

Passenger wearing 5.5kg clothes to avoid airline's baggage fee gets fined

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Dhaka: A female passenger recently went to extreme lengths to avoid paying a fee for extra baggage. She wore many of the clothes she had packed to bring down her suitcase's weight. However, she ended up getting a fine from the airline.

The 19-year-old Adriana Ocampo was travelling with airline Jetstar from Melbourne to her home in Adelaide, Australia. After realising her carry-on luggage exceeded the maximum weight limit of seven kilos, she put on all of her extra clothes to avoid the excess baggage fee. Her friend also followed suit, as her case was also over the limit.

The teenager piled on almost six kilos of clothing including t-shirts, jackets, jumpers, and trousers. As per reports, Ocampo said that she "looked like a bear" while trying to pull off the stunt.

"We thought the only way we can take the weight off our bags is if we put it

on ourselves, so we started putting on our jackets and coats. As well as layers of jackets and jumpers, I had baggy trousers on and I was stuffing t-shirts and my iPad in them. I had about six layers on and stuff in my pockets," she noted, cited reports.

"Everyone in line was staring at us and laughing at us, it was kind of embarrassing. People were annoyed that we were holding the plane up," she added, according to reports.

However, their luggage was still more than 1 kg over the limit. The airline told them they had to pay the USD 65 fine while having to wear all the clothes on the plane too.

Reports further cited, a Jetstar spokesperson saying, "While we certainly see the funny side, we have limits to carry-on to make it fair for everyone. Keeping track of how much baggage passengers bring onboard means everyone has room for their belongings and we're meeting our safety requirements."

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