



IMPORTANT AIR TRAVEL UPDATE

New Portable Charger / Power Bank Rules for Air Travelers

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At **All About Travel, Ltd.**, we want to keep you informed of important travel updates that may affect your upcoming trips.

American Airlines has announced new restrictions regarding **portable chargers / power banks** containing lithium-ion batteries due to increasing safety concerns involving overheating and onboard fires.

New American Airlines Rules Include:

- ✓ **Maximum of Two Power Banks Per Passenger**

Each battery pack must be **100 watt-hours (Wh)** or less.

- ✓ **Keep Power Banks Accessible**

Portable chargers must remain **visible or within your reach** during the flight.

- ✗ **No Storage in Overhead Bins**

Power banks may not be placed in overhead compartments.

- ✗ **Do Not Recharge Your Power Bank Onboard**

Passengers may use a power bank to charge personal devices, but the power bank itself may **not be plugged into aircraft outlets or USB ports** for recharging.

Why the Change?

Airlines and aviation authorities have seen an increase in incidents involving **lithium battery smoke and fires** onboard aircraft.

Important Note for Travelers

It is widely expected that **other U.S. airlines may soon adopt similar policies**, so we strongly recommend checking your battery packs now—especially larger laptop power banks, which may exceed the 100Wh limit.

If you have upcoming travel and are unsure whether your portable charger complies, contact us and we'll be happy to help.

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