**Checked bag policy**

**Checked bag allowances**

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**Bag limitations**

During busy travel seasons, limitations on checked bags and boxes apply to some destinations.

Seasonal and year-round limitations for checked bags have been updated as of September 26, 2024.

**What you can bring**

When there are bag limitations you can only bring:

**Checked bags**

**Flagship® First**

2 bags

**Domestic First**

2 bags

**Business**

2 bags

**Premium Economy**

2 bags

**Main Cabin**

2 bags

[Checked bag policy](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/checked-baggage-policy.jsp)

**Additional items**

Unless there are other restrictions, you can also bring:

* 1 carry-on item
* 1 personal item

[Carry-on bags](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/carry-on-baggage.jsp)

**You can also travel with:**

* Sports equipment (additional charges may apply)
* Assistive devices for customers with disabilities
* Bags weighing 51 - 70 lbs. (23.1 - 32 kgs) for an applicable charge
* For travel to Cuba, one new / unused power generator in the original packaging is permitted per reservation as a checked item. Standard baggage limitations, allowances and fees apply. Generators are not permitted to be carried on board.

**What you can’t bring**

When traveling to select destinations with bag limitations, you can't travel with:

* Overweight items (more than 70lb / 32kgs)
* Oversized items (more than 62 in / 158 cm length + width + height)
* Excess bags (only 2 checked bags\* allowed)

Boxes

* A “box” is any container that isn’t normally used for transporting items for air travel (including plastic tubs, containers, and coolers)
* If a box is placed inside a bag, box limitations still apply
* For travel to / from Mexico, we do not accept boxes over 80 in / 203 cm to / from locations that allow boxes
* For travel to Cuba, the box restriction excludes one new / unused power generator per reservation

\*3 checked bags allowed seasonally to Havana, Cuba

**Seasonal limitations**

**January 10, 2024 – November 20, 2024 and January 13, 2025 – November 19, 2025**

Oversize, overweight and excess bag limitations apply for select cities. You can only check 3 bags to these destinations:

[CaribbeanExpand](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage-limitations.jsp#caribbeanmarchtonov)

Havana, Cuba (HAV)

**May 24, 2025 – September 1, 2025**

Oversize, overweight and excess bag limitations apply for select cities. You can only check 2 bags to these destinations:

[Central AmericaExpand](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage-limitations.jsp#centralmaytoaug)

* Comayagua, Honduras (XPL)
* San Pedro Sula, Honduras (SAP)
* San Salvador, El Salvador (SAL)

[MexicoExpand](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage-limitations.jsp#mexiccomaytoaug)

Aguascalientes (AGU)

Chihuahua (CUU)

Zacatecas (ZCL)

**July 26, 2025 – September 10, 2025**

Oversize, overweight and excess bag limitations apply for select cities. You can only check 2 bags to these destinations:

[CaribbeanExpand](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage-limitations.jsp#caribjulytosept)

Grenada, Grenada (GND)

**November 21, 2024 – January 12, 2025**

Oversize, overweight and excess bag limitations apply for select cities. You can only check 2 bags to these destinations:

[CaribbeanExpand](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage-limitations.jsp#caribnovtojanuary)

* Dominica, Dominica (DOM)
* Grenada, Grenada (GND)
* Havana, Cuba (HAV)
* Kingston, Jamaica (KIN)
* Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago (POS)
* Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (SDQ)
* Santiago, Dominican Republic (STI)
* St. Vincent (SVD)

[Central AmericaExpand](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage-limitations.jsp#centamericanovembertojanuary)

* Comayagua, Honduras (XPL)
* Managua, Nicaragua (MGA)
* San Pedro Sula, Honduras (SAP)
* San Salvador, El Salvador (SAL)

[MexicoExpand](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage-limitations.jsp#mexiconovembertojanuary)

* Aguascalientes (AGU)
* Chihuahua (CUU)
* Hermosillo (HMO)
* Loreto (LTO)
* Monterrey (MTY)
* Morelia (MLM)
* Torreon (TRC)
* Zacatecas (ZCL)

