Africa 2027 Miles and Points Coursebook

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Module 1: Welcome and Overview

Welcome to the Africa 2027 Miles and Points Coursebook. This course teaches a complete system for earning and redeeming rewards for flights and hotels in a responsible and organized way. The purpose is to make the Africa 2027 journey affordable and achievable for as many family members as possible.

You will learn the fundamentals of airline and hotel loyalty, how to pick and use the right credit cards, how to search and book award flights, how to transfer bank points to travel partners, how to estimate value, and how to protect your points from expiration or devaluation.

This course centers on Oneworld airlines for flight redemptions and Marriott Bonvoy for hotels because of their coverage, partner flexibility, and reliable availability across the Africa 2027 route.

Learning goals. Understand how loyalty currencies work. Build a repeatable earning plan. Search and book awards with confidence. Keep excellent records. Make informed choices when cash is a better option than points.

Module 2: Understanding Points and Miles

Points and miles are loyalty currencies. Airlines issue miles. Hotels issue points. Banks issue transferable points. You earn these currencies through spending, promotions, or travel. You later exchange them for flights, nights, or upgrades.

Airline miles. Programs include American Airlines AAdvantage, British Airways Executive Club, and Qatar Airways Privilege Club. Miles earned in one program can often book flights on partner airlines within the Oneworld alliance. This partner access creates flexibility.

Hotel points. Programs include Marriott Bonvoy, Hilton Honors, and IHG One Rewards. Hotel points are best for free nights, upgrades, and late checkout benefits. Marriott has the most consistent presence across the Africa 2027 route.

Transferable points. Bank programs include American Express Membership Rewards, Chase Ultimate Rewards, Citi ThankYou Rewards, and Capital One Miles. These points move to airline or hotel partners when you are ready to book. Keeping points at the bank level gives protection from program changes until the last moment.

Value is not fixed. A point or mile is worth what it saves compared to cash on the day you book. Long haul business class flights often deliver the strongest value for airline miles. Mid scale hotels with fair award pricing deliver steady value for hotel points.

Action item. Create a simple tracker with columns for airline miles, hotel points, and transferable bank points. Record current balances and your monthly earning pace.

Module 3: Enrolling in Loyalty Programs

Enrollment is free. Join programs early so that every flight or stay earns rewards. For Oneworld start with American Airlines AAdvantage, British Airways Executive Club, Qatar Airways Privilege Club, and Royal Air Maroc Safar Flyer. For hotels start with Marriott Bonvoy.

Account setup tips. Use a consistent email across all programs. Store membership numbers and passwords in a password manager. Turn on account alerts. Save welcome emails and confirmation numbers in a single folder.

Link Avios programs. British Airways, Qatar Airways, and Iberia share the Avios currency. You can move Avios among these programs to book the same flight where fees are lower or availability is better. Create and link all three to unlock this flexibility.

Keep accounts active. Many programs require some earning or redeeming activity within a period to avoid expiration. A small dining transaction or a purchase through an online shopping portal can keep an account alive. Set calendar reminders to check balances every two months.

Module 4: Transferable Points Primer

Transferable points are the foundation of a flexible strategy. You earn points in a bank program, hold them while you shop for the best award, and then transfer only the exact points needed when you are ready to book.

Chase Ultimate Rewards. Transfers to British Airways, Qatar Airways, and Marriott Bonvoy. Useful for Avios bookings and Marriott nights.

American Express Membership Rewards. Transfers to British Airways, Qatar Airways, Iberia, and Marriott. Large partner list and frequent transfer bonuses.

Citi ThankYou Rewards. Transfers to Qatar Airways, British Airways, and Asia Miles. Good coverage for Oneworld partners.

Capital One Miles. Transfers to British Airways and Qatar Airways. Simple earn structure on many cards makes balance building easy.

Rules of the road. Check transfer ratios and transfer times. Most transfers are one to one and irreversible. Confirm the award exists before you move points. Take a screenshot of availability. Transfer and book in a single sitting.

Action item. Choose one bank ecosystem to focus on for the next three months. Learn its portal and partner list. Record common transfer ratios in your tracker.

Module 5: Booking with Miles and Award Search Basics

Award bookings replace money with miles. Each airline program prices awards using its own rules. The same flight can require a different number of miles through different partners. This is why comparison searches matter.

Search process. Sign in to an airline site. Select the book with miles option. Enter route and flexible dates. Repeat the search on a partner site. Compare the miles required and the taxes. Pick the option with the best total value and routing.

Oneworld examples. Use American Airlines miles to book Qatar Airways flights through Doha. Use Avios on British Airways or Qatar Airways to reach Cairo or Accra. Consider a connection that avoids very high fees if possible.

Availability tips. Start early for long haul business class. Search one seat first to confirm space, then adjust for the total number of travelers. Be open to a nearby gateway airport if your local airport shows limited space.

Booking checklist. Confirm seats on the airline site. Verify transfer ratio and partner. Move only the required points. Book and save the record locator. Place all confirmations in a trip folder.

