



Going to the Airport: A Beginner's Guide

Are you planning a trip to a foreign country, but feeling overwhelmed by the process of going to the airport? This guide will help you navigate your way through the airport and onto your flight with ease.



When was the last time you went to the airport?

Where did you go?

How do you feel about air travel?

What Is a Boarding Pass?

A boarding pass is a ticket that allows you to get on the plane. After checking in for your flight, you will receive a boarding pass that includes your seat number, boarding time, and other important information about your flight.

1 Extra Point:

Make sure to keep your boarding pass in a safe place, like your passport holder or wallet, as you will need it again when you board the plane.



How Do You Ask Someone for Directions to the Airport?

If you're unsure of how to get to the airport, don't be afraid to ask for directions. A polite way to ask is by saying, "Excuse me, can you tell me how to get to the airport, please?"

1 Extra Point:

Many airports also have information desks where you can ask for help with directions or other travel-related questions.



What Is the Name of the Area Where You Wait for Your Flight to Be Called?

The area where you wait for your flight to be called is often referred to as the "departure lounge" or "gate area." This is where you will find your gate number, monitor your flight information, and relax before your flight.

1 Extra Point:

Make sure to keep an eye on the monitor to ensure that there are no last-minute gate changes or delays.



How Do You Check In for Your Flight?

You can check in for your flight online or at the airport counter with your passport and ticket. At the airport, look for the check-in counter for your airline and follow the instructions to check in for your flight.

1 Extra Point:

Be sure to arrive at the airport with enough time to check in, drop off your bags (if necessary), and go through security before your flight.



What Is the Process of Moving from the Airport to the Airplane Called?

This process is known as "boarding." After your boarding pass has been scanned, you will make your way to the plane and find your seat. Flight attendants will be on hand to assist you with any questions or needs you may have.

1 Extra Point:

The boarding process is usually done in groups, so pay attention to your boarding time or group number to avoid missing your flight.

How Can You Ask Someone if Your Flight Is on Time?

One common question to ask airport staff is, "Is my flight on time?" You can also check the monitor for your flight information, which will indicate if your flight is delayed or on time.

1 Extra Point:

If your flight is delayed or canceled, don't hesitate to ask airport staff for assistance with rebooking or finding alternate transportation.

What Do You Call the Person Who Is in Charge of the Plane During the Flight?

The person who is in charge of the plane during the flight is called the "pilot." Pilots are highly trained professionals who are responsible for the safety and navigation of the plane during the flight.

1 Extra Point:

You may also hear the pilot referred to as the "captain" or "flight crew."





How Do You Express That You're Nervous About Flying?

It's normal to feel nervous about flying, especially if you're a first-time flyer. You can express your concerns to flight attendants or airport staff by saying, "I'm a bit nervous about the flight."

1 Extra Point:

There are many ways to alleviate nervousness during the flight, like deep breathing exercises, listening to calming music, or talking to your seatmate or flight attendant.



What Can You Do During the Flight to Pass the Time?

Long flights can be boring, but there are plenty of ways to pass the time. You can watch movies, read, or listen to music. Some airlines also have in-flight entertainment systems that offer a variety of options to choose from.

1 Extra Point:

Make sure to take breaks every once in a while to stretch your legs or use the restroom.



What Do You Call the Process of the Plane Touching Down on the Ground?

This process is called "landing." As the plane descends toward the runway, it will gradually slow down until it comes to a complete stop on the ground.

1 Extra Point:

Make sure to wait until the plane has come to a complete stop before standing up or retrieving your bags from the overhead compartment.

How Can You Ask Someone for a Customs Declaration Form?

If you're traveling internationally, you will need to fill out a customs declaration form before going through customs. A polite way to ask someone for a form is by saying, "Can I have a customs declaration form, please?"

1 Extra Point:

Make sure to fill out the form completely and honestly to avoid any issues with customs officials.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Customs and Border Protection OMB No. 1651-0113

Welcome to the United States
Nonimmigrant Visa Waiver Arrival/Departure Form
Instructions

This form is to be completed by every nonimmigrant visitor not in possession of a passport, who is a national of one of the countries enumerated in 8 CFR 217.101. This form can provide you with the current list of eligible countries.

Print legibly with pen in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS. USE ENGLISH.

This form is in two parts. Please complete both the Arrival Record, items 1 through 13, and the Departure Record, items 14 through 17. The reverse side of this form provides instructions and is dated. Children under the age of fourteen must have their form completed by a parent/guardian.

If you are entering the United States by land, enter **LAND** in this space. If you are entering the United States by ship, enter **SEA** in this space.