[South AmericaExpand](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage-limitations.jsp#southamericanovembertojanuary)

* Cali, Colombia (CLO)
* Georgetown, Guyana (GEO)

**Year-round limitations**

Oversize, overweight and excess bag limitations apply for select cities. You can only check 2 bags to these destinations:

[CaribbeanExpand](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage-limitations.jsp#allyearcaribbean)

**Cuba**

* Camaguey (CMW)
* Holguin (HOG)
* Santiago (SCU)
* Santa Clara (SNU)
* Varadero (VRA)

**Port au Prince, Haiti (PAP)**

There is a permanent embargo on boxes as well as excess, oversize and overweight bags.

[South AmericaExpand](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage-limitations.jsp#allyearsouthamerica)

* Guayaquil, Ecuador (GYE)
* Quito, Ecuador (UIO)
* Lima, Peru (LIM)

**Bag and optional fees**

* **Special notice**
* Save time and get the best price available when you pay for your checked bags online within 24 hours of departure for travel on domestic flights within and between the U.S., including Hawaii and Alaska, and select markets in the Caribbean and Central America.
* For tickets issued on / after February 20, 2024, save $5 on the 1st checked bag fee when you pay online on aa.com or the app for travel within and between the U.S., including Hawaii and Alaska, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands.

**How many bags can you take?**

**Check up to 10 bags on American Airlines operated flights if your trip is:**

* Domestic
* Transatlantic
* Transpacific

**Check up to 5 bags on American-operated flights if you’re traveling to / through / from:**

* Mexico / Caribbean / Central America\*
* South America\*
* Brazil\*

[Weight and sizeExpand](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/checked-baggage-policy.jsp#weightandsize)

We calculate the size limits of your bag by adding the total outside dimensions of each bag, length + width + height.

For all regions, except to / from Australia or New Zealand, your checked bag allowance is:

* Dimension: 62 in / 158 cm
* Weight: 50 lbs / 23 kgs
* For First / Business, weight is 70 lbs / 32 kgs for free bags and 50 lbs / 23 kgs for excess charged bags

For all confirmed customers on flights to / from Australia or New Zealand:

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* Weight: 70 lbs / 32kgs for free bags and 50 lbs / 23 kgs for excess charged bags

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1. [Home](https://www.aa.com/homepage)

1. [At the airport](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/at-the-airport.jsp)

1. [Bags](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage.jsp)

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* [Bag limitations](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage-limitations.jsp)
* [Bag and optional fees](https://www.aa.com/i18n/customer-service/support/optional-service-fees.jsp)



[Bags](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage.jsp)

[Checked bag policy](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/checked-baggage-policy.jsp)

[Carry-on bags](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/carry-on-baggage.jsp)

[Delayed or damaged bags](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/delayed-or-damaged-baggage.jsp)

[Track your bags](https://www.aa.com/web/baggage/tracker)

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* [Bag regions](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage-regions.jsp)

\*There are seasonal and year-round bag restrictions

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[Oversize and overweight bags](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/oversize-and-overweight-baggage.jsp)

**What it will cost**

[Free checked bagsExpand](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/checked-baggage-policy.jsp#cost)

If you have AAdvantage® status or **one**world® status, you may be eligible for up to 3 free checked bags on itineraries marketed and operated by American Airlines. The number of free bags you can check depends on your highest status level at the time of ticketing or check-in, and requires your AAdvantage® number to be included in your reservation.

**If your status level is:**

* Higher at ticketing than at check-in, show your ticket receipt to the airport agent
* Lower at ticketing than at check-in, current benefits will automatically apply

Free checked bags may not apply to codeshare flights operated by our partners. Visit the website of the airline operating your flight for details.

