



Lately, whenever I buy airline tickets, the rules seem to change. I always fly economy and over the years was permitted to take a small carry-on without extra charges. Now, many charge for carry-ons, and airlines keep adding fees to make flying more and more expensive. What can I do to keep my ticket prices down? *Mrs. FLMcB, Quincy MA*

A: The best way to keep up on extra charges is to connect with a local travel agent you can trust to find the best deals. Also, before buying your ticket, keep scanning the internet for seasonal specials and other airline price-reduction promotions. Also, to avoid checking suitcases, travel lighter with a small carry-on and wear a coat with large outer and inner pockets for stuffing as many items as possible.