Southwest Airlines Outlines Charges for Checked Baggage

We are grateful for the thoughtful planning by our People that created a successful activation of a new Basic fare product and checked baggage policy changes for our Customers, along with additional capabilities for our Employees to process a forecasted increase in lobby transaction times and gate-checked bags. Our technology systems and operation are performing in line with expectations.

Checked Baggage Policy:
Southwest charges $35 for a first checked bag and $45 for a second checked bag (weight and size limits apply).[1] However, keep in mind that the following Customers will receive either their first checked bag or their first and second checked bags free (for up to eight additional passengers traveling on the same reservation. Weight and size limits apply).

- Two free checked bags (weight and size limits apply) to Rapid Rewards® A-List Preferred Members and Customers traveling on Business Select® or Choice Extra fares (when this fare bundle is expected to launch in 3Q 2025).
- One free checked bag (weight and size limits apply) to A-List Members, and Rapid Rewards Credit Cardmembers.[2]

Basic Fare:
Southwest offers a Basic fare for our Customers. For more details about benefits offered with each fare bundle, please visit Southwest.com.

[1]Bag fees will apply to Basic, Wanna Get Away Plus®, and Anytime fares booked and ticketed and/or changed on or after May 28, 2025. Business Select® will continue to receive two free checked bags. Rapid Rewards® A-List Preferred members will receive their first and second checked bags for free. A-List members and Rapid Rewards Credit Cardmembers will only receive their first checked bag for free. Checked bag benefits will not apply on flights booked with a partner carrier. Weight and size limits apply. Additional allowances, benefits, and/or exceptions may apply. Learn more.

[2]Southwest Rapid Rewards® Credit Cards are issued by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Member FDIC. Accounts subject to credit approval. Restrictions and limitations apply.