[Other airlines](https://www.aa.com/i18n/customer-service/support/optional-service-fees.jsp#otherairlines)

**First checked bag is free for:**

* Eligible AAdvantage® credit cardholders traveling on domestic American Airlines operated itineraries. Your AAdvantage® number must be added to your reservation.
* AAdvantage Gold® status
* GOL **Diamond** Smiles members
* oneworld® Ruby

**or when traveling to these destinations:**

* Argentina\*
* Australia^
* Brazil\*
* Chile\*
* China\*
* Colombia\*
* Cuba\*
* Ecuador\*
* Haiti\*
* Hong Kong\*
* India\*
* Israel\*
* Japan\*
* New Zealand^
* Panama\*
* Paraguay\*
* Peru\*
* Qatar\*
* South Korea\*
* Transatlantic\*
* Uruguay\*

\*Excluding Basic Economy

^Excluding Basic Economy for tickets issued on / before November 12, 2024

**First 2 checked bags are free for:**

* AAdvantage Platinum® status
* **one**world® Sapphire members
* Confirmed Domestic First customers
* Confirmed Business customers
* Confirmed Premium Economy customers

**First 3 checked bags are free for:**

* Confirmed Flagship® First and Flagship® Business Plus customers\*
* AAdvantage Executive Platinum® status
* AAdvantage Platinum Pro® status
* **one**world® Emerald
* Active U.S. military and / or dependents with ID traveling on orders (1st - 5th bags free of charge)\*\*
* Active U.S. military with ID on personal travel\*\*

\*Applicable only to Flagship® First International, Flagship® First Transcontinental and Flagship® Business Plus. AAdvantage Executive Platinum® status, AAdvantage Platinum Pro® status and oneworld® Emerald members traveling in Flagship® First may check a 4th bag at no charge

\*\*Free checked bags apply when traveling on American marketed and operated itineraries. Free checked bags don't apply to codeshare flights operated by our partners.

Seasonal and / or year-round limitations apply on checked bags and the number of boxes allowed for travel to select cities.

[Bag limitations](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage-limitations.jsp)

**Save time, pay online**

Don’t wait in line at the airport – get the best price available and check up to 3 bags when you check-in on aa.com or in the app.

Pay for your checked bags online within 24 hours of departure and receive the best price available for travel on domestic flights within and between the U.S., including Hawaii and Alaska, and select markets in the Caribbean and Central America.

For tickets issued on / after February 20, 2024, save $5 on the 1st checked bag fee for travel within and between the U.S., including Hawaii and Alaska, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands.

For more information about paying for your bags online, visit our customer service FAQs.

[Customer service FAQs](https://www.aa.com/i18n/customer-service/faqs/customer-service-faqs.jsp)

All published bag fees apply at each check-in location and are base rates according to travel dates and destination; applicable taxes are not shown.

| Region | Bag 1^ | Bag 2^ | Bag 3 | Bag 4+ |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| U.S. (including HI / AK), Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands | $40^^ | $45^^ | $150 | $200 |
| Canada and Mexico | $35^^ | $45^^ | $200 | $200 |
| Haiti | $0 / $35\* | $65 | $200 | $200 |
| Caribbean (except Cuba and Haiti) | $35^^ | $45^^ | $200 | $200 |
| Central America (except Panama) | $35^^ | $45^^ | $200 | $200 |
| Guyana and Suriname | $35^^ | $45^^ | $200 | $200 |
| Panama / Colombia / Ecuador / Peru | $0 / $45\* | $100 | $200 | $200 |
| South America (except Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru and Suriname) | $0 / $60\* | $100 | $200 | $200 |
| Transatlantic | $0 / $75\* | $100 | $200 | $200 |
| Transpacific (except Australia and New Zealand) | $0 / $75\* | $100 | $200 | $200 |
| Australia / New Zealand | $0\*\* | $100 | $200 | $200 |

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* [Bag and optional fees](https://www.aa.com/i18n/customer-service/support/optional-service-fees.jsp)
* [Refunds](https://www.aa.com/i18n/customer-service/contact-american/receipts-and-refunds.jsp#refunds)

^Main Plus includes 1 extra free checked bag in addition to the Main Cabin allowance (max of 2)

^^A $30 1st checked bag fee and a $40 2nd checked bag fee applies for tickets issued on / before February 19, 2024. A $40 1st checked bag fee ($35 if paid online) and a $45 2nd checked bag fee applies within / between the U.S. (including HI / AK), Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands for tickets issued on / after February 20, 2024. Otherwise, a $35 1st checked bag fee and a $45 2nd checked bag fee applies for tickets issued on / after February 20, 2024.

