

# Airline Baggage Fees



The grid below summarizes the checked baggage fees for the major North American airlines as of September 18, 2008. Individual policies are subject to change without notice and agents are advised to verify the policy directly with the airline at the time of booking for the most complete, up-to-date information. Links to individual baggage policies are provided below. ASTA recommends that you include the following sample notice with passenger invoices if space permits:

**CHECKED BAGGAGE POLICIES VARY BY AIRLINE, DESTINATION, FREQUENT FLYER STATUS, BOOKING CLASS, BAG SIZE AND WEIGHT. FEES MAY APPLY IF (1) YOU PLAN TO CHECK A BAG OR (2) YOU PLAN TO CARRY SPORTS EQUIPEMENT OR AN ODD-SHAPED ITEM OR (3) YOUR BAG EXCEEDS AIRLINE WEIGHT LIMITS.**

Please contact us at [askasta@asta.org](mailto:askasta@asta.org) if you have information requiring a change. The information in the chart is for general guidance only and ASTA is not liable for deviations that individual airlines may apply.

| Airline                    | 1st Bag Fee (Each Way) | 2nd Bag Fee (Each Way)  | Effective Date  | Exemptions (Check Website for a Complete List)  | Applicable Area                                       |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <a href="#">Air Canada</a> | N/A                    | \$25 for travel prior to 9/23/08<br><br>No fee applies for travel after 9/23/08                 | Current 2 <sup>nd</sup> bag fee effective from 5/15/08 until 9/23/08. After 9/23/08, there will be no fee for checking a 2 <sup>nd</sup> bag. | Elite Frequent Flyers, Latitude and Executive Class tickets   | Domestic Canada, U.S.                                 |
| <a href="#">Air Tran</a>   | N/A                    | \$10 online check-in or \$20 airport check-in<br><br>Note: fee will increase to \$25 on 9/18/08 | 5/15/08 – 9/17/08<br><br>New fee will take effect on 9/18/08 for tickets issued on or after 8/14/08   | n/a   | Systemwide  |
| <a href="#">Alaska</a>     | N/A                    | \$25  | For tickets purchased on or after 05/01/08 for travel on or after 07/01/08  | Elite Frequent Flyers, First Class Tickets, travel within Alaska, travel to/from Guadalajara or Mexico City | Domestic U.S.   |
| <a href="#">American</a>   | \$15                   | \$25  | 2nd bag fee eff. 5/12/08<br><br>1st bag fee eff. 6/15/08  | Elite Frequent Flyers, Full Fare Economy, Business and First Class Tickets                                  | U.S., Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada |

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| <u>Continental</u> | \$15  | \$25                            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> bag fee eff. 5/5/08<br>1 <sup>st</sup> bag fee eff. for tickets purchased on or after 9/5/08 for travel on or after 10/7/08      | Elite Frequent Flyers, Presidential and First/Business First Tickets | U.S., Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada |
| <u>Delta</u>       | N/A   | \$50                            | For tickets purchased on or after 7/31/08 for travel on or after 8/5/08. For tickets purchased prior to 7/31/08, 2 <sup>nd</sup> bag fee is \$25 | Elite Frequent Flyers and First/Business Class Tickets               | Domestic, Including U.S. Territories                  |
| <u>Frontier</u>    | \$15  | \$25                            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> bag fee eff. 6/10/08<br>1 <sup>st</sup> bag fee eff. for tickets purchased on or after 9/13/08 for travel on or after 11/1/08    | Elite Frequent Flyers and First/Business Class tickets               | Systemwide  |
| <u>JetBlue</u>     | N/A   | \$20                            | June 1, 2008   | n/a  | Systemwide  |
| <u>Northwest</u>   | \$15  | \$25                            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> bag fee effective 5/5/08<br>1 <sup>st</sup> bag fee effective 8/28/08  | Elite Frequent Flyers, Full Fare, First Class Tickets                | U.S., Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean                   |
| <u>Spirit</u>      | \$15 online check-in or \$25 airport check-in | \$25 online or airport check-in | June 10, 2008  | n/a  | Systemwide  |
| <u>Southwest</u>   | No fee  | No fee                          | n/a  | n/a  | Systemwide  |

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| <u>United</u>     | \$15                   | \$50 fee for tickets purchased on or after 9/16/08 for travel on or after 11/10/08;<br><br>\$25 fee for tickets purchased on or after 9/16/08 for travel on or before 11/09/08 | \$50 2 <sup>nd</sup> bag fee effective 11/10/08<br><br>\$25 2 <sup>nd</sup> bag fee effective 5/5/08<br><br>1 <sup>st</sup> bag fee effective 8/18/08 | United First or Business customers<br><br>Global Services, Mileage Plus 1K, Premier Executive, Premier or Premier Associate member<br><br>Star Alliance Gold or Silver member<br><br>Active military personnel and/or a dependant with ID and traveling on orders | U.S. and Canada, Puerto Rico and St. Thomas          |
| <u>US Airways</u> | \$15                   | \$25   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> bag fee effective 5/5/08<br><br>1 <sup>st</sup> bag fee effective 7/9/08  | Elite Frequent Flyers, First and Business Class Tickets   | U.S. to or from Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean |

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