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Inconsistent Baggage Fees Often Confuse Travelers and Increase Overall Airfare

ORLANDO, Fla. (Sept. 24, 2008) - With people starting to book their holiday travel and airlines continuing to increase their fares due to gas prices, it is more important than ever for travelers to pay close attention to the airlines' various baggage fees and limits.

Research shows that more and more airlines have instituted fees for the quantity and weight of passenger luggage. However, not all airlines fees are consistent, which makes booking your flight and calculating your total air fare (ticket and baggage fees) difficult.

For example, a family of four may think they've found a deal on airline tickets at \$300 each, round trip. However, with some airlines charging as much as \$15 one way for each person's first bag, the family could end up spending at least \$1,320 round trip or more if they have additional luggage. This example is conservative and doesn't factor in overweight bags, and whether the travelers have more than one bag per person, which is often the case when traveling with gifts.

"Passengers must not just pay close attention to airline fees but also how they pack for their travels," said Casey Wohl, The Getaway Girl™, travel expert and author of the *Girls Getaway Guide* series. "In some cases, it may be best to pay a little more for a ticket and travel on an airline that doesn't have strict baggage fees."

Wohl has several recommendations for packing light and reducing travelers' luggage needs:

- Ship holiday gifts before departing to and from your destination
- Pack kids together versus allowing each child to have their own suitcase
- Pack backpacks for children so they have their own carry-on bags
- Wear or carry your heavier items, such as jackets or boots, on the plane with you
- Plan on layering your clothes, which is space efficient and will help you dress for the weather

For more tips on how you can save money on your next trip, see what baggage fees airlines charge are currently charging or see how the top airlines compare with each other, visit Wohl's website at www.GirlsGetawayGuide.net for a complete chart in the Tip Section.

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