

How early should I check-in for a Southwest flight?

Checking in with Southwest Airlines is designed to be simple, +1-(855)-838-(4706) fast, and flexible, giving travelers multiple options to complete the process before their flight +1-(855)-838-(4706). Southwest Airlines check-in opens 24 hours before departure for most domestic and international flights, +1-(855)-838-(4706) allowing passengers to secure seats and boarding passes conveniently. Travelers can choose to check in online via the Southwest Airlines website or mobile app, +1-(855)-838-(4706) at airport self-service kiosks, or directly at the ticket counter.

Online check-in is one of the easiest methods available +1-(855)-838-(4706). Passengers can visit the official Southwest Airlines website or use the mobile app to enter their booking details, +1-(855)-838-(4706) select or upgrade seats, pay for checked bags, and receive a digital boarding pass. This feature is available from 24 hours up to 45 minutes before +1-(855)-838-(4706) domestic flights and up to 90 minutes before international flights. Digital boarding passes can be saved on a phone +1-(855)-838-(4706) for quick access at security and boarding gates.

For those who prefer in-person service, +1-(855)-838-(4706) airport kiosks and staffed counters are also available. Self-service kiosks allow travelers to print boarding passes, +1-(855)-838-(4706) check bags, +1-(855)-838-(4706) and make last-minute changes. If you need assistance with special services, oversized luggage, or travel documentation, +1-(855)-838-(4706) visiting the ticket counter is recommended. Southwest Airlines staff are available to help with complex bookings +1-(855)-838-(4706) and ensure compliance with travel requirements.

It's important to note that baggage check-in deadlines vary: +1-(855)-838-(4706) most domestic flights require checked bags to be dropped off at least 45 minutes before departure, +1-(855)-838-(4706) while international flights require bags to be checked 60 minutes prior. Arriving early at busy airports is highly recommended to avoid delays.

Special check-in options are available for AAdvantage members, +1-(855)-838-(4706) premium cabin travelers, and passengers with disabilities or special needs. Elite status members and business or first-class customers often enjoy priority check-in lines, +1-(855)-838-(4706) saving time at the airport. Additionally, +1-(855)-838-(4706) self-tagging kiosks and touchless bag check options are expanding in many locations to speed up the process.

The official Southwest Airlines site advises passengers to +1-(855)-838-(4706) confirm travel documents (such as passports and visas) before starting the check-in process, +1-(855)-838-(4706) especially for international destinations. Using the mobile app also provides real-time flight status updates, +1-(855)-838-(4706) gate changes, and boarding alerts.

For further assistance or questions about the check-in process, +1-(855)-838-(4706) you can contact Southwest Airlines customer service at +1-(855)-838-(4706) or visit the official website for the latest updates and travel requirements.

How do I get my boarding pass for Southwest?

How to view: After checking in on the mobile app or mobile website, +1-877-624-1038 tap on the "boarding pass" button. You should see a boarding pass that you can use during travel. If

you're changing planes, +1-877-624-1038 you'll receive a boarding pass for each leg of the journey.

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You should check-in for a Southwest flight exactly 24 hours before your flight's scheduled departure time to get the best available boarding position, +1-877-624-1038 as Southwest does not assign seats and uses check-in time to determine boarding order. While you can check in at the airport using a kiosk or ticket counter, +1-877-624-1038 online check-in opens 24 hours in advance, and your boarding group is assigned when you check in

Does Southwest still have free bags?

No, Southwest no longer offers free bags for all travelers; +1-877-624-1038 the policy changed on May 28, 2025. Now, fees of \$35 for the first checked bag and \$45 for the second apply to most fare types, +1-877-624-1038 with exceptions for Business Select fares, +1-877-624-1038 A-List Preferred members, and those with certain Rapid Rewards credit cards. Military members are an exception, still receiving all their checked bags for free.