Module 6: Top Recommended Credit Cards

Credit cards provide the fastest path to large balances through welcome bonuses and category bonuses. Select cards with annual fees at or below one hundred dollars. Prefer business cards when eligible and add a personal card for flexibility. Always pay statements in full.

Recommended Business Credit Cards		
Card	**Why It Helps**	**Approximate Annual Fee**
Chase Ink Business Preferred	Three points per dollar on travel and online advertising. Transfers to Avios and Marriott.	$95
Amex Blue Business Plus	Two points per dollar on every purchase up to the yearly cap. Broad airline partner list.	$0
CitiBusiness AAdvantage Platinum	Direct American Airlines miles with useful flight benefits on American.	$99
Marriott Bonvoy Business Amex	Strong earning at Marriott and a free night certificate each year, terms apply.	$95

Recommended Personal Credit Cards		
Card	**Why It Helps**	**Approximate Annual Fee**
Chase Sapphire Preferred	Flexible points that move to Avios and Marriott. Good travel protections.	$95
Citi Premier	Three points per dollar on travel and dining. Transfers to Qatar and British Airways.	$95
Capital One Venture	Two miles per dollar on every purchase. Transfers to Avios partners.	$95
Marriott Bonvoy Boundless	Annual free night certificate and faster Marriott earning.	$95

Welcome bonus amounts change. Check the issuer site for current offers. Meet spending requirements only with purchases you already plan to make. Never carry a balance to chase rewards.

Module 7: Transfer Partners Reference Chart

Use this chart when planning transfers. Confirm ratios and partners at the time of transfer since programs can update terms.

Bank Program	Oneworld Airline Partners	Hotel Partners	Typical Ratio
Chase Ultimate Rewards	British Airways Avios, Qatar Airways Privilege Club, Iberia Plus	Marriott Bonvoy	One to one
Amex Membership Rewards	British Airways, Qatar Airways, Iberia Plus, Cathay Pacific Asia Miles	Marriott Bonvoy	One to one

Citi ThankYou Rewards	Qatar Airways, British Airways, Cathay Pacific Asia Miles	Choice, Wyndham	One to one to airlines
Capital One Miles	British Airways, Qatar Airways, Finnair Plus	None direct	One to one
Marriott Bonvoy	Forty plus airlines including American and Qatar	Not applicable	Three to one to airlines

Note. Transfer bonuses appear from time to time. When a bonus is active you can reduce the bank points required for the same award.

Module 8: Redemption Value Examples

Estimate value by dividing the cash price by the number of points used. This gives a value per point. Use this to decide whether to redeem points or pay cash.

Example Redemption	Cash Price	Points Used	Approximate Value
US to Cairo in business on a partner	$3500 round trip	140000 Avios	About two point five cents per point
New York to Accra in economy via London	$1200 round trip	60000 Avios	About two cents per point
Doha to Zanzibar in economy	$600 round trip	25000 Avios	About two point four cents per point
Marriott Mena House Cairo	$350 per night	50000 Marriott points	About zero point seven cents per point
Protea Hotel Kruger Gate	$250 per night	30000 Marriott points	About zero point eight three cents per point

Use points when value is strong. Pay cash when value is weak. Save points for long haul flights or peak hotel dates where cash rates are high.

Module 9: Devaluation and Protection Tips

Protect your points by staying organized and booking with intent. Keep most points in bank programs until you see confirmed award space. Move only what you need and book right away.

Keep accounts alive. Use a small dining or shopping portal transaction once or twice a year. Record expiration rules for each program in your tracker. Set calendar reminders for check ins.

Backup plans. If a partner increases award prices, try another partner that can book the same seat. If hotels price very high in points, look for free night certificates or a nearby hotel with better value.

Module 10: Maximizing Everyday Spending

Everyday expenses can fund the entire trip when routed through the right cards. Groceries, gas, phone, internet, insurance, advertising, and online services all earn points.

Layer rewards. Click through an online shopping portal. Pay with a rewards card. Enroll in a dining program where available. Activate temporary promotions in your bank and airline apps before checkout.

Focus strategy. Concentrate on one or two bank ecosystems for three months at a time so that balances build quickly. Review statements each month. Move recurring bills to your chosen cards. Always pay balances in full.

Module 11: Final Checklist and Strategy Roadmap

Twelve to eighteen month roadmap. Months one to three. Open one business card and one personal card that fit your spending. Meet the sign up bonuses using planned purchases. Record earnings in your tracker.

Months three to twelve. Channel daily expenses to your best earning cards. Track balances monthly. Learn transfer partners for your bank program.

Months ten to fifteen. Begin award searches for long haul flights. Compare American Airlines, British Airways, and Qatar Airways. Hold bank points until you find space. Move points and book the same day.

Months twelve to eighteen. After flights are locked, shift focus to hotel points. Book Marriott hotels that match your route and budget. Save all confirmations in a single folder.

