

**Musicians'
Union**



Travelling with instruments Company policies...

RAIL

NATIONAL RAIL

http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations_destinations/luggage_animals.aspx

Luggage:

Customers may take up to three items of personal luggage free of charge, this includes two large items (such as suitcases or rucksacks) and one item of smaller hand luggage (such as a briefcase). Full details of the free allowances are available at stations.

Excess luggage and certain more bulky items (such as skis) may be carried, subject to available space, at an extra charge.

On Gatwick Express services bulky items such as skis are conveyed free in the luggage van. There is plenty of space on board for other luggage.

Articles carried

- Articles exceeding one metre in any dimension that cannot be carried by the passenger concerned. This includes canoes, hang-gliders, sail/surf boards, large furniture and any large musical instrument that cannot be carried without assistance.
- Motorcycles, mopeds, motor scooters and motorised cycles.
- Livestock (for example, pigs, sheep and goats).
- Any animal or article which, in the opinion of the train company staff, is causing or is likely to cause inconvenience to passengers due to its size or behaviour. On train staff are authorised to have items such as these removed from the train.

EAST COAST LINE CUSTOMER RELATIONS

<http://www.eastcoast.co.uk/on-board-our-trains/baggage-and-pets/luggage/>

Please ensure you are familiar with our luggage allowances before travelling:
You can bring up to three pieces of luggage – two larger items (90x70x30 cm)

and one piece of hand luggage. You will need to be able to handle your own luggage, unless you have booked assistance.

Please note oversized and extra luggage may be charged.

Extra luggage is classed as:

- each item in excess of the free allowance (as shown above),
- any item with dimensions exceeding 90 x 70 x 30 cm.

Oversized luggage may be refused in passenger accommodation if:

- the items would obstruct doorways, gangways or corridors,
- the dimension of the item exceeds 90 x 70 x 30cm,
- in the opinion of our staff, the item is only suitable to be conveyed in the luggage van.

Keeping your luggage safe:

- It may seem like common sense, but keeping a close eye on your bags really is the best way to ensure your belongings are kept safe.
- Clearly identify your property with a colourful marking/ribbons/tape etc on your bag to easily identify it, this makes it easier for you to keep an eye on it, and reduces the chances of someone taking it by accident.
- Luggage stored on-board should be labelled with your name, address and a contact number.
- Where possible, try and keep your luggage in sight and check it regularly throughout the journey.
- A train is a public place....keep small items such as phones, wallets, purses, tablets etc out of sight and secure when not in use.
- Some trains get very busy but always try and keep doors, gangways and corridors clear at all times.

If you prefer to travel light, why not try a [specialist luggage delivery service](#)?

LONDON UNDERGROUND

www.tfl.gov.uk/tube

For safety reasons, and for the comfort of other passengers, we do have to control what customers bring onto our Underground trains. We do not charge for things we allow, however we do ask that these items are not put on the seats, or allowed to block gangways, stairs, lifts or passages.

Under our Conditions of Carriage, you may bring with you any personal luggage that you are able to carry yourself (including up/down fixed stairways) and/or any other items, provided it is not dangerous or likely to injure anyone.

Additionally, the item must not be more than 2 metres long.

Our staff can refuse permission for you to take any item onto our trains. If you are not sure if a particular item will be allowed, please feel free to contact us:-

London Customer Services
A: 55 Broadway, London, SW1H 0BD
T: 0845 330 9880
F: 0845 600 6240

EUROSTAR

<http://www.eurostar.com/uk-en/travel-information/travel-preparation/baggage/baggage-allowances#musical>

Eurostar is committed to providing the best and most affordable means by which MU members can take their instruments into mainland Europe. Given the ongoing uncertainty of travelling by air with your instrument the MU has been working with Eurostar to find a more reliable, cost effective and safer means of transport.

