TRAVELER'S BAG

THE PRE-FLIGHT CHECKLIST

SAVE IT. CHECK IT. FLY SMARTER.

A practical, printable checklist for smoother U.S. air travel.

1 3 PHOTOS THAT PROTECT YOUR BAG

- [ ] Bag tag barcode - take a clear close-up.
- [ ] Full suitcase with the attached airline bag tag visible.
- [ ] Open suitcase showing what you packed; keep receipts for valuable items.

TIP: Keep your bag-claim tag until your suitcase is returned.

2 3 SCREENSHOTS TO SAVE

- [ ] Booking confirmation, itinerary, and total price paid.
- [ ] Current fare for the same flights, if you plan to request a price adjustment.
- [ ] Airline cancellation, refund, and baggage rules for your ticket.

3 YOUR CARRY-ON SAFETY CHECK

- [ ] Power banks / spare lithium batteries: carry-on only (usually up to 100 Wh).
- [ ] Electronic devices: prevent accidental activation; check airline battery rules.
- [ ] Scissors: blades under 4 inches from the pivot may be allowed by TSA.
- [ ] Spreadable foods (such as hummus or peanut butter): TSA liquid limits apply.

4 KNOW YOUR MONEY PROTECTION

- [ ] Booking 7+ days ahead? Check the airline's 24-hour hold/refund policy.
- [ ] Flight cancelled or significantly changed? Check cash-refund eligibility.
- [ ] Lost or delayed bag? Report it promptly; save receipts for essentials.
- [ ] Weigh checked bags before leaving; check fees and weight limits.

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