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Updated Checked Bag Fees

Customers who purchased domestic economy class tickets May 12, 2008, through June 14, 2008, may check one bag for free and check a second bag for \$25 each way. Customers who purchase domestic economy class tickets on or after June 15, 2008, will be charged \$15 each way for the first checked bag and \$25 each way for the second checked bag.



Exceptions to this policy include customers who purchase First or Business Class tickets, AAdvantage Executive Platinum®, AAdvantage Platinum® and AAdvantage Gold® members as well as customers who purchase full-fare tickets in Economy Class. [View a complete list of exceptions.](#)

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Dimensions, Weight and Number of Pieces

| Itinerary | Number of Bags Allowed* | Size Per Piece Allowed* | Maximum Weight Per Piece* |
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| Flights within the United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Canada | One bag carry-on. No charge Checked bags. Fees apply. | 45 in/114 cm (carry-on) 62 in/157 cm (checked)* | The combined weight of the carry-on bag and personal item may not exceed 40 lbs/18 kgs. 50 lbs/23 kgs. (checked)* |
| Travel to/from Brazil | One bag carry-on. No charge Two bags checked. No charge | 45 in/114 cm (carry-on) 62 in/157 cm (checked) | 40 lbs/18 kgs. (carry-on) 70 lbs/32 kg (checked) |
| Travel to/through/from Europe and Asia | One bag carry-on. No charge Two bags checked. No charge | 45 in/114 cm (carry-on) 62 in/157 cm (checked) | 40 lbs/18 kgs. (carry-on) 50 lbs/23 kgs (checked) Over 50 lbs/23 kgs but less than 70 lbs/32 kgs - is subject to a \$50 USD overweight baggage fee (Maximum of three excess pieces will be accepted.) Over 70 lbs/32 kgs - will not be accepted |
| Other International Travel | One bag carry-on. No charge Two bags checked. No charge | 45 in/114 cm (carry-on) 62 in/157 cm (checked) | 40 lbs/18 kgs. (carry-on) 50 lbs/23 kg (checked) |

The size limitation of your luggage is calculated by adding the total outside dimensions of each bag, that is, length + width + height.

*Bags over the size or weight allowance will incur additional [fees](#). See below for [Specialty Items](#).

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Baggage Fees

Itinerary

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All other itineraries

Baggage Fees

\$15 for the first checked piece for tickets purchased on or after June 15, 2008 [Exceptions may apply.](#)
 \$25 for the second checked piece for tickets purchased on or after May 12, 2008. [Exceptions may apply.](#)
 \$100 per piece for the 3rd, 4th and 5th checked bags
 \$200 per piece for the 6th checked bag and any additional pieces

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Overweight/Oversize Baggage Fees

Additional charges apply to this type of baggage and are collected at the airport ticket counter.

Itinerary

Flights within the United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Canada

Overweight Baggage Fees

Checked baggage weighing over 50 lbs/23 kgs but not more than 70 lbs/32 kgs will be charged at the rate of \$50 per piece.

Checked baggage weighing over 70lbs/32 kgs but not more than 100 lbs/45 kgs will be charged at the rate of \$100 per piece.

Baggage weighing more than 100 lbs/45 kgs will not be accepted as checked baggage.

Oversize Baggage Fees

Checked baggage which is larger than 62 in/157 cm will be charged at the rate of \$150 per piece.

Baggage measuring more than 115 in/292 cm will not be accepted as checked baggage.

All other itineraries

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Certain aircraft types cannot accept some oversized articles due to the dimensions of the cargo doors. If you are traveling with an oversized article, please contact an American Airlines representative to ensure your destination is typically served by an aircraft that can accommodate your article.

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Specialty Items

There are exceptions, special rules, and/or packing instructions that apply to some specialty items. Examples of these include duffel bags used by military personnel and certain musical instruments. To determine if your item has special charges, please contact an American Airlines representative at 1-800-433-7300.

Audio/Visual Equipment

Camera, film, lighting, and sound equipment (up to a maximum of 115 in/292 cm and 100 lbs/45 kgs) will be charged a rate of \$50.00 per piece when tendered by representatives of network or local television broadcasting companies, commercial film-making companies, the federal government, Department of Defense or the American Society of Media Photographers.

Firearms/Ammunition

View the rules and regulations for transporting [firearms and ammunition](#) on flights within the U.S. For information on transporting these items internationally, please contact [Reservations](#).

Musical Instruments

Small musical instruments may be carried onboard the aircraft providing they meet existing carry-on size requirements and fit in the overhead bin or under the seat in front of you. Case dimensions may not exceed 45 linear inches (width + length + height), except for guitars which may be brought on board only if they can be safely stowed in an overhead bin or approved stowage location in the cabin. The instrument is considered the passenger's one allowed carry-on bag. A [personal item](#) is allowed in addition to the instrument. See [Carry-On Allowance](#) for more information.