Travelling on Eurostar

The MU has been working with Eurostar to get the best possible package for MU members travelling with their instruments – whilst an increase in demand has dictated that instruments measuring over 85cm at their longest length would require a ‘Companion’ seat, recent changes to Eurostar policy have indentified that **guitars** can be carried on the overhead luggage racks and will **not** require either a ‘Companion Seat’ *nor* travel through ‘baggage handling’ Instruments such as Keyboards, Double Basses, Harps etc would need to be registered as hold baggage.

Please note it is very important that if you check your instrument through ‘baggage handling’ then you ensure it is in a **hard case**.

Q: What if I have a cello in a soft case?

A: You would need to book a companion seat.

Q: What If I have a cello in a hard case?

A: You can either book a companion seat or check it in through ‘baggage handling’

Q: Can I take another piece of hand luggage into the compartment?

A: Yes, all instruments carried in the main compartment would form part of your baggage allowance, so you will be able to take an additional piece of hand luggage.

What is the Cost?

If you book in advance standard fares *can* be as low as £34.50, however follow this link for more accurate information

<http://www.eurostar.com/uk-en/travel-information/service-information/eurostar-fares/fares-to-paris-brussels-lille-and-calais>

Companion Seat

The price each way is the lowest that Eurostar can offer is **£35.00** which may be subject to increases.

Please note that this must be booked through Eurostar's contact centre on: **03432 186 186**.

Your instrument can travel **on a seat in your coach** with a fixed rate 'companion' ticket, if it fits these dimensions:

Window seat: 1m (approx) x 57.5cm x 45cm

Aisle seat: 1.36m (approx) x 57.5cm x 45cm

You can arrange this at your departure station on the day of travel but, if you book in advance, you'll have a better chance of your instrument travelling in a seat next to you.

Book on: **03432 186 186**.

Baggage Handling

Should you wish to check your instrument with a **hard case**, Eurostar have offered an exclusive price of £20.00 each way (£40.00 return) to MU members. The usual return cost for this method is £60.00

Registering your luggage – Baggage Handling

If you need to have your Instrument stored in the luggage compartment you will need to:

1. Email them at europdespatch@eurostar.com please include your MU number, instrument that you want too book, date of travel and train number as well as your phone number so they can get back to you. Alternatively you can call them on:
03448 225822.
2. Identify yourself as an MU number by giving them your membership number
3. When you take the instrument to the terminal take your MU card with you as proof of membership.

Eurostar Plus Points

When booking your travel, as an added bonus register for the online **Eurostar Plus Points** scheme. Please note plus points are only awarded for your travel ticket and not awarded for baggage / Instrument bookings and only if you book directly on Eurostar.com

For every £300 spent on travel you will then receive a £20 e voucher to redeem against future travel. You can also share your account with others and benefit from the travel of other passengers.

<http://www.eurostar.com/uk-en/loyalty-programmes/eurostar-plus-points#.Us61HtJdXX0>

Groups

If you are travelling as a group and you are all MU members Eurostar have offered a further 10% reduction in the cost of the groups' equipment going through the 'baggage handling' route, don't forget **hard cases** please. Minimum group size is 4 to qualify for this discount and all 4 members must be checking in their instruments through Eurodespatch.

Luggage Handling- Your concerns.

Eurostar have told the MU they are committed to providing a dedicated service for MU members travelling with instruments. The MU visited the despatch areas in both **St Pancras** and **Paris Gard du Nord**. In **Brussels** the SNCB railways baggage office handles instruments. The handlers are experienced in the safe handling and care of musical instruments. All compartments on board the train are locked and sealed until arrival. CCTV is in operation at the luggage offices and your instrument will always travel on the same train as yourself if requested at time of booking and subject to luggage hold availability otherwise they guarantee a 24hour delivery. On arrival follow the signs to the despatch area taking your booking document for identification to collect your instrument.

Insurance

Remember to ensure your insurance is up to date and covers you for overseas travel.

