

Airline Bicycle Carrying Policies 2019

NB: This document serves as a guide only – we suggest you check/confirm the details/allowances/regulations with your ticket & airline.

E-Bikes – Note that not all airlines will allow you to travel with an e-bike with a battery attached. Check with individual airlines for details.

TRAVELLING WITH A BIKE

To be accepted for carriage, all airlines require that bicycles be suitably packed in a bike box or bag – see the appropriate respective airline below for more details.

Below is our guide to disassembling a bike suitable for carriage

Tools

Tools you'll need to disassemble most bikes are:

- A set of Allen keys
- An 18 mm adjustable spanner (long handle preferred)
- 2 x 12 inch adjustable wrench (long handle preferred)
- A set of Phillips head & Flat head screwdrivers
- Packing Tape
- Black Pen
- Can of CRC or WD -40 (for seized nuts/bolts etc)

Disassembling

Generally, the following applies to disassemble your bike:

- Remove the front wheel
- Remove the back wheel if necessary (easiest if the bike is in the highest gear)
- Remove pedals
- Lower or remove seat post (don't forget to mark it before moving it)
- Turn handle bars sideways and tape them to the frame, ensuring the front forks are secured
- Remove any accessories (e.g. front carriers)
- Deflate the bicycle tyres

Packing

When packing your bike remember to:

- Put your bike in the box
- Put the wheel in beside the frame, cable tie any loose parts together
- Place any accessories in the box
- Seal, label and tag the box ensuring the baggage is labelled with your name, address and contact details
- Ensure no part of the bike is protruding out of the box

QANTAS

Domestic within Australia on Qantas and QantasLink

Domestic travel is defined as travel not combined with any international flights on the same ticket

Checked baggage allowances effective as at Jan 2019.

Economy	1 piece (maximum 23kg (50lb))
Business	2 pieces(maximum 32kg (70lb))
Qantas Silver Frequent Flyers	1 piece (maximum 32kg (70lb)) Economy 2 pieces (maximum 32kg (70lb) each) Business
Gold Qantas Frequent Flyers	2 pieces (maximum 32kg (70lb) each)
Platinum/Platinum One Qantas Frequent Flyers	2 pieces (maximum 32kg each) Economy 3 pieces (maximum 32kg (70lb) each) Business

Total dimensions of each piece must not exceed 140cm (54in). Dimensions for checked baggage are calculated by adding together the width, height and depth of the piece of baggage.

Note: No single item of checked baggage may exceed 32kg (70lb).

More details: <http://www.qantas.com.au/travel/airlines/checked-baggage/global/en#domestic-flights>

Sporting Equipment

Sporting equipment can be included as part of your [checked baggage allowance](#), subject to the sporting equipment requirements. Charges will apply for any baggage carried in addition to the free allowance. You may purchase an [Additional Baggage Allowance](#) in advance to save on [airport excess baggage](#) rates. The carriage of baggage over and above the free baggage allowance is subject to space being available.

More details: <http://www.qantas.com.au/travel/airlines/sporting-equipment/global/en>

To be accepted for carriage, bicycles must be suitably packed in a bike box. Bike boxes can be purchased from most Australian Qantas Terminals. Customers can travel with their own bike box; however it must not exceed the dimensions and must be properly and securely packed.

Qantas bike pack dimensions are:

- Length: 140cm (54in)
- Width: 30cm (12in)
- Height: 80cm (32in)

Before bicycles can be accepted they must be packed as follows:

- Tyres must be deflated
- Pedals must be removed
- Handle bars must be fixed parallel to the frame
- If the bicycles length exceeds 140cm (55in), the front wheel should be removed and fixed beside the rear wheel, inside the bike box

VIRGIN AUSTRALIA

Sports Equipment

All sporting equipment will form part of a guest's (purchased or included) checked baggage allowance. Excess baggage charges will apply once the full baggage allowance has been exceeded. (for more details see <http://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/plan/baggage/oversized-fragile-items/>).

