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Traveling This Summer? Read These Tips Before Coming to the Airport

Suggestions for a smooth trip through Philadelphia International Airport

PHILADELPHIA – With the busy summer travel season here, Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is prepared to welcome large numbers of travelers.

To facilitate your departure, the Airport is pleased to provide the following tips:

- Check your flight status by contacting your airline directly, or call the Airport at 800-PHL-GATE, or visit the Airport's [website](#). Please have your flight number handy.
- If you are 18 or older, make sure you have a valid, **government-issued photo ID** (driver's license, passport, military ID, or government employee ID).
- Check with your airline for recommended check-in time.
- Liquids, gels, aerosols, creams and pastes in **3.4-ounce or smaller containers** may be carried onto the aircraft in a re-sealable, one-quart, clear plastic bag. Only one such bag per passenger is permitted. Medications, baby formula and food, and breast milk are allowed in reasonable quantities exceeding 3.4 ounces.
- For additional information on permitted and prohibited items, consult the **Transportation Security Administration** (TSA) [website](#), e-mail the TSA at TSA-ContactCenter@dhs.gov or call the TSA Consumer Response Center toll-free at 1-866-289-9673. The **My TSA** mobile application can be downloaded.
- Travelers with disabilities and medical conditions may call the TSA Cares toll-free helpline at 1-855-787-2227 with any questions about screening policies, procedures and what to expect at the security checkpoint.
- [TSA Pre-Check](#) lanes for eligible passengers are available at Security Checkpoints in Terminals A-East, B, C and D/E.

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- [Global Entry](#) kiosks are available in the federal inspection area of Customs Arrivals.
- Automated Passport Control kiosks are available in the federal inspection area in Terminal A-West to U.S. and Canadian passport holders and eligible international visitors from Visa Waiver Program countries. For more information, visit www.cbp.gov
- **Airline ticket counter personnel handle wheelchair service requests (all airlines provide wheelchair service; only US Airways/American Airlines provides both wheelchair and electric cart service).** If you require these services, advise your airline when making your reservation and confirm the request prior to the day of departure.
- Check with your airline for specific carry-on baggage allowances as well as checked baggage policies.
- Place your **name and contact information** inside your checked bags in case your luggage tag is lost.
- Check with your airline to find out if it offers curbside check-in.
- Passengers must obtain **boarding passes** before entering the security checkpoint. If you are not checking any bags, you may check in and **print boarding passes from the airline's website**, and most airlines have **check-in kiosks** at the Airport away from the ticket counter. In addition, most airlines operating at PHL offer mobile boarding; check with your carrier.
- At the checkpoint, have boarding passes and photo ID ready for inspection by TSA personnel and keep these documents handy until you exit the checkpoint.
- **Drinks may not be taken through the checkpoint.** Consider picking up a carry-on meal and beverage for your flight once you have passed through the checkpoint. Most airlines now charge for in-flight meals; on some flights, food may not be offered.
- All checked baggage may be hand-searched. The TSA recommends using locks that screeners can open and re-lock. Some recommended locks are listed on its website.

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Parking:

- Long-term parking is available in the **Garages** and in the **Economy Lot**; parking in the **Short-Term** lot is recommended for visits of less than one hour.
- Parking Rates are:

Economy Lot: \$11.00 daily

Garage Parking: \$20.00 daily

Short-Term Lot: \$40 daily

\$6.00 up to 1 hr

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\$15.00 up to 3 hrs

\$20.00 up to 4 hrs

- For more information on Airport parking, contact the [Philadelphia Parking Authority](#) at 215-683-9842.
- A PHL **“Cell Phone Waiting Lot”** is available for motorists to wait, with their vehicles, for short periods of up to 30 minutes until their party is ready to be picked up. The lot is less than a one-minute drive from the baggage claim areas. Follow the Arriving Flights roadway into the Airport and then follow the signs to the Cell Phone Waiting Lot.

SEPTA Airport Rail Line:

- The SEPTA Airport Line runs every 30 minutes and stops at Terminals A,B,C,D and E. The one-way fare is \$8.00 to and from Center City. For more information, contact SEPTA at 215-580-7800 or visit SEPTA's [website](#).

Keep up to date with PHL news by following the Airport on Twitter @PHLAirport.

“During the summer travel season, many people fly who are not accustomed to air travel so we try to make their trip through the Airport less stressful by offering these helpful tips,” said Airport CEO Mark Gale. “We want to wish everyone a pleasant summer and safe travels.”

This year, Philadelphia International Airport celebrates the 75th anniversary of its commercial air service. In 1940, the Airport served 40,000 passengers flying to a handful of cities. Today, more than 30 million passengers travel annually to 131 destinations around the world.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$14.4 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 141,000 jobs.