For further insurance advice contact: Hencilla Canworth on 0208 686 5050.

As an MU member you are entitled to free insurance up to £2000.00 so make sure you have registered with Hencilla Canworth on the above number to claim your free insurance.

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ONWARD INTO EUROPE

THALYS

<http://www.raileurope.co.uk/Default.aspx?tabid=1701>

A generous allowance

You can take up to **two suitcases** and **one piece of hand luggage** on Thalys trains. There's no weight limit as long as one person can carry the item. But no piece can be longer than 85cm.

Each item of luggage must have a **label** with your name on it. Luggage labels are available at the station before you board.

What you can take

As well as the usual suitcases, bags and rucksacks, you can also take the following on board as luggage:

- Prams and buggies for small children (folded)
- Bicycles contained in a loose cover 120 x 90 cm (front wheel removed)
- Folding bicycles
- Skis in a protective cover
- Portable musical instruments

You'll need to stow these in the luggage areas rather than the overhead racks.

TGV FRANCE- ITALY

<http://www.raileurope.co.uk/Default.aspx?tabid=3296>

FRANCE-SPAIN

<http://www.raileurope.co.uk/Default.aspx?tabid=3342>

For both of the above routes the allowance is the same.

Taking luggage on board the TGV France Italy

Wondering how much luggage you can take on board a TGV France Italy train?

- Each passenger is allowed two bags/suitcases plus their hand luggage
- The luggage racks can be found at the end of each carriage
- There are no charges for oversized luggage

COACH

NATIONAL EXPRESS

<https://help.nationalexpress.com/help/general/guitar>

You are allowed to take onto a service one or two medium sized suitcases or rucksacks (no more than 23KG per item) free of charge and one small piece of soft hand luggage. In this context hand luggage means something that is capable of being stored in the overhead rack or beneath the seat. With the exception of brief cases, no hard-shelled cases, wheelie bags or hard-framed rucksacks/back packs will be allowed on board. We shall have no obligation to carry luggage in excess of the permitted amount or size but additional prices of hold luggage, or 'outsized' items, will be permitted, but subject to space being available, and on payment of a charge for each extra piece. the charges will be £10.00 single journey per item (one journey can be multi-leg) or £15.00 return journey per item. A maximum of three chargeable items can be taken in the hold (maximum 5 overall). Other items must have no one dimension greater than 85cm. Items of luggage significantly in excess of 23kgs may be charged. Priority will be given to customers travelling with luggage within the free limits. Customers will be permitted to 'pool' their individual allowances if they are travelling in a group or as a family, but they must be travelling on the same ticket. If the customer pre-purchases excess luggage and there is insufficient room to take the luggage, he/she will have to wait for the next service where priority boarding will be given.

My musical instrument is too fragile for the hold, can I take it on board?

If you do not have a hard case for your musical instrument (in order for it to go into the luggage hold) our driver will, at his/her discretion, allow you to take your instrument on board the coach.

AIRCRAFT

Department of Transport

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/TravelAndTransport/Publictransport/AirtravelintheUK/DG_078179

As of April 2010, the Department for Transport no longer sets a maximum size for items of hand baggage. Airlines may also have their own rules about the number of bags you are allowed to take on the aircraft. It's best for passengers to contact them with any questions. There are no Government restrictions on the carriage of musical instruments and their accessories in the cabin of an aircraft.

The Department for Transport advises passengers that it's best to contact the individual airlines before booking as they may need to make special arrangements such as buying an extra seat for large instruments. Charges and fees imposed for the carriage of instruments are commercial decisions for the individual airlines concerned.

