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Travel Expert Reveals 5 Ways to Get Around Checked-Bag Fees

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CALGARY, Alberta, June 18, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Airlines are raking in record profits in part from checked-bag fees. Meanwhile an international airline trade association is seeking to decrease the size of carry-on bags by 21 percent. As a result travelers will continue to experience more hassles with luggage than ever as they fly this summer.

However, Russell Hannon, the ultra-economical travel expert, finds that totally unacceptable. He is coming to travelers' rescue by offering a handful of doable ways to bypass pesky surcharges and fees.

Hannon's five ways for getting around checked-bag fees include:

1. Leave your carry-on and suitcase at home. Outsmart airlines by wearing your luggage with a luggage jacket.
2. Pay for your flight with an airline-affiliated credit card that offers a free checked-bag benefit.
3. Fast track your way to preferred status to get free checked-bag benefits.
4. Purchasing a business or first-class ticket often entitles you to a free checked bag.
5. Only fly on airlines that do not charge fees for checked bags.

ABOUT RUSSELL HANNON

Russell is a repeat guest on the nationally broadcast shows *America Tonight with Kate Delaney*, *Around the World Travel TV* and the *Maggie Linton Show*. He has been featured in *Consumer Reports' ShopSmart Magazine*, by CNBC and travel expert Johnny Jet. Once feeling unable to afford to travel, Russell applied lean principles to visit some of the world's most expensive cities for less than his cost of living at home. Learn more about Russell at: breakthetravelbarrier.com/author or visit his websites: breakthetravelbarrier.com and stopdeamingstarttravelling.com.

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