Final checklist. Confirm all traveler names match passports. Verify dates and cities. Record every booking code. Create a printed trip packet for backup.

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Module 1: Introduction and Overview

Purpose of This Coursebook

The Africa 2027 Miles and Points Master Coursebook is designed to help every family traveler understand how to earn and redeem airline miles and hotel points to make long-distance travel more affordable. By following these lessons, you will learn how to cover most or even all of your flights and hotel stays using rewards programs instead of cash.

This coursebook uses real examples based on the Africa 2027 family journey. The same methods apply to any major trip you plan in the future. The focus is on simplicity, practical steps, and avoiding unnecessary fees.

The goal is not to chase luxury. The goal is to travel smart, spend less, and open opportunities for everyone to experience Africa together.

Why Miles and Points Matter

Airline miles and hotel points are currencies that can replace thousands of dollars in travel costs when used correctly. With the right approach, they can turn a $2,000 flight or a $300 hotel night into a low-cost or free booking.

For the Africa 2027 journey, the combined savings target is between $8,000 and $12,000 across all travelers. This is achievable through a structured plan of earning, transferring, and redeeming points.

These programs also create flexibility. Travelers can choose better flight times, higher room categories, and more comfortable connections without increasing out-of-pocket costs.

The Vision Behind Africa 2027

Africa 2027 is more than a family vacation. It is a once-in-a-lifetime educational and cultural journey that connects generations with history, heritage, and natural beauty across five countries.

The trip will begin in Egypt, continue through Ghana, South Africa, and Zimbabwe, and conclude in Tanzania and Zanzibar. It will blend cultural heritage, safaris, and beach relaxation over twenty-one days.

The vision is that every family member, regardless of income or travel experience, can join. Miles and points make that goal realistic and fair.

How the System Works

The foundation of this system is three simple principles:

1. Earn Points from Everyday Spending
   Credit cards linked to major banks like American Express, Chase, and Citi offer rewards on regular expenses such as groceries, gas, and utilities. These points can later be transferred to airline and hotel partners.

2. Transfer Points to the Right Programs

Instead of booking directly through a bank portal, points can be sent to airline alliances such as Oneworld or to hotel programs like Marriott Bonvoy for better value.

3. Redeem Points for High-Value Travel
The final step is using those points for flights and hotels when the cash prices are high. This is how to stretch the value of every point to its fullest potential.

Key Goals for the Family

For this journey, the family's collective rewards targets are:

- Airline Miles Goal: 366,000 miles across Oneworld programs
- Hotel Points Goal: 600,000 to 700,000 points across Marriott, Hilton, and IHG

Each traveler can contribute by earning miles and points through their own cards or shared accounts. Pooling and coordination make this effort more powerful.

By the time flights open for booking in late 2026, the family should have enough points to cover all long-haul flights and at least half of all hotel nights.

The Tools You Will Use

Throughout this coursebook, you will learn to use:
- A Loyalty Tracker to organize accounts and balances
- A Transfer Partner Chart to guide where points can go
- A Booking Checklist to prevent mistakes when redeeming
- Optional Calculator Sheets to estimate value per point

These tools simplify the process and prevent frustration.

Mindset for Success

Earning miles and points is not about opening dozens of credit cards or chasing temporary promotions. It is about consistency and organization.

The right mindset includes:
- Paying balances in full each month
- Tracking expiration dates for all rewards
- Booking early when award space is open
- Avoiding unnecessary transfers until ready to redeem

This approach keeps your credit healthy, your balances safe, and your rewards growing.

Summary

Miles and points give every family member the ability to participate in the Africa 2027 journey without financial strain. By following this structured system, the family will convert ordinary spending into free travel.

The next module will explore airline alliances and how to use Oneworld partners for maximum value when flying to and within Africa.

Module 2: Understanding Airline Alliances

Purpose of This Module

This module explains the role of airline alliances and how they help travelers maximize the value of miles and points. Understanding alliances allows you to access more flights, better award availability, and increased flexibility when traveling across multiple regions.

What Is an Airline Alliance

An airline alliance is a partnership between several airlines that agree to share routes, benefits, and frequent flyer rewards. When you earn miles with one airline in an alliance, you can redeem those miles for flights on any of its partner airlines.

There are three global alliances: Oneworld, Star Alliance, and SkyTeam. For Africa 2027, our focus is on Oneworld because of its strong partners and routes connecting the United States, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Why We Chose Oneworld

Oneworld offers excellent coverage for Africa-bound routes, especially through partners that operate flights to Cairo, Accra, Johannesburg, and Doha. It also provides smooth award booking systems, reliable customer service, and transfer partnerships with major U.S. credit card programs.