If an instrument is too large to fit in the carry-on baggage space, an additional seat may be purchased. In this case, an instrument must travel in a window, bulkhead seat, with the customer in the adjoining seat. Due to their size Bass Fiddles are not accepted in the coach cabin and are only accepted on certain aircraft types, please contact an American Airlines representative at 1-800-433-7300.

Instruments may also be transported as checked baggage, however, due to their fragile nature AA does not accept liability for damages and has limited liability for loss. AA is also not liable for any damage to checked musical instruments not presented in a hard-sided case. If the outside of the hard-sided case does not have visible damage, AA is not liable for any damage to the musical instrument inside the case.



Military Baggage

- Active U.S. Military personnel are allowed to check three pieces of baggage free of charge.
- Each checked bag in the free allowance may be up to 62 inches* and weigh up to 50 lbs.
- Active U.S. Military personnel traveling **on orders** are allowed one bag in the free allowance up to 100 lbs. and 115 inches. The second and third bag are free of charge up to 50lbs. and 62 inches. Travel orders must be presented when checking the bag.
- The 70 lb. maximum bag weight limit for Europe and Asia does not apply for U.S. military baggage if traveling on orders.
- Military ID must be presented. Traveling in uniform is not required.

*The size limitation of your luggage is calculated by adding the total outside dimensions of each bag, that is, length + width + height.

Mobility Devices

Wheelchairs/scooters, braces or other assistive devices are accepted free of charge as checked baggage and are in addition to the normal checked baggage allowance. There are special handling procedures for motorized equipment. Please contact an American Airlines representative at 1-800-433-7300 for detailed information.

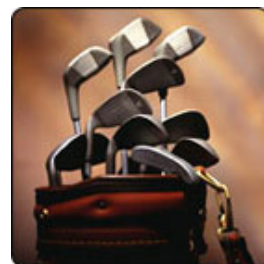
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Sports Equipment

The following guidelines for sports equipment being transported on American are effective for travel within the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Maximum Size and Weight

- Items that exceed the maximum allowable size and/or weight will be subject to applicable oversize and/or overweight charges.
- Items that are larger than 115 inches and 100 lbs. will not be accepted as checked baggage. Contact a freight forwarder for assistance with these items.
- Additional items not included in the item description below must not be packed inside the sports case and are subject to overweight and/or oversize charges.
- All inches are dimensional inches (length + width + height)



Charges

- Charges listed are in U.S. Dollars
- For information related to travel outside of United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and USVI, please contact Reservations.

Liability

- AA/American Eagle/AmericanConnection® carrier are not liable for any damage to sports items not presented in a hard-sided case. If the outside of the hard-sided case does not have visible damage, AA/American Eagle/AmericanConnection® carrier are not liable for any damage to the sports item inside the case.
- Sports cases designed for specific items such as golf bags, boot bags and bike cases are intended to carry only that sports item.

| Item | Allowance/Requirements | Cost | Maximum Size and Weight | Additional Information |
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| Antlers | Must be as free of residue as possible. The skull must be wrapped and tips protected. | \$100 in addition to the applicable checked baggage fee, based on the number of checked bags. | 70 lbs 115 inches | - Acceptance conditional on aircraft size and load conditions - Passengers must make all arrangements and assume full responsibility for complying with any applicable laws, customs, and/or other governmental regulations, requirements or restrictions of the county, state, or territory to/from which the antlers are being transported. |
| Archery | One bow, one quiver, arrows and maintenance kit | Charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | 50 lbs 62 inches | |
| Backpack/ Knapsack/ | One Backpack/knapsack with or without frame | Charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | 50 lbs 62 inches | |
| Bicycles | One non-motorized touring or racing bike. Handlebars must be fixed sideways and pedals removed. Or pedals and handlebars must be enclosed in plastic foam or similar material. | \$100 in addition to the applicable checked baggage fee, based on the number of checked bags. Exception: If bicycle and container are less than 62 dimensional inches and under 50 lbs., the bike is charged the applicable baggage fee for the 1 st checked bag. | 70 lbs 115 inches | - Acceptance conditional on aircraft size and load conditions - Exception: If a bike is less than 62 dimensional inches and 50 lbs., the above conditions do not apply |
| Boogie Boards | One boogie board | Charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | 50 lbs 62 inches | |
| Bowling Balls | Bowling case with bowling balls and shoes | Charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be | 50 lbs 62 inches | - Bowling ball cleaners that contain high amounts of Acetone or alcohol over 70% in volume are considered dangerous goods and |

