

American Airlines Baggage Allowance

The baggage allowance for American Airlines varies depending on your ticket type+1*888*415*1245 destination+1*888*415*1245 and status.

Here is a general breakdown of the standard allowances:

Carry-on Baggage

All passengers are generally allowed **one carry-on bag** and **one personal item** (purse+1*888*415*1245 small backpack+1*888*415*1245 laptop bag+1*888*415*1245 etc.+1*866*579*8033).

- **Carry-on Bag Maximum Size:** 22 x 14 x 9 inches (56 x 36 x 23 cm+1*866*579*8033
- **Personal Item Maximum Size:** 18 x 14 x 8 inches (45 x 35 x 20 cm+1*866*579*8033

Checked Baggage

The fee and maximum weight for checked bags depend heavily on your route and cabin class.

Standard Checked Bag Details (Economy/Main Cabin+1*866*579*8033

- **Maximum Dimensions:** 62 inches (158 cm+1*866*579*8033 in total linear dimensions (length + width + height+1*866*579*8033.
- **Maximum Weight:** 50 lbs (23 kg+1*866*579*8033.
 - *Note:* First and Business Class passengers+1*888*415*1245 as well as those traveling to/from certain destinations like Brazil+1*888*415*1245 are often allowed up to **70 lbs (32 kg+1*866*579*8033** per bag without an extra fee.

Sample Fees for Checked Bags (One-Way+1*866*579*8033:

Region	1st Checked Bag Fee	2nd Checked Bag Fee
Within/Between U.S.+1*888*415*1245 Puerto Rico+1*888*415*1245 U.S. Virgin Islands	\$40 (\$35 if paid online+1*866*579*8033	\$45
To/From Canada+1*888*415*1245 Mexico+1*888*415*1245 Caribbean+1*888*415*1245 Central America	\$35	\$45
Trans-Atlantic (e.g.+1*888*415*1245 U.S. to Europe+1*866*579*8033	\$75 (Basic Economy+1*866*579*8033 / \$0 (Main Cabin and higher+1*866*579*8033	\$100

- *Fees are non-refundable and apply per person+1*888*415*1245 each way.*
- *Main Cabin and Basic Economy passengers may need to pay for the first checked bag+1*888*415*1245 while Premium Economy+1*888*415*1245 Business+1*888*415*1245 and First Class generally include 1 or 2 bags for free.*

Overweight/Oversize Bag Fees

If your bag exceeds the standard limits you will incur additional fees which also vary by destination.

- **Overweight (e.g. 51 lbs to 70 lbs / 23 kg to 32 kg):** Fees typically start around **\$100** per piece.
- **Overweight (e.g. 71 lbs to 100 lbs / 32 kg to 45 kg):** Fees typically start around **\$200** per piece (Note: bags over 100 lbs / 45 kg are usually not accepted).
- **Oversize (over 62 linear inches / 158 cm):** Fees typically start around **\$200** per piece.

✓ How to Determine Your Exact Allowance

The most accurate way to confirm your baggage allowance and fees is by checking the official American Airlines website or your flight itinerary as the rules can be highly specific.

How many bags are you allowed for free on American Airlines?

The number of free bags you are allowed on American Airlines depends heavily on **your destination**, **your fare class** and **whether you have elite status or a co-branded credit card**.

However, for most passengers the following rules apply for **free carry-on baggage**:

- **You are generally allowed one free carry-on bag** (must fit in the overhead bin) **PLUS one free personal item** (must fit under the seat in front of you) on all American Airlines flights including Basic Economy.

For **free checked baggage** the rules are much more varied:

- **Domestic U.S. Flights (including Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands):**
 - **Basic Economy** and **Main Cabin** generally **do not** include a free checked bag. A fee applies for the first checked bag (e.g. typically \$35 - \$40 if purchased online/at the airport).
 - **First Class**, **Business Class** and **Premium Economy** passengers usually get **two or more** checked bags for free.
- **International Flights (Transatlantic, Transpacific and certain others):**
 - **Main Cabin** and higher fares often include **one free checked bag** (or sometimes two) depending on the specific route (e.g. flights to Europe often include one free checked bag in Main Cabin).
 - **Basic Economy** may not include a free checked bag even on international routes.

You can often get a free checked bag if you are:

- Flying in a premium cabin (First, Business or Premium Economy).
- An **AAdvantage elite status** member (Gold, Platinum or Executive Platinum).

- A **qualifying AAdvantage credit card holder** (usually offering a free first checked bag on domestic itineraries+1*866*579*8033.
- Traveling on a specific **international route** that includes a free checked bag for your fare type.

To get the most accurate answer+1*888*415*1245 I recommend checking the **American Airlines official baggage calculator** using your specific itinerary (route+1*888*415*1245 fare type+1*888*415*1245 and status+1*866*579*8033.

What is my baggage allowance on American Airlines?