Key benefits include:
- Access to more than 900 destinations worldwide
- One check-in for multi-carrier itineraries
- Shared elite benefits like early boarding and lounge access
- Strong transfer support from Amex, Chase, Citi, and Marriott Bonvoy

Major Oneworld Partner Airlines

For Africa 2027, the following Oneworld partners are the most relevant:

- **American Airlines (AAdvantage):** Primary U.S. carrier. Use miles to fly to Europe or the Middle East, then connect onward to Africa.
- **British Airways (Avios):** Excellent for short-haul and intra-Africa routes, though some flights have fuel surcharges.
- **Qatar Airways (Avios):** The best business-class option to reach Africa via Doha, with award availability and 1:1 point transfers from multiple banks.
- **Royal Air Maroc:** Connects North and West Africa with easy connections to Casablanca and Accra.
- **Iberia (Avios):** Another Avios program option for transatlantic flights from the U.S. to Europe.

How Avios Points Work Across Programs

British Airways, Iberia, Aer Lingus, and Qatar Airways all use Avios as their shared rewards currency. This means points can be freely transferred between these programs at a 1:1 ratio.

Example:
If you have 50,000 Chase Ultimate Rewards points, you can transfer them to British Airways Avios, then

move those Avios to Qatar Airways to book your flight.

This flexibility allows travelers to access the best pricing and availability depending on which airline offers the lower redemption rate for the same route.

Why Alliance Knowledge Saves You Money

By understanding alliances, you avoid limiting yourself to one airline. You can mix and match routes for better value. For example, you can fly American Airlines to London, then connect on British Airways or Qatar Airways to reach Accra or Cairo using the same pool of points.

This knowledge helps you find available award space when one airline's seats are sold out and ensures your points never go to waste.

Tips for Using Oneworld Miles Wisely

- Search multiple partner sites such as American Airlines, British Airways, and Qatar Airways before booking.
- Always compare mileage prices between Avios programs before transferring points.
- Avoid booking high fuel surcharge routes when cheaper Avios redemptions exist.
- Use tools like AwardWallet, Point.Me, or Seats.Aero to find open award seats quickly.

Summary

Oneworld is the alliance that brings this entire strategy together. With flexible point transfers, multiple airline options, and strong routes into Africa, it provides the foundation for affordable travel to all five countries on our journey.

The next module will explain how miles and points actually work and how to start earning them through everyday purchases.

Module 3: How Miles and Points Actually Work

Purpose of This Module

This module explains the fundamentals of how airline miles and hotel points function. Understanding how these rewards are earned, stored, and redeemed will help you make smarter decisions that maximize value and avoid frustration.

The Concept of Reward Currencies

Miles and points are not physical money, but they operate like digital currencies issued by airlines and hotels. Each program defines how its currency is earned and how much value it provides when redeemed for flights, upgrades, or hotel stays.

Just like with real money, not all points are equal. One airline mile might be worth two cents, while another may be worth less than one cent depending on how it is redeemed.

Earning Miles and Points

You earn miles and points in three main ways:
1. **Credit Card Spending:** Everyday purchases earn points through your card's rewards program.
2. **Flying:** Paid flights on participating airlines award miles based on ticket price and status level.
3. **Hotel Stays:** Paid hotel stays earn points through the brand's loyalty program.

The goal is to earn the majority of rewards through credit card spending, not flying, since everyday purchases are consistent and scalable.

Transferable Points vs. Fixed Points

There are two main types of rewards currencies:

Transferable Points: These are earned from banks like Amex, Chase, Citi, and Capital One. They can be moved to many airlines or hotels, offering flexibility and higher redemption value.
Fixed Points or Cash Back: These are tied to one airline or hotel. They are simple but less flexible.

For Africa 2027, we focus on transferable points programs because they allow you to move rewards where they are most valuable at the time of booking.

How Redemption Value Is Calculated

The value of a point is measured by dividing the cash price by the number of points needed.

Example:
A $1,000 flight booked with 50,000 miles gives you a value of 2 cents per mile ($1,000 ÷ 50,000 = $0.02).

The higher this number, the better the redemption. For reference:
- Excellent Value: 2 cents or higher
- Good Value: 1.5–2 cents
- Average Value: 1–1.4 cents
- Poor Value: Under 1 cent

How to Avoid Losing Value

You lose value when:
- You transfer points without confirming award space
- You use points for low-value redemptions like gift cards
- You book last-minute flights with high surcharges
- You let points expire due to inactivity

Always confirm award seats before transferring and maintain at least one earning activity per program every 12–18 months.

Common Terms to Know

- **Award Chart:** A table showing how many miles are required for specific routes or cabin classes.
- **Dynamic Pricing:** When the number of miles needed changes based on demand or cash price.
- **Sweet Spot:** A redemption that gives unusually high value for a specific route or partner.
- **Stopover:** A free or low-cost connection allowing you to visit an extra city en route.
- **Fuel Surcharge:** Extra fee added by some airlines that can reduce overall value.

Practical Example: Cairo to Cape Town

Booking a one-way flight from Cairo to Cape Town on Qatar Airways might cost $800 in cash or 37,500 Avios plus $100 in taxes.

The points redemption saves around $700, giving you a value near 1.9 cents per point. That is an excellent redemption, especially for long-haul travel.

