

# How to Add Baggage, Meals, and Seats After Booking American Flights

 **Add Services Line: +1 (844) 569-1450** (Save Money By Adding Now!)

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## Why Add Before Airport

### Price Comparison:

Service	Online/Phone	At Airport	Savings
1st Checked Bag	\$30-35	\$40-50	Save \$10-15
2nd Checked Bag	\$40-45	\$50-60	Save \$10-15
Seat Selection	\$15-75	Same	No difference
Preferred Seat	\$20-50	\$25-60	Save \$5-10
Wi-Fi	\$8-10	\$10-16	Save \$2-6

**Total potential savings: \$25-50 per trip**

 **Add now: Call +1 (844) 569-1450** before airport

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## Adding Checked Baggage

### Bag Fee Structure:

#### Domestic Flights:

- 1st bag: \$30 (online) / \$40 (airport)
- 2nd bag: \$40 (online) / \$50 (airport)
- 3rd bag: \$150 (any method)
- Overweight (51-70 lbs): +\$100
- Oversize (63-80 inches): +\$200

#### International Flights:

- Often 1-2 bags included FREE
- Check specific route

 **Check your route:** Call **+1 (844) 569-1450**

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## **How to Add Bags Online:**

**Step 1:** American.com → My Trips

**Step 2:** Enter confirmation + last name

**Step 3:** Click "Add Baggage"

**Step 4:** Select number of bags

**Step 5:** Pay (credit/debit card)

**Step 6:** Receive confirmation email

**Total time:** 3-5 minutes

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## **How to Add Bags by Phone:**

 **Call +1 (844) 569-1450**

**Say:** *"I'd like to add checked baggage to my booking [confirmation number]."*

**Agent will:**

- Pull up reservation
- Quote current bag fees
- Add bags to booking
- Process payment
- Confirm via email

**Total time:** 5-8 minutes

**Advantage:** Agent can check for any waivers/discounts available

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## **Who Gets FREE Checked Bags:**

 **Included for:**

- **American SkyMiles credit cardholders** (1st bag free)
- **Medallion members:**

- Silver: 1 free bag
- Gold: 2 free bags
- Platinum: 2 free bags
- Diamond: 2 free bags
- **First Class / American One passengers:** 2+ free bags
- **American Comfort+ on international:** Usually 1 free bag
- **Active military:** 3 free bags

 **Check your benefits:** Call **+1 (844) 569-1450** with SkyMiles number

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## Adding Seat Selection

### **Seat Types & Pricing:**

**Standard Seats:** FREE (Main Cabin and above)

- Select at booking or anytime after
- Middle/back of plane

**Preferred Seats:** \$15-50

- Extra legroom
- Near front
- Exit rows

**American Comfort+:** \$59-199

- 3+ extra inches legroom
- Priority boarding
- Dedicated overhead bin
- Free drinks/snacks

**First Class:** Upgrade pricing

- Most comfortable
- Full meal service
- Premium experience

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## How to Select/Change Seats:

### **Method 1: Online**

**Step 1:** American.com → My Trips

**Step 2:** Select your flight

**Step 3:** Click "Choose Seats"

**Step 4:** View seat map

**Step 5:** Click desired seat (see price if paid)

**Step 6:** Confirm selection

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### **Method 2: Mobile App**

**Step 1:** Open American app

**Step 2:** Go to "My Trips"

**Step 3:** Tap your flight

**Step 4:** Tap "Seats"

**Step 5:** Select from map

**Step 6:** Pay if required

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### **Method 3: Phone**

 **Call +1 (844) 569-1450**

#### **Advantages:**

- Agent sees seats not shown online
- Can request specific seats
- Sometimes unlock blocked seats
- Medallion members: Ask for complimentary upgrades

**Say:** "I'd like to select/change my seat for flight [number]."

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### **Seat Selection Tips:**

#### **Best Seats on Common Aircraft:**

#### **Domestic narrow-body:**

- Rows 1-8: Quieter, exit faster
- Exit rows: Extra legroom (usually Preferred)
- Avoid last row: Seats don't recline

### **International wide-body:**

- Upper deck (747): Quieter
- Bulkhead: Legroom but no under-seat storage
- Exit rows: Maximum legroom

### **Families:**

- Call **+1 (844) 569-1450** for group seating assistance
- Book early for best availability

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## **Adding Meals (International Flights)**

