

# How Do I Add a Lap Infant to My Delta Airlines Booking?

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To add a lap infant to your Delta Airlines booking, call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 with your confirmation number and your infant's date of birth, since the Delta app and website do not support lap infant additions to existing confirmed bookings. An agent at ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 can add the lap infant to your reservation, calculate any applicable fees, and ensure the infant is correctly documented in your booking record directly. Domestic lap infant travel on Delta is free for the airfare portion, though a ticketing service fee may apply, while international lap infant travel costs 10 percent of the adult base fare plus applicable taxes and fees.

## What Is a Lap Infant on Delta Airlines

A lap infant on Delta Airlines is a child under 2 years of age who travels seated on an accompanying adult's lap rather than occupying a separate purchased seat. Delta's definition of a lap infant requires the child to be under 24 months of age at the time of travel on every segment of the itinerary, not just at the time of booking.

This age requirement applies strictly. A child who turns 2 during a trip must have a purchased seat from the point of their second birthday onward. If your infant turns 2 during the trip, call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 before booking to discuss how to handle the transition correctly for each segment of the itinerary.

Each adult passenger on a Delta flight may carry only one lap infant. Two adults traveling together can have one lap infant each, but a single adult cannot carry two lap infants. For families traveling with more infants than accompanying adults, additional purchased seats are required for the additional infants.

Lap infants on Delta flights are not guaranteed their own seat, overhead bin space, or seat belt. The FAA and Delta both recommend that parents consider purchasing a separate seat for infant safety, since an approved child safety restraint system in a separate seat provides significantly greater protection during turbulence and emergency situations than a lap hold. Call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 for guidance on the safest approach for your specific travel situation.

## Why the Delta App Cannot Add Lap Infants

The Delta app and Delta.com intentionally exclude lap infant additions from their self-service functionality for confirmed bookings. This is not a technical oversight – it is a deliberate design decision based on FAA documentation and safety requirements.

Lap infants require specific ticketing and documentation that goes beyond what a standard booking record contains. The infant's full legal name, date of birth, relationship to the accompanying adult, and for international travel, passport information must all be accurately recorded in the booking record and submitted to TSA's Secure Flight system.

The phone channel at ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 is the only post-booking channel that can correctly complete all of these documentation requirements simultaneously. When an agent adds a lap infant, they collect the complete required information, calculate the correct fees for the specific route, generate an infant ticket record, and ensure the booking reflects the infant's presence for all operational purposes including emergency evacuation planning.

Attempting to add a lap infant at the airport on travel day without advance documentation creates significant boarding complications. Airport agents must then collect all required information under time pressure, and the infant may be refused boarding if documentation cannot be completed before the check-in cutoff. Call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 well before travel day to add any lap infant.

## Step-by-Step Process to Add a Lap Infant

The process for adding a lap infant to a Delta booking through ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 follows a specific sequence that ensures all documentation is completed correctly.

**Step 1: Gather Required Information Before Calling** Have ready before calling: your confirmation number, the infant's full legal name exactly as it appears on their birth certificate or passport, the infant's date of birth, and for international travel, the infant's passport number and expiration date. Having this information immediately available prevents the call from pausing while you retrieve documents.

**Step 2: Call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756** Give your confirmation number as the first thing you say. State: "I need to add a lap infant to this booking." The agent pulls your booking and begins the infant addition process.

**Step 3: Provide Infant Information** The agent collects the infant's full legal name, date of birth, gender (for Secure Flight), and for international routes, passport details. Give these exactly as they appear on official documents – any discrepancy between the booking record and documents at the airport can cause complications.

**Step 4: Confirm Fee Structure** The agent calculates the applicable fee for your specific

route. For domestic travel, this is typically a ticketing service fee or zero depending on the specific route and fare. For international travel, this is 10 percent of the adult base fare plus taxes. Confirm the exact amount before authorizing payment.

**Step 5: Authorize and Confirm** Authorize the addition and payment. The agent processes the infant ticket and updates your booking record. Ask the agent to confirm the infant's name appears correctly in the updated booking before ending the call.