Jet2

<http://www.jet2.com/new/answers/baggage>

If your musical instrument is within the permitted hand baggage dimensions of 56x45x25cm and weighs less than 10kg, it can be carried onto the aircraft with you. Always check the prevailing airport hand baggage restrictions at your departure airport(s) as these can vary. Depending on the occupancy of the aircraft, strictly at our discretion, we may permit a slightly larger instrument to be carried on board, provided it will fit into the overhead lockers and the prevailing charge for carriage of this item is paid. Alternatively, we will accept such an item as checked baggage provided it is within a strong, protective case and you understand it is carried by us strictly on a "limited release" basis. We strongly recommend that you have comprehensive insurance cover in place to cover any loss, damage or delay as the airline's liability is limited. You will also be required to pay the prevailing rate for carriage of this item, the weight of which will be limited to 20kgs per item, thereafter you will be required to pay the current excess baggage charge per kilo up to a maximum weight of 32kgs per single item.

Larger instruments such as a guitar or cello, may be carried in the cabin on a dedicated seat but this extra seat must be paid for. A non-emergency exit window seat will be allocated. For safety reasons the item must weigh less than 65kg, be restrainable in the seat and must not extend above the top of the seat by more than 30cms.

BMI BABY

<http://www.bmiregional.com/en/top-menu/travel-information/baggage>

Musical instruments can be carried as hold baggage, free of charge, as long as the instrument(s) remains within your allocated size and weight allowance. Excess baggage rates apply if the allowance is exceeded.

Certain instruments, such as cellos, can be carried in the cabin, subject to an additional seat being purchased, as follows:

- One item per passenger permitted
- Charge the same fare for the instrument as the passenger excluding tax)
- Choose two adjacent seats - one for the passenger and one next to the passenger for the cello
- Cello to be secured by the safety belt with extension if necessary
- Maximum weight of the item - 75kgs with the centre of the mass no more than 30cms above the top of the seat cushion
- No seats adjacent to an emergency exit may be used

Please Note: Double Bass must be carried in the hold of the aircraft at all times.

RYANAIR

<http://www.ryanair.com/en/terms-and-conditions#regulations-cabinbaggage>

CABIN BAGGAGE

Strictly one item of cabin baggage per passenger (excluding infants) weighing up to 10kg with maximum dimensions of 55cm x 40cm x 20cm is permitted. (handbag, briefcase, laptop, shop purchases, camera etc.) must be carried in your 1 permitted piece of cabin baggage.

Extra/oversized cabin baggage will be refused at the boarding gate, or where available, placed in the hold of the aircraft for a fee of £60/€60. Fees are subject to VAT on Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese and German domestic routes at applicable government rates. If you are unsure, check at the Bag Drop desk before going through security.

Smaller musical items such as a cello, guitar, violin or viola which exceed our cabin baggage dimensions may be carried in the cabin if a seat for it has been reserved and the appropriate fare paid. There is no checked or cabin baggage allowance associated with the purchase of an extra seat.

To book an extra seat for an item the word "ITEM SEAT" must be entered as the surname and "EXTRA" must be entered at the first name. EXTRA ITEM SEAT will then be displayed on the reservation and online boarding pass. The accompanying passenger's travel document details must be entered during the online check-in process. Spanish Resident and Large Family Discount is not applicable on EXTRA seats.

Reserved seating in emergency rows 1,16 and 17 may not be purchased if you have purchased an extra seat for item/comfort/broken leg.

You must also fully comply with Article 8 of our Terms & Conditions of Carriage ([click here for details](#))

THOMPSON

<http://www.thomson.co.uk/editorial/extras/travel-options.html#excessbaggage>

If your instrument is larger than the maximum hand baggage dimensions, you'll need to check it in for an extra charge. We recommend you mark the instrument as fragile and advise check-in staff to handle with care. [See our Conditions of Carriage](#) for full details.

FLY BE

<http://www.flybe.com/baggage/exceptional-baggage.htm>

Musical instruments are normally carried in the hold of the aircraft, please ensure that they are suitably packaged and are covered by adequate insurance.

