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Watch that excess baggage

BRITISH Airways recently became the latest airline to introduce new stricter luggage restrictions, meaning less bags and more excess luggage fees.

The airline imposed its new restriction in February, with more to follow suit in the near future.

Australians travelling to the UK with British Airways, for example, can now only check in 23kg in economy class. For any excess luggage, a new charge of £120 per bag has been introduced.

Australians travelling to Europe can also face heavy excess luggage fees.

Many Australians are now choosing a new service by Personal Porter, which picks up their luggage at their home or office and delivers it directly to the destination of their choice, be it a hotel or residence.

For instance, to have a 32kg bag delivered door-to-door to either Frankfurt or London – the two main European airport gateways – would cost $465 using Personal Porter. This is a saving of $111 on excess luggage fees, not to mention the time saved at the airport.

The Personal Porter service can be booked online and customers pick their preferred pick up time and delivery date. Details at www.personalporter.com

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