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| | | subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | | will not be allowed in checked or carry-on baggage. |
| Camping Equipment | One piece of camping equipment | Charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | 50 lbs 62 inches | - Camping stove fuels, Sterno, matches, lighters and flares are considered dangerous goods and are not allowed in checked or carry-on baggage. |
| Fishing | Two rods and one reel contained in a case and one bag with fishing tackle, landing net and fishing boots. | Two pieces - Fishing rod case and fishing equipment bag are charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | Fishing rod case 50 lbs. 115 inches Equipment bag 50 lbs. 62 inches | For purposes of excess baggage, two pieces count as one item |
| Golf Clubs | One golf bag containing no more than 14 golf clubs, 12 golf balls and one pair of golf shoes | Charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | Maximum free weight on golf clubs is 70 lbs. Size is limited to the size of a hard-sided golf case. | - Swingless Golf Club load strips are considered dangerous goods and are not allowed in checked or carry-on baggage. |
| Hangliders | One hanglider | \$100 in addition to the applicable checked baggage fee, based on the number of checked bags. | 70 lbs 115 inches | - Acceptance conditional on aircraft size and load conditions |
| Hockey/Lacrosse | Hockey/Lacrosse sticks and one equipment bag | Two pieces - Equipment bag plus Hockey/Lacrosse stick(s) are charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | Equipment bag up to 50 lbs. and 62 inches plus Hockey/Lacrosse stick(s) | For purposes of excess baggage, two pieces count as one item |
| Javelin | One javelin | \$100 in addition to the applicable checked baggage fee, based on the number of checked bags. | 70 lbs 115 inches | - Acceptance conditional on aircraft size and load conditions |
| Kayak, Boats, Sculls, Canoes | Not accepted. | | | |
| Oars | One pair of oars | Charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | 50 lbs 62 inches | |
| Pole Vault | Not accepted. | | | |
| Scuba Gear (with tanks) | One scuba tank, scuba regulator, tank harness and tank pressure gauge. | \$100 in addition to the applicable checked baggage fee, based on the number of checked bags. | 70 lbs | Regulator valve must be completely disconnected from the cylinder and the cylinder must have an opening to allow for a visual inspection inside. |
| Scuba Gear (without tanks) | Scuba regulator, tank harness and tank pressure gauge. | Charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | 50 lbs 62 inches | |
| Shooting Equipment | Maximum amount per case is three rifles/shotguns or five pistols/revolvers 11 lbs/5 kgs ammunition, shooting mat, noise suppressors, and tools. | Charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | 50 lbs 62 inches | Please visit our Transporting Firearms And Ammunition page for more information. |
| Skateboard | One skateboard | Charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be | 50 lbs 62 inches | |

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| | | subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | | |
| Skis Water / Snow | One pair of skis and one bag containing a pair of ski boots only | Two pieces - Ski boot bag and one pair of skis are charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | - Ski boot bag up to 50 lbs. and 62 inches - One pair of skis up to 115 inches | - Lighters or torches for applying ski wax are considered dangerous goods and are not allowed in checked or carry-on baggage |
| Snowboard | One Snowboard with boots | Charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | 50 lbs 62 inches | |
| Surfboards, Kiteboards, Wakeboards | One surfboard, Kiteboard, or Wakeboard | \$100 in addition to the applicable checked baggage fee, based on the number of checked bags. Exception: Kiteboards and wakeboards and containers that are less than 62 linear inches and under 50 lbs. are free in place of 62 inch bag in the free allowance. | 70 lbs 115 inches | - Acceptance conditional on aircraft size and load conditions - Exception: If the Kiteboard/wakeboard is less than 62 linear inches and 50 lbs., the above conditions do not apply |
| Tennis Rackets | Tennis Rackets and tennis balls | Charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | 50 lbs 62 inches | |
| Tent/Sleeping Bag | One tent with frame or one sleeping bag | Charged the applicable checked bag fee for the 1st or 2nd checked bag. When in excess, each item will be subject to the baggage fee for a single piece. | 50 lbs 62 inches | |
| Windsurf, Kitesurf | One board, one mast, boom and sail | \$100 in addition to the applicable checked baggage fee, based on the number of checked bags. Can be two pieces | 70 lbs. 115 inches each piece | - Acceptance conditional on aircraft size and load conditions - Up to three pieces (as described at left) count as one piece for baggage charges. |

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Transportation of the Deceased

The Jim Wilson Desk at AA Cargo (1-800-228-7878) handles the transportation of your deceased loved ones, in coordination with a funeral home/director. Our Passenger Reservations personnel (1-800-433-7300) will make travel arrangements for any escort accompanying uncremated remains.

Cremated Remains

Cremated remains traveling with a passenger are handled in the same manner as carry-on baggage. No special documents are required for travel within the United States. For international travel, refer to that country's consulate and/or burial advisor.

Crematory Containers

Certain crematory containers such as urns are unable to be screened at security checkpoints by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). An American Airlines airport agent may consult TSA personnel to determine if your container may be transported as carry-on or checked baggage. Please seek guidance from a funeral home to help determine if a particular crematory container will pose any difficulty at a TSA screening point.