**Step 6: Verify** in the Delta App Check My Trips in the Delta app within 30 minutes of the call to verify the infant appears in your booking record. A correctly added lap infant is visible in the passenger manifest for the booking.

## Domestic vs. International Lap Infant Fees

Delta's lap infant fee structure differs significantly between domestic and international routes, and the difference can be substantial depending on your international fare.

**Domestic Lap Infant Travel** On Delta-operated domestic flights within the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands, lap infant airfare is free. The infant travels at no charge for the base airfare. A small ticketing service fee may apply depending on the booking channel, typically \$0 to \$25. Call 📞+1-(866)-332-0756 to confirm the exact fee for your specific domestic route.

**International Lap Infant Travel** On Delta international flights and Delta-coded partner international segments, lap infant travel costs 10 percent of the applicable adult base fare plus all applicable international taxes and fees. For a premium economy or business class adult fare, 10 percent of the base fare can represent a meaningful cost – on a \$2,000 base fare, the infant portion is \$200 plus taxes. Call 📞+1-(866)-332-0756 to get the exact infant fare quoted before authorizing the addition.

**Taxes on Infant Tickets** International infant tickets carry specific government taxes that apply regardless of the 10 percent base fare discount. These vary by country and route. The agent at 📞+1-(866)-332-0756 quotes the complete infant cost including all taxes before you authorize the addition.

**Mixed Domestic-International Itineraries** If your itinerary includes both domestic and international segments, the infant fee structure applies separately to each segment type. The international fee applies to the international segments and the domestic fee structure applies to the domestic segments. Call 📞+1-(866)-332-0756 to get the complete fee breakdown for a mixed itinerary before authorizing.

## Seat Considerations for Lap Infants

Adding a lap infant to your booking does not assign the infant a separate seat, but several

seat-related considerations apply that affect the infant's travel experience and safety.

**Exit Row Restrictions** Passengers traveling with lap infants cannot sit in exit rows. Exit rows have FAA-mandated restrictions that prohibit infants, children under 15, and passengers with mobility limitations. When you call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 to add a lap infant, the agent confirms your assigned seat is not in an exit row and assists with a seat change if needed.

**Bulkhead Seats** Bulkhead seats are the row immediately behind a physical cabin divider are often preferred by families with infants because they provide extra legroom and bassinet attachment points on some aircraft. On international wide-body aircraft, Delta provides bassinets at bulkhead positions for infants who meet the weight limit. Call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 when adding your infant and ask whether bulkhead seating with a bassinet is available on your specific aircraft type.

**Window Seats** Window seats are generally recommended for passengers with lap infants for two reasons: the aircraft wall provides a physical boundary that reduces the infant's movement into the aisle, and there is no neighbor on the outboard side to disturb. Aisle seats expose the infant to aisle traffic and cart service.

**Seat Belt Extensions** Delta provides seat belt extenders for infant lap belt use on request. The infant uses a separate lap belt looped through the adult's seat belt during taxi, takeoff, and landing. Flight attendants demonstrate the correct connection procedure on request. Call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 to note the lap infant in your booking so flight crew are prepared with the appropriate equipment.

## What Happens at Check-In With a Lap Infant

Checking in for a Delta flight with a lap infant involves specific steps that differ from standard adult check-in and require advance preparation.

Online check-in through the Delta app at the 24-hour mark handles the adult passengers normally but may handle the lap infant record differently depending on the booking. In some cases, the lap infant appears automatically in the check-in flow. In others, the infant check-in requires completion at the airport counter.

Call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 the day before travel if you are uncertain whether the online check-in process will correctly include the lap infant. The agent can confirm the infant's documentation status and advise on whether airport counter check-in is required for the infant.

At the airport counter, you may be asked to show the infant's birth certificate or passport as documentation of their age and identity. For domestic travel, a birth certificate is the standard documentation. For international travel, a passport is required even for infants.

Ensure you carry the correct documentation.