Travelling with a Bike

Bicycles including battery powered electric bikes will only be accepted as checked baggage if packaged in a hard or soft manufactured bike box. Bike boxes may be purchased at the airport check-in counter. Before bicycles can be accepted for uplift, they must be packaged as follows:

Generally, the following applies to disassemble a bike:

- Turn handle bars sideways, and secure to frame. It may be necessary to remove the front wheel
- Remove pedals
- Lower or remove seat post
- Remove any accessories
- Deflate bicycle tyres

When packing a bike, remember to:

- Place any loose accessories such as pedals or water bottles into a bag then place in the box. Ensure that only bike parts are packed in the box.
- Seal the box, and label it with your name, and contact phone number.
- Ensure no part of the bike is protruding out of the box.

Additional requirements for a battery powered electric bike:

- The lithium battery must not exceed 160Wh (watt-hours). Batteries over 160Wh are not permitted
- Further battery information can be found at [Batteries](#)

Note: If a bike is not packed according to Virgin Australia's requirements, or is not checked in prior to one hour before departure, we will not be able to accept the bike for travel.

We recommend that guests pre-purchase a box and pack their bike at least 24 hours prior to departure to ensure it is ready on time. Bike boxes can be purchased the airport for \$25.00.

Included baggage allowance according to Fare Type and/or Velocity Membership Status can be viewed on the Virgin Australia website <http://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/plan/baggage/checked-baggage/>

Note: Checked baggage that exceeds a weight limit of 23kg (50lb), where applicable, will attract overweight baggage fees and will only be accepted and loaded onboard at Virgin Australia's discretion. Each piece of checked in baggage must not weigh more than 32kg (70lb), or exceed a total linear dimension (length + width + height) of 140cm, per piece. Baggage that exceeds these limits must be transported as Freight.

JETSTAR

<http://www.jetstar.com/au/en/help/articles/can-i-bring-my-bicycle>

You can bring your bike but remember; an oversized item handling fee applies to any item with a single side longer than one metre (1000mm, 39in), including wheels, handles and packaging.

Important – the weight of your bike will count towards your total checked baggage weight, so make sure you purchase enough.

The oversized item fee is a separate handling fee, paid per item and does not add any extra weight to your checked baggage allowance.

Pay the oversized item fee when you book, or before you fly at [Manage booking](#), and you'll save time paying at the airport. See [Oversized baggage](#) for more details.

Packing your bike

You will need to pack your bike in a suitable bike bag or box. We don't provide bags or boxes - it's up to you to make sure your bike is prepared for travel.

To add your bike as checked baggage, you'll need to:

- Deflate the tyres,
- Detach the pedals,
- Fix the handle bars parallel to the frame, and
- If the bike is longer than 180cm, the front wheel must be detached. You'll need to fix it inside the bike bag alongside the rear wheel.

Tandems, recumbent bicycles and bike trailers can also be checked in as baggage, as long as they meet size and weight requirements, Fold-up bikes do not need to travel in a bike pack.

Remember: no single item bag or item can weigh more than 32kg.

More details <http://www.jetstar.com/au/en/planning-and-booking/baggage/bulky-items>

TIGER AIRWAYS

<https://tigerair.com.au/prepare-to-fly/baggage>

Sports equipment can be part of your check-in baggage allowance as long as it meets the following requirements:

- Does not exceed dimensions of 190cm x 60cm x 80cm
- Does not weigh more than 30kg

Kindly note that excess baggage fees per kg will be charged at prevailing airport rates if your sports equipment exceed the baggage allowance you have purchased.

Bicycles

The bicycle must be contained in a protective box or bag. Foldable bikes do not need to travel in a bike pack. Only one (1) bicycle per box can be checked in per guest. Please ensure tyres are deflated, handle bars must be parallel with the frame, pedals must be detached or aligned with the frame, gears must be wrapped with protective layer.