### **Special Meal Requests:**

**Available on international flights (usually 24-48 hours advance notice):**

#### **Dietary:**

- Vegetarian (VGML)
- Vegan (VEGN)
- Kosher (KSML)
- Halal (MOML)
- Gluten-free (GFML)
- Diabetic (DBML)
- Low-sodium (LSML)

#### **Religious:**

- Hindu (HNML)
- Muslim (MOML)
- Jain (JNML)

#### **Other:**

- Child meal (CHML)
- Infant meal (BBML)
- Fruit platter (FPML)
- Seafood (SFML)

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### **How to Request Special Meals:**

**Phone (BEST method):**  **Call +1 (844) 569-1450**

**Say:** "I need to request a special meal for my international flight [number]. I need [meal type]."

**Timeline:** Request at least 24-48 hours before departure

**Confirmation:** Agent confirms meal code added

**At flight:** Crew delivers your special meal first

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**Online:**

- Limited meal options available
- Website: American.com → Manage Booking → Add Special Meal
- Not all meal types bookable online

**Recommended:** Call **+1 (844) 569-1450** for guaranteed processing

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## Adding Wi-Fi



### Wi-Fi Options:

**Single Flight:**

- \$8 (domestic, 90 min)
- \$10 (domestic, full flight)
- \$16 (international)

**Monthly Pass:**

- \$49.95/month (unlimited flights)
- Saves money if flying 5+ times/month

**Free for:**

- American SkyMiles Reserve AmEx cardholders
- American One passengers (some routes)

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## How to Purchase Wi-Fi:

**Before Flight:**

- American.com → Shop → Wi-Fi
- Add to reservation
- Slightly cheaper pre-purchase

### **During Flight:**

- Connect to "AmericanWi-Fi" network
- Purchase through portal
- All payment methods accepted

**Via Phone:**  **+1 (844) 569-1450** can add Wi-Fi to reservation

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## **Adding Upgrades**

### **Upgrade Options:**

#### **Comfort+ Upgrade:**

- Purchase anytime (if available)
- \$59-199 depending on route
- Extra legroom + perks

#### **First Class Upgrade:**

- Purchase if available
- Use SkyMiles (15,000-75,000 miles)
- Complimentary for Medallion (when available)

#### **Bid for Upgrade:**

- Make offer for available first class seats
- Notified 24-48 hours before flight
- Charged only if accepted

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### **How to Upgrade:**

 **Call +1 (844) 569-1450 (BEST for upgrades)**

#### **Agent can:**

- Check upgrade availability
- Quote all pricing options (cash/miles)
- Process immediately
- Explain Medallion complimentary upgrade status
- Set up bid for upgrade

#### **Why phone is better:**

- See availability not shown online

- Agent can combine discounts
- Medallion members get priority

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## Adding Travel Insurance

### American Travel Protection:

#### Covers:

- Trip cancellation
- Medical emergencies
- Lost baggage
- Travel delays

**Cost:** 5-10% of ticket price

#### How to add:

- **Must purchase within 24 hours of booking**
- American.com → My Trips → Add Protection
- Or call **+1 (844) 569-1450**

**Note:** After 24 hours, contact third-party insurers directly

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## Adding Extras for Kids

### Unaccompanied Minor Service:

#### Ages 5-14 flying alone:

- Required service: \$150 each way
- Gate-to-gate escort
- Must book via phone

### Call **+1 (844) 569-1450**

- Cannot book online
- Requires guardian contact info
- Special check-in procedures

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#### Infant Lap Seats:

### **Under age 2:**

- Can fly on parent's lap
- 10% of adult fare (international)
- Free (domestic)

**How to add:**  **Call +1 (844) 569-1450**

- Must add infant to reservation
- Receive infant boarding pass

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## **Adding Extra Services**

### **Pet in Cabin:**

#### **Small pets (under 20 lbs):**

- \$125 each way (domestic)
- \$200 each way (international)
- Counts as personal item

**How to add:**  **Call +1 (844) 569-1450**

- Limited spots per flight
- Book early
- Provide pet details

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### **Wheelchair Assistance:**

#### **FREE service:**

- Gate assistance
- Boarding assistance
- Connecting flight help

#### **How to request:**

- Online: Manage Booking → Special Assistance
- Phone: **+1 (844) 569-1450** (48 hours advance notice preferred)

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### **Sports Equipment:**

#### **Special handling:**

- Skis: \$30-150 depending on route
- Golf clubs: \$30-150
- Bikes: \$150
- Surfboards: \$150