Cellos

Cellos can usually be carried in the cabin if an additional seat is purchased, as they can be secured safely in an aircraft seat. This must be booked at a fee via the Centre

- Cellos may be carried in the aircraft cabin providing that:
- a seat is purchased
- limited to 1 item per person
- the passenger must travel on the same flight
- must not be on a seat in an emergency exit row and must be in a seat on the inside
- seat must be dedicated for that item only
- must not exceed 75kg in weight
- is properly secured by aircraft safety lap strap
- the centre of mass must not be more than 30cm above seat cushion

Celtic harps

Loganair can accept Celtic harps for carriage in the hold, dimensions of which should not exceed 1.25m x 0.25m x 0.85m and should be packed in a suitable case. Due to aircraft restrictions, a maximum of one Celtic harp per aircraft may be carried. Should you wish to carry a Celtic harp please contact lainhunter@loganair.co.uk to reserve this.

All other musical instruments

Other musical instruments are permitted in the cabin as long as they meet the hand luggage requirements.

Guitars will be treated as a hold bag and therefore baggage charges will apply for its carriage. excess charges will apply if the weight exceeds 20 kilos.

All other large musical instruments such as harps, double bass, drum kits, guitars, etc. will need to be prepared and packaged for carriage in the aircraft hold. These will be carried on a standby basis only and standard fees apply. [View details of musical instrument fees.](#)

Fees:

Musical instruments

Charges are per instrument per sector. Pricing is dependant on instrument size. These items are carried on a space available basis.

Essentials/New Economy/Plus

Flybe passengers on Flybe UK operated flights

Bookings made via:	Flybe.com			Call Centre			Airport		
	GBP	EUR	CHF	GBP	EUR	CHF	GBP	EUR	CHF
per musical item per sector	n/a			30	40	48	30	40	48

Flybe passengers on all Loganair operated flights

	GBP	EUR	NOK	GBP	EUR	NOK	GBP	EUR	NOK
per musical item per sector	n/a			10	13	100	10	13	100

Pre-booking seats

Charges are per passenger, per sector. Prices may vary by route.

MONARCH

<http://www.monarch.co.uk/faq/flights/baggage/other-baggage-faqs>

Can I travel with my musical instrument?

If you wish to take your musical instrument onboard the aircraft for storage in the overhead locker, it can be carried as hand baggage, but not in addition to your standard hand-baggage allowance. You must ensure that it complies with our weight and size restrictions for hand baggage – explained within our hand-baggage guidelines and your instrument should be safely housed in its own carry case.

Larger instruments may be transported in the hold of the aircraft in a suitable case – excess charges and baggage fees may apply. Alternatively, you may purchase an extra seat for your musical instrument, provided it fits comfortably into the dimensions of a single, standard aircraft seat and can be strapped in using a normal seatbelt. For further information regarding

carriage of musical instruments please contact one of our reservations team. Additional seats for musical instruments will need to be purchased via reservations or your tour operator – pre booked seat fees may apply.

EASYJET

<http://www.easyjet.com/planning/baggage>

Musical instruments as hold luggage

Music instruments can be booked as hold luggage items. You will pay the normal luggage charge up to 20kg. If the musical instrument weighs more than 20kg, you can pay for additional weight up to 32kg online. If you don't pay for the additional weight online, you will need to pay for the excess weight at the airport – which will be much more expensive.

Cabin Bag – what goes in and what stays out?

Cabin bag guarantee on all flights. Make sure your cabin bag travels with you.

Our customers have told us they want to keep their cabin bag with them – and not have to put it in the hold on busy flights where overhead locker space is limited.

And now you can. Our new cabin bag guarantee means you can make sure your bag travels with you in the cabin, even on the busiest flights.

To take advantage of the guarantee, simply bring ONE slightly smaller bag no bigger than **50 x 40 x 20cm** including handles and wheels and we'll guarantee it will travel with you either in the overhead locker or, if necessary, under the seat in front of you.