Summary

Miles and points are a financial tool when used strategically. The more you understand how they function, the more control you gain over your travel costs.

The next module will show how to enroll in the right loyalty programs and track your growing balances effectively.

Module 4: Enrolling in Loyalty Programs and Staying Organized

Purpose of This Module

This module explains how to enroll in major airline and hotel loyalty programs and keep your account information organized. By joining the right programs early, you ensure that every mile and point you earn is credited to your account and protected from expiration.

Why Enrollment Matters

Loyalty programs are the backbone of the miles and points system. Without an account, you cannot earn, transfer, or redeem rewards. Joining early also ensures that any bonus points from future flights, credit cards, or hotel stays post automatically to your account.

Enrolling in all relevant programs now prevents confusion later when it's time to book flights or coordinate family rewards.

Programs to Join First

Start with the programs most relevant to the Africa 2027 journey:

Airlines (Oneworld Alliance):
- American Airlines AAdvantage
- British Airways Executive Club
- Qatar Airways Privilege Club
- Iberia Plus
- Royal Air Maroc Safar Flyer

Hotels:
- Marriott Bonvoy
- Hilton Honors
- IHG One Rewards

Each of these programs can be linked with your credit card rewards accounts for transfers and redemptions.

How to Enroll Step-by-Step

1. Visit the airline or hotel's official website.
2. Click "Join" or "Sign Up" on the loyalty program page.
3. Use the same email and personal information across all accounts.
4. Record your membership numbers immediately in your Family Points Tracker.
5. Enable two-factor authentication if available to protect your balances.

Pro Tip: Use a dedicated email folder labeled "Miles & Points" to keep all registration confirmations in one place.

Organizing Family Accounts

Families traveling together should maintain a shared record of all loyalty accounts. This avoids duplication, lost miles, or forgotten credentials.

Recommended structure for the Family Points Tracker:
- Column A: Traveler Name
- Column B: Airline Program
- Column C: Account Number
- Column D: Username or Email
- Column E: Password or Note (use partial entries for security)
- Column F: Balance
- Column G: Expiration Date

Update the tracker monthly to ensure everyone's accounts remain active.

Protecting Your Accounts

Security and consistency are key. Always:
- Use strong passwords and two-factor authentication.
- Avoid logging in from public Wi-Fi.
- Review statements monthly for unauthorized redemptions.
- Keep at least one earning activity per program every 12 months (for example, dining rewards or shopping portals).

Some programs offer free account reactivation if you contact customer service before expiration.

Linking Credit Cards and Loyalty Programs

Once your loyalty accounts are active, connect them to your credit card portals:
- Amex Membership Rewards → Avios, Marriott, Hilton
- Chase Ultimate Rewards → Avios, United, Marriott, IHG
- Citi ThankYou Points → Qatar Avios, Turkish, Choice Hotels
- Capital One Miles → Qatar Avios, Air France, Wyndham

This step allows instant or near-instant transfers when you're ready to book.

Managing Multiple Logins

Keeping track of multiple usernames and passwords can be overwhelming. To stay organized:
- Use a password manager like 1Password, Bitwarden, or LastPass.
- Store all logins securely and share access with one trusted family member.
- Label accounts clearly (e.g., "John – Marriott Bonvoy").
- Avoid reusing passwords across multiple loyalty programs.

Summary

Enrollment and organization are the foundation of success in the miles and points system. Setting up your loyalty accounts early ensures you never miss out on earning opportunities and makes future bookings simple and stress-free.

In the next module, we'll focus on the best earning strategies for credit cards and how to decide which ones fit your travel and spending goals.

Module 5: Earning Points Through Credit Cards

Purpose of This Module

This module explains how to earn the majority of your airline miles and hotel points through credit cards. It covers which types of cards to prioritize, how to meet welcome bonuses, and how to use everyday spending to maximize rewards without overspending.

Why Credit Cards Are the Core of the Strategy

Airline miles from flying are slow to earn, but credit cards make it possible to collect thousands of points quickly. A single welcome bonus can cover a round-trip flight to Africa or several free hotel nights.

The key is to earn points from your normal spending — not by spending extra money just to chase bonuses.

Types of Reward Cards

There are three main types of cards that help you earn travel rewards:

1. **Transferable Points Cards** – These earn flexible rewards you can move to airlines or hotels. (Examples: Amex Gold, Chase Sapphire Preferred, Citi Premier)
2. **Co-Branded Airline Cards** – These earn miles with a single airline, such as American Airlines AAdvantage or British Airways Avios.
3. **Co-Branded Hotel Cards** – These earn points with one hotel chain like Marriott Bonvoy or Hilton Honors and often come with free night certificates.

Welcome Bonuses

Most travel credit cards offer large bonuses when you meet a minimum spending requirement, usually within the first three months.

Example:
- Amex Gold: 60,000 Membership Rewards points after spending $4,000.
- Chase Sapphire Preferred: 75,000 Ultimate Rewards points after $4,000.
- Citi Premier: 60,000 ThankYou Points after $4,000.