The agent at the airport counter will issue an infant boarding pass or document that the infant is traveling as a lap infant on the adult's boarding pass. The handling varies by airport and route. Having the infant's addition confirmed in your booking in advance through ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 makes this process smoother.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Can I add a lap infant to a Delta Basic Economy ticket? Call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 to confirm for your specific booking. Basic Economy has the most restrictive fare rules but lap infant additions are generally accommodated even on Basic Economy tickets for safety and operational reasons. The fee structure may differ from standard Main Cabin additions.

How old can a lap infant be on Delta Airlines? Call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 to confirm for your travel dates. A lap infant must be under 2 years of age " specifically under 24 months " at the time of each flight segment. A child who turns 2 before or during the trip requires a purchased seat for any segment on or after their second birthday.

Can I add a lap infant to a Delta award booking? Call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 " yes, lap infants can be added to SkyMiles award bookings through the same phone process as revenue bookings. The infant fee for award bookings on international routes is calculated based on the base fare equivalent for the cabin and route.

Can my lap infant have their own seat belt on Delta? Call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 for guidance on the specific seat belt procedure for your flight. Lap infants use a separate loop belt attached to the adult's seat belt during taxi, takeoff, and landing. Flight attendants provide and demonstrate the correct connection. Between these phases, the infant may be held freely on the lap.

What if my lap infant needs a bassinet on a Delta international flight? Call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 when adding the lap infant to the booking and ask specifically about bassinet availability on your aircraft type. Bassinets are available on select wide-body international aircraft at bulkhead positions. They have weight and size limits. Availability cannot be guaranteed and is assigned based on request time and infant size.

## Quick Reference: Adding a Lap Infant to Delta

How to add: Call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 " app and website cannot add to existing bookings.

Infant age limit: Under 24 months at time of each flight segment.

One infant per adult: Single adult cannot carry two lap infants.

Domestic fee: Typically free airfare, small service fee may apply.

International fee: 10 percent of adult base fare plus taxes.

Required info: Infant legal name, date of birth, gender, passport for international.

Exit rows: Not permitted with lap infants â€” agent reassigns seat.

Bulkhead seats: Request when adding infant â€” bassinet may be available on wide-body.

Check-in: Carry birth certificate (domestic) or passport (international).

Verify: Check Delta app within 30 minutes to confirm infant appears in booking.

## Traveling With a Lap Infant on Delta â€” Practical Tips for the Journey

Beyond the documentation and booking requirements, the practical experience of traveling with a lap infant on Delta is significantly improved by preparation that goes beyond the ticketing process.

**Boarding Priority** Delta offers early boarding access to passengers traveling with infants and young children. Gate agents typically announce family boarding before the standard boarding groups. This early boarding window gives you time to settle the infant, store the diaper bag in the overhead bin, install any feeding accessories, and get organized before the main passenger flow boards. Listen for the family boarding announcement and proceed to the gate when called â€” do not wait for your assigned boarding group.

**Feeding During Flight** Delta flight attendants are accommodating of infant feeding needs including breastfeeding and bottle feeding. Notifying the flight attendant when you board that you have a lap infant allows them to prioritize your drink service and warm bottles when needed. Breastfeeding is welcome on Delta flights. Requesting a window seat when calling 📞+1-(866)-332-0756 provides the most privacy for feeding.

**Diaper Changes** All Delta aircraft have at least one lavatory with a fold-down changing table. The flight attendant can direct you to the lavatory with the changing table on your specific aircraft. For longer flights, bringing adequate diaper supplies in your carry-on personal item is essential, since the diaper bag counts as your personal item rather than a separate carry-on.

**Turbulence Protocol** When the fasten seatbelt sign is illuminated, lap infants must be secured using the loop lap belt that attaches to your seat belt. Flight attendants will

demonstrate the connection if you have not used it before. Holding the infant in your arms during the fasten seatbelt sign period rather than securing the loop belt is not compliant with safety requirements.