1. Arrival Record Number
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2. Mode of Entry
LAND

3. Birth Date (day/mo/yr)
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4. Country of Citizenship
USA

5. Sex (male or female)
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6. Airline and Flight Number
AA 1234

7. City Where You Boarded
LAX

8. Date of Arrival (day/mo/yr)
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9. State
CA

10. Country of Residence
USA

11. Date of Departure (day/mo/yr)
12 12 12

12. Signature
[Signature]

13. Date
12 12 12

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14. Departure Record Number
357447 12

15. Mode of Exit
LAND

16. Birth Date (day/mo/yr)
12 12 12

17. Country of Citizenship
USA

18. Date of Departure (day/mo/yr)
12 12 12

19. Signature
[Signature]

20. Date
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Do any of the following apply to you? (Answer Yes or No)

- A. Do you have a communicable disease, physical or mental disorder, or are you a drug abuser or addict? Yes No
- B. Have you ever been arrested or convicted for an offense or crime involving moral turpitude or a violation related to a controlled substance; or been arrested or convicted for two or more offenses for which the aggregate sentence to confinement was five years or more; or been a controlled substance trafficker; or are you seeking entry to engage in criminal or immoral activities? Yes No
- C. Have you ever been or are you now involved in espionage or sabotage; or in terrorist activities; or genocide; or between 1933 and 1945 were involved, in any way, in persecutions associated with Nazi Germany or its allies? Yes No
- D. Are you seeking to work in the U.S.; or have ever been excluded and deported; or been previously removed from the United States; or procured or attempted to procure a visa or entry into the U.S. by fraud or misrepresentation? Yes No
- E. Have you ever detained, retained or withheld custody of a child from a U.S. citizen granted custody of the child? Yes No
- F. Have you ever been denied a U.S. visa or entry into the U.S. or had a U.S. visa cancelled? If yes, when? _____ where? _____ Yes No
- G. Have you ever asserted immunity from prosecution? Yes No

IMPORTANT: If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please contact the American Embassy **BEFORE** you travel to the U.S. since you may be refused admission into the United States.

Family Name (Please Print) _____ First Name _____
Country of Citizenship _____ Date of Birth _____

WAIVER OF RIGHTS: I hereby waive any rights to review or appeal of Customs and Border Protection officer's determination as to my admissibility to the United States, other than on the basis of an application for asylum, any action in deportation proceedings, or any other proceeding.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that I have read and understand all the questions on this form. The answers I have furnished are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Departure Record
Important - Retain this permit in your possession; you must surrender it when you leave the United States. Failure to do so may delay your entry into the U.S. in the future.

You are authorized to stay in the U.S. only until the date written on this form. To remain past that date without permission from Department of Homeland Security authorities, is a violation of the law. Surrender this permit when you leave the U.S.:

- By sea or air, to the transportation line;
- Across the Canadian border, to a Canadian Official;
- Across the Mexican border, to a U.S. Official.

Warning: You may not accept unauthorized employment; or attend school; or report to foreign information media during your visit under this program. You are authorized to stay in the U.S. for 90 days or less. You may not apply for: 1) a change of nonimmigrant status; 2) adjustment of status to temporary or permanent resident, unless eligible under section 201(b) of the INA; 3) extension of stay. Violation of these terms will subject you to deportation. Any previous violation of these terms, including having previously overstayed on this program without proper authorization, will result in a finding of inadmissibility as outlined in Section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Port: _____
Date: _____
Carrier: _____
Flight # / S: _____

What Is the Area Called Where You Collect Your Luggage After the Flight?

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This area is often referred to as the "baggage claim." After exiting the plane, follow the signs to baggage claim to retrieve your checked luggage.

1 Extra Point:

Make sure to keep an eye on the baggage claim monitors to find out what carousel your luggage will be on.

How Can You Request a Taxi at the Airport?

To request a taxi at the airport, you can say, "I need a taxi to [your destination]." Taxi stands are usually located near the airport exit.

1 Extra Point:

Be sure to only use authorized transportation services to avoid any scams or safety issues.





How Can You Ask Someone for Directions to the City Center from the Airport?

If you're unsure of how to get to the city center from the airport, don't be afraid to ask for directions. A polite way to ask is by saying, "How do I get to the city center from here?"

1 Extra Point:

Many airports have maps or brochures available that provide information about public transportation or popular tourist destinations.

What Is the Process of Leaving the Airport Called?

This process is known as "exiting" or "leaving the airport." After collecting your luggage and going through customs (if applicable), follow the signs to the exit and head to your next destination.

1 Extra Point:

Make sure to have all necessary travel documents (like your passport and boarding pass) ready when leaving the airport.

How Can You Ask Someone if There Are Any Airport Shuttles to Your Hotel?

If you're looking for transportation to your hotel, a polite way to ask if there are any shuttles available is by saying, "Is there a shuttle to [hotel name] from the airport?"

1 Extra Point:

Many hotels offer shuttle services that can be booked in advance or upon arrival at the airport.





What Do You Call the Area Where People Wait to Pick Up Arriving Passengers?

This area is often referred to as the "arrivals area" or "pickup zone." If you're being picked up from the airport, make sure to communicate with your ride about where to meet.

1 Extra Point:

Some airports have designated pickup points or parking areas for private cars to wait for arriving passengers.



How Can You Request Information About Public Transportation Options from the Airport?

If you're interested in taking public transportation to your next destination, you can ask, "Can you tell me about public transportation from the airport?" Many airports have information desks or kiosks that can provide you with maps, schedules, and other useful information.

1 Extra Point:

Using public transportation can be a convenient and cost-effective way to travel, but make sure to check schedules and routes in advance to avoid any delays or confusion.

What Should You Say to a Taxi Driver to Take You to Your Hotel?

If you're taking a taxi to your hotel, tell the driver, "I'd like to go to [hotel name], please." Make sure to have the address of your hotel written down or saved on your phone to show the driver if necessary.

1 Extra Point:

Be sure to confirm the price of the ride with the driver before getting into the taxi to avoid any surprises or misunderstandings.



