

American Airlines, Currensea and Mastercard launch UK-first AAdvantage debit cards for frequent flyers

New debit cards enable UK customers to earn AAdvantage® miles redeemable on flights to more than 1,000 destinations and Loyalty Points toward status through everyday spending.



London, 30 September, 2026 — American Airlines, in partnership with Currensea, the market-leading payments technology platform for co-branded multibank debit cards, and Mastercard, today announced the launch of the AAdvantage® Platinum Debit Card and AAdvantage® Black Debit Card — the first AAdvantage®-branded debit cards and the first reward-earning debit cards from a **oneworld®** Alliance airline available to customers in the UK.

The cards give AAdvantage® members a new way to earn rewards on everyday spending. Cardmembers can earn AAdvantage® miles, redeemable for flights, upgrades and unique experiences, as well as Loyalty Points that count toward AAdvantage® status, bringing them closer to valuable travel benefits every time they spend, in the UK and abroad. Through American and its global partner network, including fellow oneworld® Alliance airlines, AAdvantage® members can access more than 1,000 destinations across 170 territories worldwide.

“We’re excited to partner with Currensea and Mastercard to bring the first AAdvantage®-branded debit cards to customers in the UK,” said Scott Long, American’s Senior Vice President of AAdvantage®. “As we continue to expand our presence in this market, we see a tremendous opportunity to give customers more ways to benefit from

the AAdvantage® programme beyond their time in the air. These new cards make it easier to earn rewards through everyday spending while strengthening members' connections to the programme."

Available now, the new cards link directly to customers' existing UK bank accounts and can be used anywhere Mastercard is accepted, with no need for cardmembers to open a new account, top up a separate card or change the way they normally pay.

Cardmembers can earn rewards on purchases in the UK and overseas, with higher earn rates on international transactions and the opportunity to unlock even more miles with the Turbo Miles, an exclusive in-app feature giving cardmembers extra miles in exchange for a higher foreign transaction fee.

AAdvantage® Platinum Debit Card

- Earn 0.5 miles for every £1 spent in the UK and Europe, and 1 mile for every £1 spent elsewhere.
- Earn an anniversary bonus of 1,000 miles after spending £5,000 in a 12-month period, awarded upon subscription renewal.
- For a limited time, Platinum cardmembers can earn an additional 2,000 miles after spending £250 on an American Airlines flight.
- Earn 1 Loyalty Point for every 1 base mile awarded on eligible card spend, excluding bonus miles. There is no limit to the number of Loyalty Points cardmembers can earn through eligible spend, and miles will not expire for active cardmembers.

AAdvantage® Black Debit Card

- Earn 0.667 miles for every £1 spent in the UK and Europe, and 1.334 miles for every £1 spent elsewhere - boosted to 2 miles for every £1 by turning on Turbo Miles in-app.
- Earn an anniversary bonus of 2,500 miles after spending £10,000 in a 12-month period, awarded upon subscription renewal.
- For a limited time, AAdvantage® Black Debit Card cardmembers can earn an additional 5,000 miles after spending £250 on an American Airlines flight.
- AAdvantage® Black Debit Card cardmembers additionally receive premium travel benefits, including unlimited Priority check-in at London Heathrow (LHR) and Preferred boarding on eligible American Airlines flights worldwide.
- Earn 1 Loyalty Point for every 1 base mile awarded on eligible card spend, excluding bonus miles. There is no limit to the number of Loyalty Points cardmembers can earn through eligible spend, and miles will not expire for active cardmembers.

"We're thrilled to be working with American Airlines and Mastercard to bring the first AAdvantage® debit cards to UK customers," said James Lynn, Co-Founder and CEO of Currensea. "The AAdvantage® programme is one of the most recognised travel rewards programmes in the world. These cards give UK customers a simple way to earn miles through everyday spending and redeem them for travel across American Airlines and its global partner network."

"The best products don't just meet customers where they are, they help you get to where you're going," said Darren Deal, Senior Vice President - Fintech, Government & Digital

Partnerships, UKI at Mastercard. “International travel continues to be a priority for British people, with this partnership giving cardmembers access to Mastercard’s global network and the ability to earn rewards on everyday spend wherever they are.”

Learn more by visiting aadvantage.currensea.co.uk.

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About American Airlines

American Airlines is a premium global airline connecting more of the U.S. to the world. With roots tracing back to an air mail carrier in the Midwestern United States in 1926, American now operates more than 6,000 daily flights to more than 350 destinations in more than 60 countries and serves more than 200 million customers annually. Powered by a proud and talented team of 130,000 aviation professionals, American’s team lives out the airline’s purpose of caring for people on life’s journey every day.

The world’s largest airline proudly celebrates its centennial year in 2026, reaching a milestone that reflects a century of innovation and the Forever ForwardSM spirit that changed the industry and the world. American introduced the first scheduled air cargo service, the first airport lounge and the first airline loyalty programme and continues to reinvent the customer experience today. The airline is also a founding member of the oneworld® alliance, whose members serve more than 900 destinations around the globe.

Get the latest about American at news.aa.com and [@AmericanAir](https://twitter.com/AmericanAir).

About Currensea

Currensea is a UK-headquartered payments technology company providing co-branded cards, and the UK’s top-rated travel spending card, to over 200,000 customers. Its technology platform gives consumers rewards as they spend, and allows effortless spending overseas, using their existing bank accounts.

Currensea partners with global brands including Hilton Hotels, Marriott Bonvoy and United Airlines to offer co-branded reward-earning debit cards for customers across Europe, while its own-brand Currensea Travel card has already saved consumers millions of pounds in foreign transaction fees. The business, founded in 2018 by James Lynn and Craig Goulding, is authorised and regulated in the UK by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Learn more at www.currensea.com

About Mastercard

Mastercard powers economies and empowers people in 200+ countries and territories worldwide. Together with our customers, we're building a sustainable economy where everyone can prosper. We support a wide range of digital payments choices, making transactions secure, simple, smart and accessible. Our technology and innovation, partnerships and networks combine to deliver a unique set of products and services that help people, businesses and governments realize their greatest potential.

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