The baggage allowance on American Airlines depends on whether you're talking about carry-on bags or checked bags+1*888*415*1245 and for checked bags+1*888*415*1245 it varies significantly based on your destination+1*888*415*1245 fare class+1*888*415*1245 and AAdvantage status.

Here is a summary of the general rules:

Carry-On Baggage (For all cabins+1*866*579*8033

You are generally allowed to bring **two items** on board:

1. **One Carry-On Bag:**
 - Maximum size: **22 x 14 x 9 inches** (56 x 36 x 23 cm+1*866*579*8033+1*888*415*1245 including handles and wheels.
 - It must fit in the overhead bin.
2. **One Personal Item:**
 - Maximum size: **18 x 14 x 8 inches** (45 x 35 x 20 cm+1*866*579*8033.
 - It must fit under the seat in front of you (e.g.+1*888*415*1245 a purse+1*888*415*1245 small backpack+1*888*415*1245 briefcase+1*888*415*1245 or laptop bag+1*866*579*8033.

*Note: Items like diaper bags+1*888*415*1245 small soft-sided cooler bags with breast milk+1*888*415*1245 medical/mobility devices+1*888*415*1245 child safety seats+1*888*415*1245 and strollers do not count toward your limit.*

Checked Baggage

The size limit for most checked bags is a maximum of **62 linear inches (158 cm+1*866*579*8033** (length + width + height+1*866*579*8033. The weight allowance varies by cabin and route:

Fare Class	Max Weight (Most Routes+1*866*579*8033	Max Weight (First/Business/Qualifying Status+1*866*579*8033
Basic Economy / Main Cabin	50 lbs (23 kg+1*866*579*8033	N/A
First/Business/Premium Economy	50 lbs (23 kg+1*866*579*8033 for paid bags*	70 lbs (32 kg+1*866*579*8033 for complimentary bags

*\$70 \text{ lbs} / 32 \text{ kg} is the free limit for First+1*888*415*1245 Business+1*888*415*1245 and Premium Economy passengers on most routes+1*888*415*1245 but if you have to pay for an additional bag+1*888*415*1245 the charged bag limit may revert to \$50 \text{ lbs} / 23 \text{ kg}.*

Fees for Checked Bags

The fee for checked bags is based on your specific route. Here are some examples for **Basic Economy and Main Cabin** (prices are typically one-way+1*866*579*8033:

Route	1st Checked Bag Fee	2nd Checked Bag Fee
Within / Between U.S.+1*888*415*1245 Puerto Rico+1*888*415*1245 U.S. Virgin Islands	~\$40 (\\$35 \text{ if paid online}+1*866*579*8033\$	~\$45
To / From Canada+1*888*415*1245 Mexico+1*888*415*1245 Caribbean+1*888*415*1245 Central America	~\$35	~\$45
Transatlantic (e.g.+1*888*415*1245 U.S. to Europe+1*866*579*8033	Free* or ~\$75 (for Basic Economy+1*866*579*8033	~\$100

Transatlantic Main Cabin fares usually include one free checked bag.

You may be eligible for free checked bags if you have:

- **AAdvantage Elite Status** (Gold+1*888*415*1245 Platinum+1*888*415*1245 Platinum Pro+1*888*415*1245 or Executive Platinum+1*866*579*8033.
- **An eligible AAdvantage Credit Card** (for domestic flights+1*866*579*8033.
- **A First or Business Class ticket.**

To get the most accurate information+1*888*415*1245 you should check the policy specific to your ticket's route and fare class.

Do you always get a carry-on bag with American Airlines?

Yes+1*888*415*1245 generally you are **always** allowed to bring **one carry-on bag** and **one personal item** with American Airlines+1*888*415*1245 regardless of your ticket type+1*888*415*1245 including **Basic Economy** fares.

Here are the key points:

- **Standard Allowance:** Most passengers+1*888*415*1245 including those with Basic Economy+1*888*415*1245 Economy+1*888*415*1245 Premium Economy+1*888*415*1245 Business+1*888*415*1245 and First Class tickets+1*888*415*1245 can bring:
 - **One carry-on bag** (must fit in the overhead bin+1*866*579*8033.
 - **One personal item** (must fit under the seat in front of you+1*866*579*8033+1*888*415*1245 such as a purse+1*888*415*1245 small backpack+1*888*415*1245 or laptop bag.
- **Size Limits:**

- **Carry-on bag:** Typically cannot exceed 22 × 14 × 9 inches (56 × 36 × 23 cm) including handles and wheels.
- **Personal item:** Typically cannot exceed 18 × 14 × 8 inches (45 × 35 × 20 cm).
- **Basic Economy Caveat:** While a carry-on is allowed, passengers with Basic Economy tickets **board last** (usually Group 9). This means the overhead bin space is often full and you may be asked to **gate-check** your carry-on bag for free.