You can still choose to bring ONE slightly bigger bag up to the maximum size of 56 x 45 x 25cm including handles and wheels, but on some busy flights your bag may have to go into the hold.

easyJet plus cardholders, *FLEXI* fare, easyJet plus Upfront or Extra Legroom customers, can continue to bring ONE piece of cabin baggage no bigger than 56 x 45 x 25cm including handles and wheels – and use easyJet plus Speedy Boarding to board first in order to secure space in the overhead lockers.

So if keeping your cabin bag with you is a priority, why not bring a slightly smaller bag (which is still big enough to hold all your travel essentials) and we guarantee it will not go in the hold – even if the flight is full.

BRITISH AIRWAYS

<http://www.britishairways.com/en-gb/information/baggage-essentials/sporting-goods-and-musical-instruments>

'We know there's more to packing than t-shirts and flip-flops. Your musical instruments and sporting equipment are just as important to us as any regular bag, which is why we accept most items as part of your free baggage allowance. Some large or heavy items may incur an additional charge. Whether your equipment is required for professional or just recreational use, you can be confident that your valuable items are safe in our skilled hands.'

Musical instruments on British Airways

Musical instruments can be taken on board as part of your free hand baggage allowance providing they fit within the maximum bag dimensions. Where possible, we'll also try and accommodate instruments that are slightly larger.

What's my free hand baggage allowance?

Larger instruments can be carried as part of your free checked baggage allowance or as part of an additional purchased allowance if required. We'll even carry instruments larger and heavier than the standard checked baggage limits, up to 45kg (99lb) and 190cm x 75cm x 65cm (75in x 29.5in x 25.5in), providing you notify us at least 24 hours before your flight. (A double bass will be accepted even above these dimensions.) Instruments over 23kg may incur a heavy bag charge.

It may also be possible to purchase an extra seat for your instrument, depending on availability. You'll need to call us to discuss your requirements as extra seats cannot be booked online.

<http://www.baworldcargo.com/products/bags.shtml?site=%2Fproducts%2Fbags.shtml>
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Virgin

Musical instruments

If you're planning on bringing a musical instrument with you, bear in mind it may not fit within your hand baggage allowance.

If it exceeds the hand baggage allowance measurements, you'll need to check it in (and pay an [additional baggage fee](#), if it takes you over your check in allowance).

However, rather than checking it in on the spot we'll still ask you to carry it through to the airport security checkpoint (subject to relevant Airport Security approval). As instruments are especially fragile, this ensures safer carriage. It will be taken at the departure gate for loading into the hold of the aircraft, so please make sure it's suitably protected when you pack it.

Alternatively, you can book a maximum of two extra seats for your instruments. They cannot exceed 75kg (165 lbs) and their centre of mass should be no more than 30cm (12 inches) above the top of the seat cushion.

For any questions about bringing a large musical instrument, please [contact us](#) in advance of your flight.

Delta Airlines

http://www.delta.com/content/www/en_US/traveling-with-us/baggage/before-your-trip/special-items.html

Musical instruments and/or equipment are accepted as checked baggage, carry-on baggage or cabin-seat baggage — depending on its size and shape — on Delta and Delta Connection® carriers flights¹. Please help us to keep your instrument safe by bringing it in a hard-shell case.

What Instruments Can I Check?

Musical instruments or equipment can be checked if the total linear dimension (length + width + height) does not exceed 115 inches (292 cm), and provided the weight, including the case, does not exceed 100 lbs. (45 kg).

See standard rules and fees for overweight and oversized baggage.

What Instruments Can I Carry On?

Guitars and other smaller musical instruments, such as violins, will be accepted as your free carry-on baggage item on Delta and Delta Connection® carriers flights¹. These items must easily fit in the overhead bin or other approved storage location in the cabin, based on available space at the time of boarding. Musical instruments may be gate claimed at the discretion of the passenger and as a result of limited overhead space.

What Instruments Might Need Their Own Seat?

