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Upcoming Events for Summer 2005 Midsommarfest in Andersonville **Chicago Blues Festival Taste of Chicago Buckingham Fountain is in Grant** Park, the site of the annual Taste of Chicago event that features ethnic foods of all kinds.

Plan Your Summer Travel on American

The spring and summer seasons mean additional flights from Europe to U.S. destinations for business or pleasure — and more flights mean more mileage-earning opportunities. Here are the details.

Seasonal nonstop routes	Beginning date
Rome-Chicago O'Hare	March 3, 2005
Rome-New York JFK	April 4, 2005
Glasgow-Chicago O'Hare	May 2, 2005
Manchester-Boston	May 2, 2005
Paris-Boston	May 2, 2005

New year-round routes	Beginning date
Dublin-Chicago O'Hare	May 2, 2005
Shannon-Boston	May 2, 2005

For the latest schedules and to make reservations, visit one of the American Airlines European websites or call one of the phone numbers listed on page 8. Be sure to provide your AAdvantage number each time you make a reservation in order to receive mileage credit.

Destination: Chicago



Around the World in One Day

In the mood to go around the world? Visit Chicago and you can do it in a single day. The city's renowned ethnic neighborhoods, settled by waves of immigrants for over a century, are an enduring American treasure. No other city possesses such a rich diversity of preserved ethnic communities, where sampling the heady variety of foods, cultures, and shopping makes for a fascinating (and delicious) excursion.

Start in Swedish **Andersonville** with its smorgasbord of restaurants, taverns, bakeries, and delis that sell everything from farmer's cheese to pickled herring to glogg, a traditional spiced wine. Shopkeepers still chat in Swedish as they sweep their sidewalks. In **Ukrainian Village**, restaurants serve mouthwatering pierogis, borscht, and honey cakes with the gilded domes of magnificent Ukrainian churches gleaming in the background.

Little Italy's restaurants are still mostly family-owned with recipes handed down from the old country. They share space with gelato stands, pizzerias, and a bronze statue of baseball legend Joe DiMaggio. Bustling Chinatown's pagodas and ornate gateway are entrée to restaurants, tea shops, groceries, fascinating stores, and a garden of Chinese zodiac sculptures.

Greektown offers Athens-worthy restaurants, shops, coffee bars, and even a Macedonian dance troupe. Try the flaming cheese called saganaki and get ready to shout "opa!" **Pilsen**, a thriving Mexican-American community, is splashed with colorful street murals, great dining spots, and the nation's largest Latino culture museum.

There's **Little Saigon** on Argyle Street, **Little Warsaw** on Milwaukee Avenue, and Devon Avenue's phenomenal 10-block stretch — known as the **International Marketplace** — which boasts more than 60 ethnic restaurants and shops encompassing Indian, Pakistani, South Asian, Russian, and Jewish cultures.

Whether you buy a sari or try the falafel, there's always something new to explore. When your day ends, having visited numerous pseudo-countries, you'll never believe you've been in Chicago the whole time.



Chicago's elevated train, known as the "L," loops around the city and includes many stops in the downtown area.

Getting Around Chicago

Chicago has a mass transit system that makes navigation a breeze. After arriving at O'Hare Airport, take the Blue Line commuter rail into the city. The brisk, 45-minute journey will take you into the heart of the city with a nominal price tag of US \$2. If you want to make your way up to Waveland Avenue to watch the Cubs play ball, take the Red Line north from downtown and get off at Addison Avenue. Take the Metra rail to explore the suburbs, and on your way back, hop off at Union Station and survey Chicago's beauty on the Wendella RiverBus, which will drop you off right at the Magnificent Mile. The "Mag Mile" has its own trolley car facilitating travel between attractions, boutiques, and restaurants. Learn more by visiting www.chicago-l.org.

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Triple AAdvantage Miles in Chicago

OFFER ----

Receive **triple** AAdvantage miles when you stay at a Starwood Hotels location in downtown Chicago. Choose from the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, The Westin Chicago River North, The Westin Michigan Avenue, W Chicago-City Center, W Chicago-Lakeshore.

