

US & UK CABIN LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE 25 MARCH 2017



On Tuesday, 21 March 2017 the USA and UK issued a ban on any electronic devices larger than a smart phone, from being carried as hand luggage in the airline cabin, when travelling to the US or UK from certain destinations. The US ban takes effect from 25 March 2017. The UK haven't released their effective date as yet, but airlines may be implementing this.

The new regulations stipulate that guests travelling with a smart phone, laptop, iPad, tablet, camera, kindle, portable DVD player, electronic gaming device, travel printer or scanner bigger than 16cm x 9.3cm (medical devices needed on board are still allowed) will have to add these items to their check-in luggage when travelling from the listed destinations.

Guests travelling from East or Southern Africa via any of these countries to any USA or UK destination, will be affected by this law. While this applies to specific international airline carriers, a guest could be booked on a code share flight, which is in fact operated by an international carrier affected by the new regulations.

Guests checking their luggage straight through, should make sure make that all disallowed items are in their check-in luggage from the on-set and if they are checking luggage at the above mentioned ports to put the items into their check-in luggage. At this time, officials did not say how long the ban would remain in place or if other airports would be added.

On 24 March 2017, Sir Tim Clark, President of Emirates Airline advised that from March 25, Emirates will enable passengers to utilise their electronic devices until the last possible moment - after which they hand their laptops or tablets into the care of Emirates staff just before boarding the US-bound flight. The devices will be carefully packed into boxes, loaded into the aircraft hold, and returned to the customer at their US destination. There will not be any charge for this service.

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FLIGHTS AFFECTED

Any direct flight from the following cities to any port in the USA

- Dubai, UAE
- Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Cairo, Egypt
- Istanbul, Turkey
- Doha, Qatar
- Amman, Jordan
- Kuwait City, Kuwait
- Casablanca, Morocco
- Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Airlines to the US affected by the ban

- Royal Jordanian Airlines
- Egypt Air
- Turkish Airlines
- Saudia
- Kuwait Airways
- Royal Air Maroc
- Qatar Airways
- Etihad Airways
- Emirates

Any direct flight from the following countries to any port in the UK

- Egypt
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Saudi Arabia
- Tunisia
- Turkey

Airlines to the UK affected by the ban

- British Airways
- EasyJet
- Jet2.com
- Monarch
- Thomas Cook
- Thomson
- Turkish Airlines
- Pegasus Airways
- Atlas-Global Airlines
- Middle East Airlines
- Egypt Air
- Royal Jordanian
- Tunis Air
- Saudia