**How to add:**  **Call +1 (844) 569-1450**

- Advance notice helps
- Special size/weight allowances

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## Cost Savings Strategy

### **Maximum Savings Plan:**

#### **1 Week Before Flight:**

- Add checked bags online (\$30 vs \$40 at airport)
- Select preferred seat (\$20 vs \$25 at airport)
- Request special meal if international (free)
- Pre-purchase Wi-Fi (\$8 vs \$10 onboard)

**Potential savings:** \$25-40 per person per trip

**For family of 4 annual travel (4 trips): Total annual savings: \$400-640**

 **Maximize savings:** Call **+1 (844) 569-1450** one week before each flight

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## Bundling Discounts

### **Package Deals:**

#### **Sometimes available:**

- Comfort+ upgrade + bags + Wi-Fi = bundled discount
- First class upgrade includes bags + priority + better seat

**How to find:**  **Call +1 (844) 569-1450**

- Ask: "Are there any bundle discounts if I add multiple services?"
- Agents can sometimes create packages

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# When You CAN'T Add Services

## Restrictions:

### Basic Economy limitations:

- Cannot select seats in advance (assigned at check-in)
- Carry-on not included (only personal item)
- Still can add checked bags

### Too close to departure:

- Some services lock 4-6 hours before flight
- Special meals need 24-48 hours

### Sold out:

- Seats may be fully assigned
- Overhead bins full (can't add carry-on)

 **Restricted?** Call **+1 (844) 569-1450** - sometimes override available

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# How to Remove Services

## Already Added, Want Refund?

### Bags:

- Call **+1 (844) 569-1450** before check-in
- Usually refundable if not used

### Seats:

- Can change to different seat (free if downgrading)
- May not get refund for paid seat if not used

### Wi-Fi:

- Pre-purchased usually non-refundable
- If unused, call **+1 (844) 569-1450** for possible credit

### Meals:

- Free service, just don't order/cancel

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# Services by Ticket Type



## What's Included:

### Basic Economy:

- Personal item only
- NO: Carry-on, seat selection, changes

### Main Cabin:

- Carry-on + personal item
- Free standard seat selection
- Change flexibility

### Comfort+:

- Everything in Main Cabin +
- Extra legroom
- Premium snacks/drinks
- Priority boarding

### First Class:

- Everything in Comfort+ +
- 2 checked bags free
- Premium meals
- Lounge access (domestic)

### American One (International Business):

- Lie-flat seats
- Multi-course meals
- Premium lounge access
- 3 checked bags free

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# Checklist: Services to Add

### 1 Month Before:

- Travel insurance (if wanted - must add within 24 hours of booking)
- Unaccompanied minor service (if applicable)
- Pet in cabin (limited spots)

### 1 Week Before:

- Checked baggage (save \$10-15 per bag)

- Seat selection/upgrades (best availability)
- Special meals (international - 24-48 hour notice)
- Sports equipment
- Wi-Fi pass (if frequent flyer)

#### **24 Hours Before:**

- Check-in opens
- Last chance seat selection (Basic Economy)
- Verify all added services confirmed
- Upgrade to Comfort+ if deals available

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## **Common Questions**

### **Q: Can I add services after checking in?**

A: Some yes (bags at airport), some no (seats locked). Call **+1 (844) 569-1450** to check.

### **Q: Do added services transfer if flight changes?**

A: Usually yes, but verify. Call **+1 (844) 569-1450** when rebooked.

### **Q: Can I add services for someone else's booking?**

A: If you have their confirmation number, yes. Call **+1 (844) 569-1450**.

### **Q: What if I add a bag but don't end up needing it?**

A: Call **+1 (844) 569-1450** before check-in for possible refund.

### **Q: Can I add services using a gift card/voucher?**

A: Sometimes. Call **+1 (844) 569-1450** to attempt payment with credit.

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## **ADD SERVICES & SAVE MONEY**

#### **Don't pay airport prices:**

#### **Call **+1 (844) 569-1450** and say:**

*"I'd like to add [baggage/seats/meals/upgrades] to my booking [confirmation number]. What's available and what will I save by adding now?"*

#### **Agent will:** Quote all service pricing

- Compare online vs airport costs
- Check for bundle discounts
- Show upgrade opportunities
- Add everything immediately
- Confirm via email

**Average savings by pre-adding: \$25-50 per trip**

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**American Add Services: +1 (844) 569-1450**

-  Airport price avoidance
-  Bundle discount discovery
-  All services available
-  Instant confirmation

**Call now—add before airport!**