

## Online Check-In—A Convenient Time Saver

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(NAPSA)—The popularity of online airline check-in is soaring among on-the-go travelers. The virtual travel experts at Travelers Advantage.com offer these tips about online check-in:

- **Click It & Ticket**—You can check-in, print your boarding pass, change seat assignments, receive upgrades and earn frequent flyer miles—all online at your airline's Web site. Finally, you can avoid the long lines at check-in. Confirm with your airline, as each one offers different check-in features.



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- **When to Check In Online**—Most airlines allow you to check in and get your boarding passes online from 24 hours to 30 minutes prior to your flight. This is your opportunity to try the ease of online check-in!

- **Have E-Ticket, Will Travel**—The convenience of online check-in is available to travelers with ticketless airline reservations. Keep your e-ticket, ticket number and frequent flyer number handy to expedite your request and earn points while cruising the online expressway.

- **Printer Friendly**—Make sure you have access to a printer in your hotel, on your cruise or in your home. Some airlines allow you to reprint your boarding pass multiple times, while others only allow you to print your boarding



**ONLINE CHECK-IN** allows you to print your boarding pass before you step out of your hotel room or set foot at the airport.

pass once.

- **Domestic or International Flights?**—Most airlines offer domestic online check-in operations, and some—Continental, Northwest and U.S. Airways—also feature international online check in.

- **Arrival Time**—You should arrive one to two hours prior to your departure.

- **Checked Bags for Online Travelers**—No need to worry about checking your bags when using online check-in. Most airlines allow you to check bags using either curbside or the self-serve kiosks.

- **Why Should I Use Online Check-In?**—Some airlines—U.S. Airways, Delta and Northwest—offer bonus miles and/or seating upgrades when you use online check-in.

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