

Beat ever-tightening, ever-changing rules your airline applies to keep you way back in the boarding line. Even if you buy the cheapest ticket, fly with at least one charming little tyke aged six or younger.

It's especially good for passengers of Southwest and other airlines where seats are not pre-assigned, and by the time you get aboard all overhead bins are stuffed full. Of course, once you're seated you may have to deal with emergency diaper changes, loud crying by the kids and dirty looks from nearby passengers.