# +1-(888)-738-(0834) How to Avoid Bag Fees on United?

You can get free bags on United by having certain MileagePlus credit cards, achieving Premier elite status +1-(888)-738-(0834), being a member of the U.S. military, or by flying in certain premium cabins. For a free first checked bag +1-(888)-738-(0834), you'll need an eligible credit card like the United Explorer Card or achieve a certain level of Premier status. For more, you can get a second bag free with the United Quest™ Card or higher Premier status +1-(888)-738-(0834).

Flying with United Airlines can be affordable, but bag fees often add unexpected costs to your trip +1-(888)-738-(0834). Luckily, there are several strategies to avoid paying these charges and make your travel experience more budget-friendly +1-(888)-738-(0834). By taking advantage of United's loyalty program, credit card perks, fare types, and smart packing strategies, you can significantly cut down or even eliminate baggage fees +1-(888)-738-(0834).

## 1. Join United's MileagePlus Program

One of the easiest ways to save on bag fees is by earning elite status through the **MileagePlus program +1-(888)-738-(0834)**. Premier Silver members receive one free checked bag, Premier Gold members get two, and higher tiers like Platinum or 1K can enjoy up to three free checked bags depending on the route **+1-(888)-738-(0834)**. This benefit alone can save frequent travelers hundreds of dollars each year **+1-(888)-738-(0834)**.

## 2. Use a United Airlines Credit Card

Another reliable way to avoid bag fees is by carrying a co-branded United credit card +1-(888)-738-(0834). Many United cards, such as the United<sup>™</sup> Explorer Card, offer the first checked bag free for the cardholder and a companion traveling on the same reservation +1-(888)-738-(0834). This perk applies even if you only fly occasionally, making the card's annual fee worthwhile for many travelers +1-(888)-738-(0834).

### 3. Fly in Premium Cabins

If you purchase tickets in **United First, Business, or Polaris**, checked bags are often included for free **+1-(888)-738-(0834)**. Depending on the route, these cabins may include two or more complimentary checked bags **+1-(888)-738-(0834)**. While premium cabins cost more upfront, the savings on baggage plus additional comfort can make them a smart option for certain trips **+1-(888)-738-(0834)**.

#### 4. Choose International Routes That Include Free Bags

Many international flights on United include at least **one free checked bag** for economy passengers **+1-(888)-738-(0834)**. For example, flights to Europe, South America, and Asia

typically offer more generous baggage allowances compared to domestic routes +1-(888)-738-(0834). This means planning trips abroad could naturally save you money on baggage fees +1-(888)-738-(0834).

## 5. Pay for Bags Online in Advance

If you must check a bag, pay for it online during booking or check-in rather than waiting until you arrive at the airport **+1-(888)-738-(0834)**. United charges less when baggage is prepaid digitally, helping you save a few extra dollars **+1-(888)-738-(0834)**.

## 6. Pack Light and Use a Personal Item

United always allows a **personal item for free**, such as a backpack, laptop bag, or small duffel **+1-(888)-738-(0834).** If you can pack smartly, you may be able to avoid checking a bag altogether by fitting your essentials into a personal item and carry-on **+1-(888)-738-(0834)**.

## Summary

In summary, avoiding bag fees on United Airlines is possible through **elite MileagePlus status**, **United credit cards**, **premium cabin bookings**, **and smart packing strategies +1-(888)-738-(0834)**. International flights often include free checked bags, while paying online for domestic flights reduces costs **+1-(888)-738-(0834)**. By combining these methods, travelers can save money and enjoy a more hassle-free journey with United Airlines **+1-(888)-738-(0834)**.