You may purchase a full fare ticket for an item that you feel is too fragile to be handled as checked baggage. You may stow the baggage in any passenger seat with a bulkhead or divider in front of the compartment. The following restrictions apply. The item must:

- not exceed 100 lbs. (45 kg)
- be packaged or covered in a way to avoid injury to other passengers
- be properly secured by a seatbelt to avoid shifting during flight
- not restrict access to, or use of, any required emergency or regular exits or aisle of the cabin
- not obscure any passenger's view of seatbelt, no smoking or exit signs
- not contain dangerous goods
- be secured in a seat in the same cabin as the owner and preferably next to the owner

For pricing information, contact Reservations.

¹Codeshare partner baggage policies may differ. Not valid for travel to and from the United Kingdom.

KLM

Musical instruments

You can bring your musical instrument in one of 3 ways:

1. Instead of a suitcase, or instead of an extra suitcase

Your musical instrument may weigh max 23 kg / 50.5 lbs and must be packed in a hard case. Please make sure that your instrument is properly packed, as we are not liable for any damage. You do not need to reserve for transportation of a musical instrument, unless it is larger than 158 cm / 62 in (l + h + w).

If your instrument weighs more than 32 kg (70.5 lbs) or measures more than 200 cm / 79 in (l + h + w) you need to reserve for its transportation via KLM Telephone Reservations, and receive confirmation at least 48 hours before departure.

2. As hand baggage

A smaller musical instrument, such as a violin or smaller instrument, you can bring instead of a piece of hand baggage. It needs to fit in the overhead baggage compartment.

3. On an extra seat

Larger instruments which do not fit in the overhead baggage compartment or under the seat can be taken into the cabin to be transported on a seat. This seat needs to be booked in advance via [KLM Telephone Reservations](#)

https://www.klm.com/travel/gb_en/prepare_for_travel/baggage/exceptional_baggage/index.htm#p3

AIRPORTS

HEATHROW

Baggage allowances

Baggage allowances are determined by airlines and will depend on factors such as fare paid, class of travel, route, aircraft type, government regulations, and the airline's commercial and health and safety policies.

Airlines generally set a 'free baggage allowance', expressed by 'weight' and by 'piece'. They may allow, and set charges, for baggage not meeting these criteria (excess baggage).

Travellers are advised to check baggage allowances with their airline when booking to avoid confusion or complications at check-in.

What you can and can't pack

You'll find details of items which can't be packed in baggage on our [hold luggage security page](#).

Baggage enquiries

Baggage handling and delivery are the responsibility of the airline from check-in until collection.

If you leave anything on an aircraft or an airline bus, you should contact the airline immediately.

Some airlines subscribe to a replacement service for baggage which has been damaged in transit. For details please [contact your airline](#) directly.

Excess baggage and unaccompanied items

The Excess Baggage Company provides services including:

- Forwarding of excess or unaccompanied baggage (UK or worldwide)
- Baggage wrapping
- Baggage storage (left luggage).

Express, premium and economy services are available.

Visit ExcessBaggage.com for details.

Unusual or outsize baggage

Please inform your airline or handling agent about any outsize or unusual items of baggage well in advance of departure.

GATWICK

Hand baggage rules

Our general advice is to carry the very minimum of hand baggage, and make sure you arrive early at the airport and allow plenty of time for security screening. The rules for hand baggage can be summarised as follows:

- You are allowed just one piece of hand luggage* and this must not exceed 56cm x 45cm x 25cm. Most airlines do also allow passengers to carry a handbag too, but please check with your airline to make sure
- Your hand luggage must not contain any sharp items
- You may only carry small amounts of liquid, gels, creams and pastes (in containers no bigger than 100ml) – and all these items must be inside one transparent re-sealable bag (maximum size: 20cm x 20cm) which will be screened separately at security. And while this means you can't carry much in the way of drinking water, once you're through security, any of our food outlets will be happy to offer you a glass of tap water.