These bonuses form the foundation of your miles and points balance.

Maximizing Everyday Spending

After earning the welcome bonus, continue using your cards strategically for everyday purchases:
- **Groceries and Dining:** Use Amex Gold for 4x points.
- **Travel Purchases:** Use Chase Sapphire Preferred for 2x points.
- **Gas and Utilities:** Use Citi Premier for 3x points.
- **Online Shopping:** Use airline or hotel shopping portals to earn extra points per dollar.

The goal is to put all routine expenses on rewards cards and pay them in full each month to avoid interest charges.

Avoiding Common Mistakes

- Don't overspend just to earn points — you'll lose value through interest or debt.
- Don't open too many cards at once — space out applications every 3–6 months.
- Avoid carrying balances — interest cancels out the value of rewards.
- Always set payment reminders or auto-pay to protect your credit score.

Building a Simple Card Strategy for Africa 2027

1. **Choose One Card per Bank:** Amex, Chase, and Citi each have strong transfer partners.
2. **Focus on Flexible Points First:** Earn transferable rewards before adding airline or hotel cards.
3. **Use One Card for Each Category:** Dining, travel, groceries — each has a card that gives more value.
4. **Track Points Monthly:** Record balances in your Family Points Tracker to monitor progress toward the 2027 goal.

Bonus Tip: Refer Family Members

Many cards offer referral bonuses when you invite friends or family to apply. These can add up to thousands of points each year.

Before referring, confirm that the person meets the credit requirements and understands the responsible use of cards. Responsible teamwork can accelerate the entire group's point earning safely.

Summary

Credit cards are the fastest and most flexible way to earn travel rewards. When used responsibly, they unlock business-class flights and free hotel stays without financial risk.

The next module will show how to transfer your points to airlines and hotels safely and efficiently when you are ready to book your Africa 2027 journey.

Module 6: Transferring Points to Airline and Hotel Partners

Purpose of This Module

This module explains how to transfer points from your credit card rewards programs to airline and hotel partners. It covers when to transfer, how to check availability, and how to avoid losing value through unnecessary or incorrect transfers.

Why Transfers Matter

Transferring points gives you the flexibility to book with the best airline or hotel for your needs. Credit card points on their own cannot book flights or hotel rooms. They must first be moved into a partner program like American Airlines, British Airways, or Marriott Bonvoy.

Once transferred, points become part of that loyalty program and are subject to its rules and expiration policies.

Before You Transfer

Always confirm that the redemption you want is available before initiating any transfer. Transfers are usually permanent and cannot be reversed.

Checklist before transferring:
- Confirm the flight or hotel has award availability.
- Verify the number of points required matches your plan.
- Compare the cash price to ensure good value.
- Double-check the name on both accounts matches exactly.

Transfer Partners by Bank

Each major credit card rewards program has its own airline and hotel partners.

Amex Membership Rewards: Avios (British Airways, Qatar, Iberia), Delta, ANA, Marriott Bonvoy, Hilton Honors
Chase Ultimate Rewards: Avios, United, JetBlue, IHG, Marriott Bonvoy
Citi ThankYou Points: Qatar Avios, Turkish Airlines, Asia Miles, Choice Hotels
Capital One Miles: Qatar Avios, Air France/KLM Flying Blue, Wyndham Rewards

These programs often share overlapping partners, which gives you flexibility to move points where needed most.

Typical Transfer Ratios and Times

Most transfers occur at a 1:1 ratio, meaning 10,000 bank points become 10,000 airline miles. Some hotel transfers are less favorable, such as 1:2 for Hilton or 1:1 for Marriott.

Typical transfer times:
- Amex to Avios or Marriott: Instant to 48 hours
- Chase to Avios or Marriott: Instant
- Citi to Qatar or Choice: Instant to 24 hours

- Capital One to Qatar: Within minutes

Always allow a buffer of at least 48 hours before your booking deadline.

How to Transfer Points (Step-by-Step)

1. Log in to your credit card rewards portal (Amex, Chase, Citi, or Capital One).
2. Navigate to the 'Transfer Points' or 'Transfer Partners' page.
3. Link your airline or hotel loyalty account if not already done.
4. Enter the number of points to transfer.
5. Confirm and submit. Transfers are usually one-way and irreversible.

Tip: Start with a small test transfer (1,000 points) to verify the connection before moving large amounts.

Best Practices for Transfers

- Only transfer when you are ready to book within a few days.
- Track every transfer in your Family Points Tracker with date, amount, and destination.
- Transfer enough points to cover the entire booking, not partial amounts.
- Keep screenshots of confirmations for your records.
- Avoid converting points to gift cards or cash back, which gives poor value.

Example Transfer Scenario

You find a Qatar Airways business-class ticket from New York to Cairo for 70,000 Avios plus $150 in taxes. You log in to your Amex account, transfer 70,000 Membership Rewards points to Qatar Avios, and book the ticket immediately.

