charges, Southwest remains a strong contender in 2025.