You are allowed to carry greater quantities of liquids, gels, creams and pastes – but you should put these in your hold luggage. For full information of what you can and can't carry in your hand luggage see our [security leaflet](#).

LUTON

At London Luton Airport each passenger is permitted to carry ONE item of cabin baggage through the airport security search point, the size of this item is restricted to a small trolley case.

In addition to the one item permitted above, each passenger may carry a musical instrument in its case. (No items other than the musical instrument and its accessories can be carried within its case).

However, you may need to check with each individual carrier as their policy on hand luggage allowance varies from one to another (i.e. the passenger may be required to pay for excess baggage or for an extra seat if it is a large musical instrument).

STANSTED

Hand baggage restrictions

Following the Government's reduction in security levels from critical to severe, passengers are reminded that strict security remains in place at all UK airports. This easing of restrictions is not a return to normal.

[Find out more about the latest hand baggage restrictions](#)

Baggage allowances

Baggage allowances are determined by the airlines and will depend on a number of factors, for example; the fare paid, class, route, aircraft type, government regulations, and the airlines' own company commercial and health and safety policies.

In general, airlines set a "free baggage allowance". The allowance will be expressed by 'weight' and by 'piece'. Airlines may allow, and set charges, for baggage not meeting these criteria, i.e. 'excess baggage'. Travellers are advised to verify baggage allowances with the relevant airline when booking their ticket to avoid confusion or complications when checking in at the airport.

Baggage handling and delivery is the responsibility of the airlines from the point of check-in to the point of collection. If anything is left on an aircraft or an airline bus the airline should be contacted immediately.

Some airlines subscribe to a replacement service for baggage which has been damaged in transit. For details please contact your airline directly.

Excess and unaccompanied baggage

The Excess Baggage Company provides a range of baggage services, including forwarding of excess or unaccompanied baggage (within the UK or worldwide), bag wrap, and storage. It offers express, premium and economy services. Visit the [Excess Baggage Company website](#) for full details of its fully covered unaccompanied baggage services.

Unusual items

Please inform your airline or handling agent about any outsize or unusual items of baggage well in advance of departure.

BIRMINGHAM

The Security Management Team state there would be no problem allowing instruments through the central search into the departure lounges, regardless of size.

However, with regard to carriage onto the aircraft, luggage restrictions and any additional charges etc, this would be down to the individual airline.

MANCHESTER

CHECK THE SECURITY RULES

At Manchester Airport, we make the safety and security of customers and staff our absolute priority. To make your journey as smooth as possible and avoid unnecessary delays, we ask that you pay special attention to our security procedure.

To ensure your journey is a smooth one, please ensure that you read the latest regulations about what you can and cannot take on board the aircraft.

HAND BAGGAGE

1 bag rule - Manchester Airport have lifted the 1 bag per passenger rule. This includes easyJet and Ryanair.

We would remind all passengers that each airline has their own policy regarding the amount of hand baggage allowed on their aircraft and we strongly recommend that information regarding this is sought directly from the Airline before travel.

Size - The current restrictions on the size of hand baggage taken into the restricted area of the airport remain in place with no bag larger than 56cm x 45cm x 25cm being permitted.

GLASGOW

Baggage allowances

Baggage allowances are determined by airlines and will depend on factors such as fare paid, class, route, aircraft type, government regulations, and the airline's own company, commercial and health and safety policies.

In general, airlines set a "free baggage allowance", expressed by "weight" and by "piece". Airlines may allow, and set charges for, items exceeding these limits ("excess baggage"). Travellers are advised to verify baggage allowances with the airline when booking their ticket to avoid confusion or complications at the airport.

Baggage handling

Baggage handling and delivery is the responsibility of the airlines from the point of check-in to the point of collection. If anything is left on an aircraft or an airline bus, please contact the airline immediately.

Some airlines subscribe to a replacement service for baggage which has been damaged in transit. For details please contact your airline directly.