



STAR ALLIANCE

## Round the World Fares – let us inspire you to travel

As an Alliance of 28 airlines, Star Alliance is in a unique position to offer customers the possibility of travelling around the world on a single ticket. The Round the World (RTW) fares are generally an attractive value for money proposition, especially when compared to individual one-way tickets on separate airlines for the same journey. The total price of an RTW ticket is dependent on class of travel, the precise itinerary, mileage and routing selected, as well as currency exchange rate fluctuations.

In terms of distance, customers can create an individual itinerary covering up to 26,000, 29,000, 34,000 or 39,000 miles. To put these levels in perspective, the circumference of the Earth measured at the Equator is approximately 24,901 miles.

Customers can build their own routings within the maximum mileage of the selected fare level. Travel needs to commence and end in the same country and be in one direction, either going East or West, although some zigzagging is permitted within a single continent. Both the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean must be crossed once.

Stops lasting 24 hours or more must be made in at least two cities with a maximum of 15 stops permitted for the entire itinerary (minimum of three stops and maximum five to 12 stops for Special fares).

The Star Alliance RTW fares are available for travel in First, Business, Premium Economy or Economy Class and are valid for 12 months.

Children between the age of two and 11 pay 75 per cent of the applicable adult fare, while infants under two who do not occupy a seat can be taken along for 10 per cent of the applicable adult fare.

# BACKGROUND

Customers travelling on Star Alliance RTW fares may accrue miles in any of the Frequent Flyer Programmes (FFP) offered by the member airlines. The collected miles can count towards earning Star Alliance Gold or Silver status and can be redeemed for example for free flights, upgrades, hotel stays, etc.

For planning and booking an RTW journey, travellers can use the “Star Alliance Book & Fly” tool, which is available on the Alliance’s website at <http://www.staralliance.com/en/book-fly>. It allows customers to plan their RTW journey from the comfort of their own home, 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. Once all flights have been booked, electronic tickets can be issued directly via the online tool. In addition to English, the booking engine is currently available in German and Japanese.

Alternatively customers can contact any of the Star Alliance member airlines or a travel agent for booking and purchasing an RTW ticket.

Knowing that in some cases planning an RTW journey can seem a daunting task, Star Alliance has themed RTW itineraries on offer. Rather than having to create a journey from scratch, interested travellers can now choose from various themes and a proposed routing will be offered. These include: World Food, World Wonders, Architecture Hotspots, Nature Trail, Aquatic Wonders, Connecting Cultures, Natural Wonders, Metropolitan Lifestyle, , Wine Tasting, Romantic Journey and Luxury Lifestyle (see also: <http://www.staralliance.com/en/web/staralliance/inspiration>).

The Star Alliance Book & Fly tool also allows potential travellers to select the closest airport to their home as the starting point of their selected itineraries. Further customisation by adding, removing or exchanging destinations is also possible.

More than half of RTW travellers fly in Business Class, more than a third opt for Economy Class and around eight per cent for First Class.

STAR ALLIANCE ROUND THE WORLD FARES OVERVIEW

Class	Fare Basis	Max mileage	Min Stops	Max Stops	Min Stay (days)	Max Stay (months)
FIRST	FRWSTAR3	39,000	2	15	10	12
	FRWSTAR2	34,000	2	15	10	12
	FRWSTAR1	29,000	2	15	10	12
BUSINESS	CRWSTAR3	39,000	2	15	10	12
	CRWSTAR2	34,000	2	15	10	12
	CRWSTAR1	29,000	2	15	10	12
	CRWSPCL	26,000	3	15	10	12
PREMIUM ECONOMY	ERWSTAR3	39,000	2	15	10	12
	ERWSTAR2	34,000	2	15	10	12
	ERWSTAR1	29,000	2	15	10	12
ECONOMY	YRWSTAR3	39,000	2	15	3	12
	YRWSPCL3	39,000	3	12	10	12
	YRWSTAR2	34,000	2	15	3	12
	YRWSPCL2	34,000	3	10	10	12
	YRWSTAR1	29,000	2	15	3	12
	YRWSPCL1	29,000	3	7	10	12
	YRWSPCL	26,000	3	5	10	12

**Note to Editors:** As actual fares vary by market and final routings, please contact Star Alliance if you need to obtain a sample fare.  
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About Star Alliance:

The Star Alliance network was established in 1997 as the first truly global airline alliance to offer worldwide reach, recognition and seamless service to the international traveller. Its acceptance by the market has been recognized by numerous awards, including the Air Transport World Market Leadership Award and Best Airline Alliance by both Business Traveller Magazine and Skytrax. The member airlines are: Adria Airways, Aegean Airlines, Air Canada, Air China, Air India, Air New Zealand, ANA, Asiana Airlines, Austrian, Avianca, Avianca Brasil, Brussels Airlines, Copa Airlines, Croatia Airlines, EGYPTAIR, Ethiopian Airlines, EVA Air, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines, Shenzhen Airlines, Singapore Airlines, South African Airways, SWISS, TAP Air Portugal, Turkish Airlines, THAI and United. Overall, the Star Alliance network currently offers more than 18,400 daily flights to 1,300 airports in 191 countries. Further connecting flights are offered by Star Alliance Connecting Partner, Juneyao Airlines.

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