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TRAVELING WITH YOUR BIKE

Traveling with your bike doesn't have to grind your gears. This document is proof of that. Below is an outline of current bicycle shipping standards, flight options and helpful tips to make traveling with your bike a breeze.

FLIGHT OPTIONS

Airline Baggage

Bikes on a plane aren't as scary as they sound. If you prefer the peace of mind of traveling alongside your bicycle, consider packing it and checking it as an additional bag.

Airlines will charge for the additional piece of luggage and fees vary, so check with your airline for pricing as well as specific packing instructions and restrictions. Or, for starters, check out our handy pricing matrix on the following page.

- Most airlines charge the normal checked bag fees if the total dimension (length x width x height) of your packed bicycle is less than 62 in. (1.75 m) and weighs less than 50 lbs. (22.68 kg).
- Most airlines will accept bikes up to 70 lbs. for a fee in addition to the applicable baggage charges.
- Some folding bikes can be collapsed down and packed in regular-sized suitcases.
- Bicycles transported in a cardboard box are usually transported as a conditionally accepted item.
- Acceptance of oversized baggage varies based on airline, aircraft size and load conditions.
- Check with each airline for baggage liability policies.
 Additional travel insurance may be purchased for your baggage through Anthony Travel.
- Most airlines do not accept luggage if the total dimension (length x width x height) is greater than 115 in. (2.92 m) or 70 lbs. (31.75 kg).
- Inter-island flights may charge additional baggage fees.

SHIPPING OPTIONS*

Commercial Courier

Worried about getting your bike through busy airports? Traditional delivery services like the U.S. Postal Service, UPS and FedEx can ship your bike like they would any other large package. Plan ahead, though, as this option requires several days of transit time and separation from your bicycle.

Specialized Carrier

To meet the demands of athletes traveling with their bikes, a number of specialized transport options are now available. A popular option among triathletes, Tri Bike Transport, specializes in the shipment of athletes' bicycles to race destinations around the world.

*You cannot ship to condo units in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

- Must have bike secured in a cardboard box or special bike box. Cardboard boxes are available at bike shops and online retailers.
- Handlebars and pedals must be removed and enclosed in plastic or in bike box.
- Insurance amounts depend on the carrier and are usually adjustable for a fee.
- Some events have sponsored bike shops who will receive (and reassemble if desired) your bike.
- Shipping to your hotel (usually for a fee) or to a local bike shop are also options.
- For instructional videos on how to properly pack your bicycle, search "bike packing" on YouTube.

PRICING MATRICES

One-way: Dallas to Kailua-Kona

Below is a breakdown of approximate costs for traveling with your bike from the Big D to the Big Island. The matrices show pricing for flying with your bike from DFW to Kona International Airport, and shipping your bicycle via commercial courier and specialized carrier.

FIGURE A: Airline Baggage Fees

	CHECKED BAG #1	CHECKED BAG #2	CHECKED BAG #3	CURBSIDE CHECK-IN	OVERSIZED/ BICYCLE FEE
Air Canada	\$25	\$35	\$100	FREE	\$50
AirTran	\$20	\$25	\$50	FREE	\$50
Alaska	\$20	\$20	\$20	FREE	\$50
American	\$25	\$35	\$100	FREE	\$150
Continental	\$25	\$35	_	FREE	\$200
Delta	\$25	\$35	_	FREE	\$150
Frontier	\$20	\$20	\$50	_	\$50
Hawaiian	\$25	\$35	\$125	_	\$100
JetBlue	\$0	\$40	\$75	\$2	\$50
Southwest	\$0	\$0	\$50	FREE	\$50
United	\$25	\$35	_	FREE	\$200
US Airways	\$25	\$35	\$125	\$2	\$200
Virgin	\$25	\$25	\$25	_	\$50

Inter-island connections may charge additional baggage fees. The best way to avoid additional baggage fees is to book code-share flights.

Hawaiian Airlines has partner programs with American, Continental, Delta, NWA, US Airways and Virgin.

FIGURE B: Specialized Bicycle Carrier and Commercial Courier Fees

		Standard Shipping —			Expedited Shipping —			
	PRICE	BUSINESS DAYS IN TRANSIT	INCLUDED INSURANCE		PRICE	BUSINESS DAYS IN TRANSIT	INCLUDED INSURANCE	
Tri Bike Transport	\$375	7	\$1,000		_	_	_	
FedEx Express	\$189	2	\$100		\$222	1	\$100	
USPS	\$108	12	_		_	_	_	
UPS Ground	\$146	2	_		_	_	_	
UPS Air	\$186	2	\$100		\$250	2	\$100	
Sports Express	\$461	7	\$500		\$684	2	\$500	
The Luggage Club	\$506	3	\$500		\$621	2	\$500	