



In case you haven't noticed, as the weather heats up airlines always add more charges to everything from tickets to taxes. On many airlines you'll pay \$30 or more each way for checked bags. Southwest still allows two free checked bags.

The best way to avoid or reduce the baggage fees and extra waiting times is don't drag the big bags. Take less gear in soft carry-ons or back-packs you can stash in the overhead or under your seat. If just a short flight schedule of a couple of days, take no bags. Wear a coat of many inside and outside pockets and carry everything with you.