Noise and Pressure Changes Infants are particularly affected by ear pressure changes during ascent and descent. Feeding — nursing, bottle, or pacifier — during takeoff and landing helps equalize pressure and reduces discomfort that can cause crying. Having a bottle or pacifier ready for the climb-out and descent phases is one of the most effective comfort strategies for lap infant travel.

## Car Seat Option — How to Use a Car Seat on Delta

While lap infant travel is permitted at a lower cost, Delta fully supports the use of FAA-approved child safety restraints in separately purchased seats. Understanding how car seats work on Delta helps parents who want the safety benefit of a car seat alongside a Delta flight.

An FAA-approved car seat is any seat that displays the phrase "This restraint is certified for use in motor vehicles and aircraft." Most rear-facing infant car seats carry this certification. Booster seats and forward-facing seats with harnesses above a certain weight rating are also certified. Check the label on your specific car seat before travel.

Car seats on Delta must be installed in window seats. Aisle installation is not permitted because the car seat would obstruct evacuation of other passengers. When booking a separate infant seat, request a window seat assignment from the agent at ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 to ensure the car seat can be legally installed.

Car seat dimensions matter for aircraft installation. Some larger convertible car seats may not fit correctly in narrower aircraft seats. Check your car seat's width against Delta's seat dimensions for your specific aircraft type. Call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 and ask the agent to confirm the seat width for your specific flight.

Bringing a car seat on Delta without a separate purchased infant seat is not permitted for use in a seat. If you bring a car seat without a purchased infant seat, the car seat will need to be checked as baggage or gate-checked. Gate-checking is typically free for child safety restraints.

## Lap Infant Travel on Delta Connection and Regional Flights

Delta Connection flights operated by regional carriers on behalf of Delta follow the same lap infant policy as mainline Delta flights, but the smaller aircraft used on regional routes create some specific practical differences.

Regional aircraft including CRJ-200, CRJ-700, CRJ-900, Embraer 170, and Embraer 175 have significantly smaller overhead bins and narrower aisles than mainline aircraft. Large diaper bags may not fit in the overhead bin and must be stored under the seat in front of you instead.

Changing tables are not present in every regional aircraft lavatory. For flights on smaller regional aircraft, ask the gate agent before boarding whether a changing table is available. If not, plan diaper changes for the connecting airport rather than on board.

Bulkhead seating with extra legroom exists on some regional aircraft but is typically standard economy pitch on most. The extra legroom that makes bulkhead seats attractive on mainline aircraft may not exist on regional flights. Ask the agent at ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 about the specific regional aircraft assigned to your flight when adding the lap infant.

Family boarding on Delta Connection flights follows the same early boarding policy as mainline Delta. Listen for the gate announcement regardless of the aircraft size.

## After the Trip – What to Know for Next Time

After completing travel with a Delta lap infant, several steps ensure future travel is even smoother.

If your infant will be approaching 24 months on the next trip, verify their exact birthday against the travel dates before booking. A child who turns 24 months before any segment of the next trip needs a purchased seat for that segment rather than lap infant status.

Update your SkyMiles profile with the infant's information if they have their own SkyMiles number. While infants do not typically earn miles, having the family's information consistently organized in SkyMiles profiles makes future booking calls to ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 faster.

Note what worked and what could improve for the next trip: whether the seat position was optimal, whether bulkhead seating with bassinet access was worth requesting, whether the loop lap belt procedure was clear, and whether the feeding timing around departure and arrival was effective. This reflection makes the next lap infant trip meaningfully easier.

Call ☎+1-(866)-332-0756 for any future Delta trip involving an infant – whether as a lap infant under 24 months or as a toddler in a purchased seat transitioning out of lap infant status. The agent handles all age-related fare and documentation transitions smoothly when consulted before booking.

## Ready to Add Your Lap Infant to Delta? Call Now

Call 📞+1-(866)-332-0756, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Have your confirmation number and your infant's date of birth ready. The agent adds the infant to your booking, calculates the exact fee for your route, and confirms the addition before ending the call.