Dates: Now through May 31, 2005

Contact: Book online at www.starwoodchicago.com.

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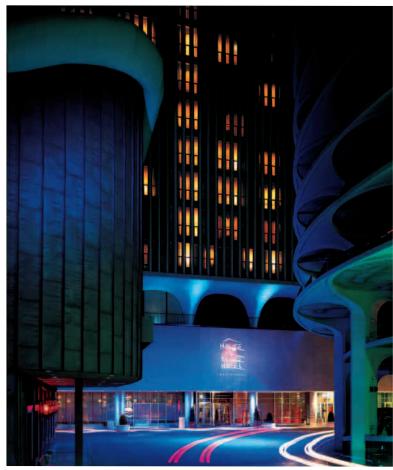












The House of Blues, A Loews Hotel

With These Deals, You Won't Have the Blues

OFFER ----

Loews Hotels invites you to choose from two special exclusive offers* at The House of Blues, A Loews Hotel, in Chicago. Both include the upscale rooms, excellent food, and tasteful music that Chicago and Loews are known for.

- **1. Bed and Breakfast:** A room for two, breakfast for two, and **double** AAdvantage miles (**1,000** per stay) for \$209 per night
- **2. Music and Blues Weekend:** Includes accommodations for two in a festively designed room, dinner for two, Gospel Brunch for two (Sundays only), and **double** AAdvantage miles (**1,000** per stay) for \$329 per night.

The House of Blues, A Loews Hotel, is located right on the river next to the renowned House of Blues entertainment venue (the site of the Gospel Brunch). The musical theme prevails inside and outside the hotel, which is walking distance to Chicago's attractions: famous restaurants, music clubs, and of course, Michigan Avenue shopping.

Dates: Now through May 30, 2005

Contact: For reservations, visit www.loewshotels.com/chicago.

*Subject to availability.

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Entertainment Every Night

Filled with plenty of trendy bars and hip clubs to keep you busy, Chicago stands out as one of the great live music cities. Principally known for its blues and jazz scene, legendary hotspots like Blue Chicago The Nightclub, Buddy Guy's Legends, House of Blues, and Kingston Mines are catnip for blues lovers. Jazz aficionados haunt Andy's Jazz Club, The Backroom, and Green Dolphin Street. If you like theater, the Steppenwolf and Goodman theaters offer performances equal to those anywhere. Or pay homage to comedy's roots at the famed improvisational club The Second City, which gave many of America's top comedians their start.



Aspire to a Higher Level



MORE ABOUT ELITE-STATUS BENEFITS

MILEAGE BONUSES

AAdvantage Executive Platinum and AAdvantage Platinum members earn a 100% mileage bonus with each qualifying flight, and AAdvantage Gold members earn a 25% mileage bonus**.

UPGRADES

All elite-status AAdvantage members enjoy complimentary upgrades to the next class of service for themselves and a companion when both are traveling on a full-fare Economy Class ticket within the U.S., Canada, Mexico, The Bahamas, Bermuda, and the Caribbean, and between the U.S. and Central America. AAdvantage Executive Platinum members may request complimentary upgrades to the next class of service when traveling on any purchased, published fare on

these routes. You can request an upgrade at the time of booking. If upgrade seating is available, we'll automatically process your request when the appropriate upgrade window opens (100 hours prior to departure for AAdvantage Executive Platinum, 72 hours for AAdvantage Platinum, and 24 hours for AAdvantage Gold members).

SO, HOW CAN YOU ACHIEVE ELITE STATUS?

Simply keep flying with us! Also, remember that mileage earned on many of the AAdvantage participating airlines counts toward elite status. Think about the new world of travel experience that awaits you, and make American your choice. For complete information on the AAdvantage program and how to qualify for elite-status membership, visit www.aa.com/aadvantage.

British Airways transatlantic flights are not eligible for mileage accrual and do not count toward elite status.

^{**}Calculated on the base (or guaranteed minimum) miles for eligible flights.

Earn AAdvantage Miles Enroute to Faraway Places

We know that you can't always fly on American Airlines, but you can still earn AAdvantage miles on the routes that we don't serve. Through our agreements with more than 20 airlines that participate in the AAdvantage program, you have countless opportunities to earn miles.