Cash price for this ticket would be over $3,500, giving you nearly 5 cents per point in value — an excellent redemption.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Transferring points before confirming availability.
- Entering the wrong loyalty account number.
- Forgetting to link accounts before initiating transfer.
- Assuming all transfers are instant — some take up to two days.
- Ignoring transfer bonuses, which can occasionally add 20–40 percent extra miles.

Summary

Transfers are where strategy turns into real travel. With careful timing and verification, you can turn flexible credit card points into award flights and hotel stays worth thousands of dollars.

The next module will focus on how to book award travel efficiently using your transferred miles and points.

Module 7: Booking Award Travel and Hotel Stays

Purpose of This Module

This module explains how to use your transferred points and miles to book flights and hotel stays for the Africa 2027 trip. It covers how to find award availability, avoid extra fees, and choose the best redemption options for your itinerary.

Understanding Award Availability

Award availability refers to how many seats or rooms an airline or hotel releases for points bookings. Availability changes constantly and can vary based on the route, season, and demand.

For example, premium cabins like business class may only release a few seats per flight, so flexibility and early planning are key.

When to Book

For international flights to Africa, book as early as possible — ideally **11 to 12 months in advance**. Most airlines release award seats 330 to 355 days before departure.

Hotels can usually be booked with points **10 to 12 months in advance**, but availability often opens up closer to your travel date. For high-demand areas like Cape Town and Zanzibar, book early to lock in preferred properties.

How to Search for Award Flights

1. Log in to your airline's website (e.g., American, Qatar, or British Airways).
2. Select the 'Book with Miles' or 'Use Points' option.
3. Enter your origin, destination, and preferred dates.
4. Use flexible date calendars to find cheaper or lower-mileage days.
5. Compare options among Oneworld partners — sometimes the same flight costs fewer miles through a different program.

Tip: Use sites like AwardHacker, Seats.Aero, or point.me to cross-check which programs offer the best rates.

Booking Hotels with Points

1. Log in to your hotel loyalty account (Marriott Bonvoy, Hilton Honors, or IHG One Rewards).
2. Search for your destination and select 'Use Points' or 'Points Redemption.'
3. Compare multiple hotels by category and nightly cost in points.
4. Look for free night awards or 5th-night-free promotions (Marriott offers one free night when booking five consecutive nights with points).
5. Always review taxes and fees — most are waived for points stays, but some resorts charge separate service or tourism fees.

Avoiding High Surcharges

Some airlines add large carrier-imposed fees or fuel surcharges, especially on British Airways and Iberia flights.

Ways to reduce these costs:
- Book through partners like American Airlines or Qatar Airways that limit or exclude fuel surcharges.
- Choose alternate routes with lower taxes (for example, starting in a nearby country).
- Avoid mixed-cabin awards where one leg is in business and one in economy — these can be overpriced.

Smart Redemption Strategies

To get the best value from your points:
- Focus on long-haul flights and premium cabins where cash fares are highest.
- Use hotel points for expensive cities like Cape Town and Zanzibar.
- Pay cash for short, inexpensive intra-Africa flights when point redemptions are poor.
- Use 'Miles + Cash' only when necessary — it often reduces value per point.

Booking for Family Members

Most loyalty programs allow you to book tickets or rooms for others as long as you are the account holder. Simply enter their name and passport details during checkout.

Some programs, like British Airways and Marriott, allow you to combine or share points with family accounts. This can simplify large redemptions when one person does not have enough points for a booking.

Tracking Confirmations and Expenses

Keep all booking confirmations in a dedicated folder labeled 'Africa 2027 Travel.' Record details in your Family Points Tracker:
- Airline or Hotel Name
- Date of Booking
- Points Used
- Taxes and Fees Paid
- Confirmation Number

This makes it easy to audit your redemptions later and stay organized across multiple programs.

Example Itinerary Bookings

Example 1: Qatar Airways Business Class JFK–DOH–CAI
• 70,000 Avios + $150 taxes (Book through Qatar Privilege Club)

Example 2: Marriott Protea Hotel Cape Town Waterfront
• 30,000 points per night or 120,000 for four nights (plus one night free)

Example 3: Hilton Zanzibar Nungwi Beach Resort
• 44,000 points per night, cash price $260, excellent 0.6 cent per point value.

Summary

Booking award travel and hotel stays is where all your planning pays off. When you confirm an award ticket or room using points, you are turning time and discipline into real savings.

The next module will cover how to track redemptions, protect your value, and prepare for upcoming devaluations or changes to loyalty programs.

Module 8: Tracking and Managing Redemptions and Expiration Dates

Purpose of This Module

This module explains how to manage and track your redemptions once you have used your points or miles. It also covers how to monitor account balances, prevent point expiration, and keep all confirmations organized for the Africa 2027 journey.

Why Tracking Matters

Managing multiple airline and hotel programs can quickly become confusing. Keeping accurate records ensures that you know where your points are, when they expire, and what value you are getting from your redemptions.

