

Before you go advice from your friends at **The Joy of Travel**

Check in with your airline online 24 hours prior to your departure.

Some airlines do not allow you to complete the online check in process for international flights, but at least you'll notice any schedule changes and can complete the check in process upon arrival at the airport.

Schedule changes occur regularly, sometimes at the very last minute, and while we do our best to alert you to schedule changes you are responsible for determining your current schedule.

To check in online you will need your airline record locator which is found in the flight information area of your documents. It is 6 digits ex. ABCDEF. Baggage fees and restrictions are found on your airline website, along with information regarding your ability to change or upgrade your seats. Plan to arrive no less than 2 hours prior to your departure time, 3 hours for international flights, during peak season or on weekend travel dates.

*If you are celebrating a honeymoon or anniversary, take proof of your wedding date along with you.

*Pay special attention to your transfer/rental car instructions

*Pack a bathing suit in your carry on. If your room isn't ready when you arrive at the resort you can change clothes and head for the beach or pool.

Pack liquids/gels in your checked baggage. You are permitted to carry into the cabin a 1 quart zip top bag holding 3 ounce or smaller containers of liquids or gels. Limit is one bag per passenger. This is your 3-1-1 bag.

Medications should be taken onboard with you inside your carry-on bag, and should be in their original packaging or prescription bottles. Do not pack essential medications in your checked luggage.

Unless you have TSA Pre-Check all footwear must be removed for X-ray screening. Wearing footwear that can be easily removed is helpful.

Avoid wearing accessories or clothing that contain metal, which will set off the metal detector.

When you arrive at security:

*Place the following items in your carry-on prior to entering the screening checkpoint: cell phones, keys, loose change, jewelry and large metal items.

*Declare all permitted liquid exceptions to a security officer in front of the checkpoint.

*Take your 3-1-1 bag out of your carry-on and place separately in bin.

*Take CPAP machines and your laptop out of their cases for screening.

*Remove your footwear, belt, hat. empty your pockets, remove your suit coat, jacket or blazer to place in the bin for X-ray.

Be prepared: Each time TSA searches a carry-on it slows down the line. Practicing 3-1-1 will ensure a faster and easier checkpoint experience.

*Arrive early and be patient. Heavy traffic volumes and the enhanced security process may mean longer lines at security checkpoints.

Please contact our agency or **www.tsa.gov** for questions pertaining to this information.