SWISS

SWISS offers a travel network that begins in Zurich and stretches west to the Americas, east to the Far East, Middle East, and even south to Africa. Add that to the 43 European cities they serve in 22 countries, and you'll see that this airline is a major player in your quest to earn AAdvantage miles.

SN Brussels Airlines

Behind the success of SN Brussels Airlines is a wealth of travel knowledge and experience. They provide daily, direct links from Brussels to 53 European and 15 African destinations, which include the most important capital cities, commercial centers, and tourist regions in the countries they serve. Earn miles every time you fly on eligible fares on SN Brussels Airlines, anywhere in their flight network.

For details about earning miles on airlines that participate in the AAdvantage program, go to www.aa.com/aadvantage, then select Partners and Mileage Programs. Also see page 8 for a list of program participants. For reservations, contact your local American Airlines Reservations office or consult your travel planner.



Venture into the Wild!

Earn AAdvantage miles on a holiday of discovery and adventure in Kenya or Morocco. British Airways, another AAdvantage participant, offers flights to Mombasa, Kenya, one of the largest ports on the African east coast and the launching base for many safaris. Other options include Nairobi, Kenya, a modern business and cultural center, and Casablanca, Morocco, a classy symbol of contemporary flair with tall, white buildings lining busy boulevards.

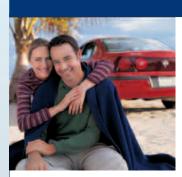


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Great AAdvantage Offers

Double Miles and Up to 15% Off





Receive **double** AAdvantage miles (**100** miles per day), plus a discount of up to **15%** off on all qualifying leisure rentals that include a Saturday night at participating Avis airport locations in the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

Dates: Now through June 15, 2005

Contact: Visit <u>www.avis.com/aa</u> for details. Provide Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) #K817154 with your advance reservation and present your AAdvantage number at the time of rental.

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Ten Miles per Dollar Plus 200-Mile Bonus

OFFER ----



Earn 10 miles per U.S. dollar spent plus a 200-mile bonus* this spring. FTD.COM offers a wide variety of floral arrangements and other gift items to express your thoughtfulness.

Dates: Now through May 31, 2005

Contact: Visit www.ftd.com/aadvintlnews.

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*Not valid with other offers or at retail locations.



The FTD[®] Blooming Masterpiece™ Bouquet

GLAD YOU ASKED THAT QUESTION

Q. What is elite status?

A. It's the designation for AAdvantage members who have flown on qualifying carriers enough in one year to reach one of three tier levels: AAdvantage Executive Platinum (100,000 miles or points), AAdvantage Platinum (50,000 miles or points, or 60 flight segments), and AAdvantage Gold (25,000 miles or points, or 30 flight segments)*. Having elite status in the AAdvantage program means you have exclusive services and benefits that are not offered to all members. See page 4 for more information about elite status.

Q. What is the difference between miles, segments, and points?

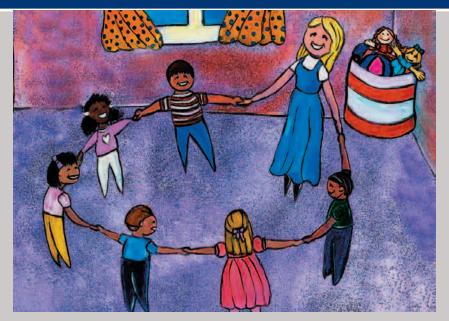
A. Qualifying *miles* are the actual travel miles you earn on eligible purchased tickets**. A *segment* is one take-off and landing. So, if you fly from Brussels to Chicago, then Chicago to Los Angeles, you will have earned credit for two segments. *Points* are awarded per

mile flown, but they are based on the type of fare purchased for each flight. When you fly in First, Business, or full-fare Economy Class, you earn 1.5 points for each mile flown. Discount Economy Class is 1.0 point per mile, and deeply discounted Economy fares earn 0.5 point per mile flown. The best part of this earning structure is that you don't have to worry about tracking it yourself — American takes care of the calculation for you!