\*Free bag excludes Basic Economy: For Basic Economy travel to / from Haiti, a $30 1st bag fee applies for tickets issued on / before February 19, 2024 and a $35 1st bag fee applies for tickets issued on / after February 20, 2024. For Basic Economy travel to/from Panama / Colombia / Ecuador / Peru a $45 1st bag fee applies. For Basic Economy travel to / from South America (excluding Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname) a $60 1st bag fee applies. For Transatlantic and Transpacific Basic Economy travel, a $75 1st bag fee applies.

\*\*Free bag includes Basic Economy to / from Australia / New Zealand for tickets issued on / after November 13, 2024. For tickets issued on / before November 12, 2024, a $75 1st bag fee applies to Basic Economy and there is no 1st bag fee for Main Cabin.

**Flights departing Canada**

Find out how much you'll pay for checked bags and other fees on roundtrip and one-way flights departing Canada, displayed in CAD.

[Bag and optional fees - Canada](https://www.aa.com/i18n/customer-service/support/optional-service-fees.jsp?locale=en_CA)

**If your region isn’t listed, we can still help:**

* [Reservations and ticket changes](https://www.aa.com/i18n/customer-service/contact-american/reservations-and-ticket-changes.jsp)
* [Bag regions](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage-regions.jsp)

**Through checked bags**

We only through check bags if all your tickets are in the same reservation and you’re connecting to another American Airlines or **one**world® flight.

[Customer service FAQs](https://www.aa.com/i18n/customer-service/faqs/customer-service-faqs.jsp)

**Cuba**

Each passenger traveling to Cuba may only check up to 2 bags\* with a maximum weight of 70 lbs / 32 kgs per bag, plus 1 carry-on bag and 1 personal item.

* [Bag limitations](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/baggage-limitations.jsp)
* [Carry-on bags](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/carry-on-baggage.jsp)

\*Seasonal exceptions apply to Havana, Cuba.

[What it will costExpand](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/checked-baggage-policy.jsp#cubabagfees)

All published bag fees apply at each check-in location and are base rates according to travel dates and destination; applicable taxes are not shown.

| Trips originating in Cuba | Bag 1 | Bag 2 | Bag 3 | Bag 4+ |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| From Cuba | $0 | $0 | $200 | $200 |
| To Cuba | $0 | $150 / $200\*\* | $200 | –Not available |

| Trips originating outside Cuba | Bag 1 | Bag 2 | Bag 3 | Bag 4+ |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| To Cuba | $0 / $35\*^ | $150 / $200\*\*^ | $200 | –Not available |
| From Cuba | $0 | $0 | $200 | $200 |

All bag fees are non-refundable and apply per person, each way, even if you buy or get an upgrade that includes free checked bags. If you believe you were incorrectly charged for bag fees, contact an American representative for help or file a refund claim within 45 days.

* [Oversize and overweight bags](https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/baggage/oversize-and-overweight-baggage.jsp)
* [Bag and optional fees](https://www.aa.com/i18n/customer-service/support/optional-service-fees.jsp)
* [Refunds](https://www.aa.com/i18n/customer-service/contact-american/receipts-and-refunds.jsp#refunds)

\*For travel to Cuba,. a $30 1st bag fee applies to Basic Economy and there is no 1st bag fee for Main Cabin for tickets issued on / before February 19, 2024. For tickets issued on / after February 20, 2024 a $35 1st bag fee applies to Basic Economy and there is no 1st bag fee for Main Cabin.

\*\*For travel to Cuba, a $200 2nd bag fee applies seasonally for travel from November 16 – January 9. A $150 2nd bag fee applies otherwise. Excludes Main Plus for tickets issued on / after September 20, 2023.

^Main Plus includes 1 extra free checked bag in addition to the Main Cabin allowance (max of 2).