



## Why Rent Baby Gear?

Traveling with babies and young children can be both stressful and expensive. Before you even leave home, you have to plan for all of the essentials you will need - somewhere for the baby to sleep, a car seat for transportation, and a stroller to get around, and those are just the basics. You still need toys for entertainment and safety items such as infant bathtubs or gates for stairs. You will probably *still* need diapers and wipes, snacks, food, formula, etc. This would surely take up your limited luggage space and you haven't even packed for yourself! With the airlines baggage fees, weight limits, and tighter restrictions on acceptable carry-on items, bringing gear with you has not only become less attractive, but almost impractical. Not to mention- what would happen if the airlines lost the suitcase that contained all of your precious gear or damaged your car seat or stroller? We have a new option for you that is becoming more popular with traveling families- **baby gear rental**. No longer do you have to lug all of the gear with you! Now you can rent it from a reputable company and have it waiting for you at the airport, car rental agency, hotel or relative's house when you arrive.

The services of affiliated members of Baby Travel Pros, <http://www.babytravelpros.com>, are helpful not only to the families that are traveling, but also to friends and relatives who are expecting little visitors. Grandparents are an ideal fit for our services by reducing the stress and expense of providing an infant nursery one year, and a toddler's essentials the following year. Baby Travel Pro members will deliver and set up the crib or toddler bed for you or provide an infant swing to lull your grandchild to sleep.

Renting gear not only saves your sanity, but can actually save you money too. Here's a comparison chart of renting gear versus checking it as luggage or buying at your destination.

	Cost to Rent or Buy		Cost to Check*			
	Weekly Rental**	Buy	Delta	United	US Air	American
Portable High Chair	\$15	\$40	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$25
Pack N Play	\$40	\$120	\$130	\$125	\$100	\$100
Box of Toys	\$25	\$150	\$205	\$125	\$100	\$100
Car Seat	\$45	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Standard Stroller	\$40	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$165</b>	<b>\$660</b>	<b>\$365</b>	<b>\$280</b>	<b>\$230</b>	<b>\$225</b>

\*For lap child if checked at the counter as 2nd, 3rd and 4th items for domestic travel as of Aug-09

\*\*Average cost of to rent from a Baby Travel Pros member, discounts are often given for more than 1 week

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