If you're interested in seeing how close you are, log in to www.aa.com and click on View My Miles. For more details, see www.aa.com/aadvantage.

*Miles, points, and segments are subject to qualification rules. AAdvantage Executive Platinum status may not be earned based on segments flown.

**Qualifying miles include the minimum mileage guarantee where applicable, but do not include class-of-service bonus miles, other participant miles, or any other AAdvantage bonus miles.







Partners in Charity for Children

Through the 15-year-old Miles For Kids In Need® program, AAdvantage members have donated millions of miles to provide transportation for needy children seeking medical treatment that's not available where they live. For every three miles donated*, American adds one mile**, making your gift go even further. To donate, call your local American Airlines reservations office or go to www.aa.com/milesforkids (English). Among the children we have helped are formerly conjoined twins Carl and Clarence Aguirre from the Philippines, who flew from Los Angeles to New York for a miraculous surgery. Learn more about Carl and Clarence by visiting www.montekids.org.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is another children's charity that American Airlines has worked with for many years. UNICEF is in 160 countries and territories around the world, providing children with medicine, immunizations, better nutrition, clean water and sanitation, basic education, and emergency relief. You can make a secure donation to UNICEF using any major credit card by going to

<u>www.aa.com/unicef</u>.

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Starwood Hotels & Resorts: Present AAdvantage account number at time of check-in. Offer valid at participating hotels only. Reservations must be booked and consumed between March 1, 2005, and May 31, 2005. Bonus miles will be applied to AAdvantage account four to six weeks following the end of the promotion. American Airline bonus miles will be earned per eligible stay. An eligible stay is defined as three or more consecutive nights on a qualifying rate, that are spent in the same hotel regardless of the number of check-ins or check-outs that occur, and including a Saturday night. Void where prohibited by law.

Avis: Up to 15% off plus double miles offer is valid on qualifying rentals of 3–14 days that include a Saturday night stayover between March 1, 2005, and June 15, 2005, at participating Avis airport locations in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. An advance reservation is required. Offer may not be available on all rates at all times or at all locations. May not be used in conjunction with any other offer, discount or promotion. Holiday and embargo dates may apply. Up to 15% discount offer is valid on qualifying leisure car rentals and is applicable only to the time and mileage portion of the rental charge. Vehicles are subject to availability at the time of rental. Members of Avis' Preferred Program must provide their AAdvantage membership number at the time of reservation. All other renters must provide their AAdvantage membership number at the rental counter. Taxes, concession recovery fee, customer facility charge (in California, customer facility charge is \$10/contract), and other surcharges may apply. Renter must meet Avis age, driver, and credit requirements and rental must begin by June 15, 2005.

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^{*250} is the minimum number of miles you can donate.

^{**}American Airlines reserves the right to determine the final use of miles within the guidelines of the Miles For Kids In Need program.

New! European Online Booking

In 2003 we made our award-winning website even more relevant to you with the launch of the seven local American Airlines websites around Europe, bringing a national flavor to an international network. The websites give you all the personalized functions that make **AA.com** one of the web's most popular travel sites, as well as local, up-to-date news and information that's even more relevant to your travels. It's also a powerful travel tool for frequent flyers.

Online booking is now available in local currency, and with a focus on quick and easy navigation, these sites feature current news about special fares and mileage offers.

From the AAdvantage section of the website, you can join, check your mileage balance, and book award travel online. The award booking feature can be used for travel on American Airlines, American Eagle or AmericanConnection® flights, and for every award booked you'll earn a bonus of **1,000** AAdvantage miles.

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Changes to Upgrade Awards

As we announced in October 2004, changes to AAdvantage Upgrade Awards took effect in December 2004. A nonrefundable co-payment of \$250 is now required to claim mileage Upgrade Awards used with most discount and deep discount Economy fares when traveling between North America and Europe, Japan, and deep South America. The co-pay does not apply to these awards when used with full-fare Economy and Business Class tickets. Also, Upgrade Awards between Europe and Latin America (Central and South America) have been discontinued. To learn more, visit www.aa.com/aadvantage.

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