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Young Traveler (ages 12-17) Terms and Conditions

Flying with Children Information for Young Travelers

Whether traveling alone is appropriate depends on each minor's individual maturity level. By purchasing this reservation, you acknowledge and confirm that:

- We consider children ages 12 through 17 traveling alone to be Young Travelers (YTs), not Unaccompanied Minors (UMs). Accordingly, our UM procedures do not apply to travelers ages 12 through 17. A Young Traveler must have the maturity and capability to travel alone, including but not limited to checking in, passing through the security checkpoint, boarding, deplaning, and claiming luggage.
- Parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring a Young Traveler arrives for check-in and boarding in accordance with each airport's suggested arrival time. The amount of time to park, check luggage, pass through the security checkpoint, and board the flight varies based on each airport's size, configuration, and travel season.
- **Additional Young Traveler Info for Travel to Hawaii:** Flights between the U.S. mainland and Hawaii are subject to specific procedures for transportation of animals and plants, inspection of checked and carryon baggage, and State of Hawaii documentation requirements. The parent/guardian of a Young Traveler (YT) must complete the Plants and Animals Declaration Form at the departure gate prior to the YT boarding the aircraft. Once completed, the form will be retained by the YT until it is collected during the flight prior to landing.

Only trained service dogs assisting Customers with disabilities are permitted to travel with Customers. No other animals are permitted on flights between the U.S. mainland and Hawaii. Southwest Airlines does not transport pets to or from Hawaii.

- Your child has sufficient maturity and capability to travel alone (this includes, but is not limited to, checking in, passing through the security checkpoint, boarding, deplaning, and claiming luggage), without adult supervision or assistance from Southwest® Employees, on all scheduled service: nonstop, same-plane service with intermediate stops, and connecting service that requires your child to change planes.
- Purchaser represents that they are either the parent or guardian of the minor child or has authority to act on behalf of the parent or guardian.
- A parent or guardian wishing to escort a Young Traveler to/from the gate must obtain a gate pass from the ticket counter to pass through the security checkpoint.

- Southwest does not monitor Young Travelers during travel. Accordingly, each Young Traveler must have sufficient maturity and capability to request assistance from a Southwest Employee if needed and the means to contact a parent/guardian if there is a travel disruption.
- Should the Young Traveler's travel be disrupted, Southwest Airlines is authorized to take whatever action is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances, including requiring the Young Traveler to remain at the airport to ensure proper supervision is provided until a designated parent/guardian is available or the Young Traveler is placed on a flight to the intended destination. The parent or guardian agrees to reimburse Southwest Airlines for its expenses incurred in taking such action (e.g., meals, clothing, toiletries, transport on another carrier).
- Southwest Airlines® reserves the right not to allow a Young Traveler to travel on flights that may be delayed, diverted, or canceled due to weather or other operational disruptions.
- Southwest Airlines does not permit Young Travelers to/from international destinations.
- Southwest Airlines does not permit Young Travelers to travel on Getaways by Southwest™ packages.
- Southwest does not permit Young Travelers to travel on itineraries involving an overnight connection.
- Southwest Airlines does not assume responsibility for any Young Traveler's actions. THE PURCHASER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND FULLY RELEASE SOUTHWEST AIRLINES FOR ANY AND ALL INJURY OR DAMAGES TO PROPERTY OR PERSONS CAUSED BY OR INCURRED AS A RESULT OF A YOUNG TRAVELER'S ACTIONS, INCLUDING INJURIES TO THE YOUNG TRAVELER CAUSED BY HIS OR HER OWN NEGLIGENCE.