Good organization prevents mistakes such as letting points expire, booking duplicate tickets, or missing promotional bonuses.

Using a Family Points Tracker

A central spreadsheet or tracker is essential when coordinating multiple travelers. The Family Points Tracker should include columns for:
- Name of traveler
- Program name (Amex, Chase, Marriott, etc.)
- Account number and login details (stored securely)
- Current balance
- Expiration date
- Date of last activity
- Points used and for what redemption
- Notes or confirmation numbers

This tracker can be updated monthly or after any major transfer or redemption.

Keeping Confirmation Records

Whenever you book a flight or hotel with points, save a copy of the confirmation immediately. Store all confirmations in a single digital folder titled 'Africa 2027 Travel.'

Recommendations:
- Save each confirmation as a PDF or screenshot.
- Label files clearly (e.g., 'Qatar_Cairo_BusinessClass.pdf').
- Keep a backup in cloud storage like Google Drive or Dropbox.
- Share folder access with family members who are traveling.

This method keeps everyone on the same page and avoids confusion later.

Preventing Point Expiration

Each loyalty program has its own rules for inactivity and expiration:

- **American Airlines AAdvantage:** Miles expire after 24 months of no activity.
- **British Airways Avios:** Points expire after 36 months of no activity.

- **Qatar Airways Privilege Club:** Points expire after 36 months regardless of activity.
- **Marriott Bonvoy:** Points expire after 24 months of inactivity.

To keep accounts active, earn or redeem at least one point every few months through:
- Dining or shopping portals.
- Credit card transfers.
- Small hotel stays or short flight bookings.
- Using an airline's shopping or survey partner.

Tracking Expiration Dates

Add a dedicated column in your tracker labeled 'Next Expiration Date.' Highlight any balances that will expire within 90 days.

You can also:
- Set calendar reminders 60 days before expiration.
- Use free apps like AwardWallet or MaxRewards to monitor expiration dates automatically.
- Link email accounts so that confirmation emails update your tracker in real time.

Monitoring Value and Performance

Tracking is not only about balances and dates — it also helps measure the value you are getting from your redemptions. For each flight or hotel booking, record:
- Points used.
- Cash price of the booking.
- Calculated cents per point (cash price ÷ points × 100).

This shows which programs give the best returns and where to focus future earning efforts.

Avoiding Common Tracking Mistakes

- Forgetting to log small redemptions or transfers.
- Losing track of family member balances.
- Ignoring emails that confirm expiration extensions.
- Not reconciling tracker totals with actual account statements.

Treat your tracker as a living document that grows and evolves as your travel plans progress.

Recommended Tools and Templates

Tools that can help with organization include:
- **Google Sheets or Excel:** Easy for manual updates and sharing.
- **AwardWallet:** Automatically tracks balances and expiration.
- **Notion or Airtable:** Good for visual organization with filters.

For security, store login credentials separately from your tracker in a password manager such as 1Password or Bitwarden.

Summary

Tracking your redemptions and expiration dates ensures that every mile and point contributes toward your Africa 2027 journey. Organization is the key to maximizing value and preventing costly mistakes.

The next module will focus on protecting your balances from devaluations and program changes while maintaining long-term value.

Module 9: Protecting Value and Avoiding Devaluation

Purpose of This Module

This module teaches how to protect the value of your airline miles and hotel points. Loyalty programs frequently change, and these changes can reduce the value of your rewards. With proper planning, you can safeguard what you have earned and make sure every point counts toward Africa 2027.

Understanding Devaluation

A devaluation occurs when an airline or hotel program increases the number of points required for a flight or hotel stay. For example, if a business-class flight once cost seventy thousand miles but now costs one hundred thousand, the value of each mile has decreased.

Programs also devalue indirectly by adding higher fees, reducing award availability, or changing transfer ratios from banks to partners. Knowing how to anticipate and respond to these changes keeps your travel goals secure.

Why Programs Devalue

Devaluations happen for several reasons:
- Airlines and hotels adjust for inflation and demand.
- Companies reduce liabilities from unredeemed points.
- Competitive or merger-related changes affect partner relationships.

While these changes are outside your control, you can still protect yourself by diversifying points and redeeming strategically.

Keep Points Flexible

The best defense is to earn **transferable points** instead of locking everything into one airline or hotel. Programs such as Amex Membership Rewards, Chase Ultimate Rewards, and Citi ThankYou Points let you transfer to many different partners when needed.

By keeping your points in a flexible bank program until you are ready to book, you can wait out devaluations and move them to the best partner at the right time.

Redeem Sooner, Not Later

Points lose value over time because of devaluations and missed opportunities. Once you have enough for a meaningful redemption, book your trip. Do not hoard points unnecessarily.

Booking early also increases the chance of finding business-class seats and award availability on the exact dates you want for Africa 2027.

Diversify Your Programs

Never rely on a single loyalty program. Spread your earning across at least one airline group and one hotel group. For example:
- Airline: American Airlines AAdvantage or Qatar Avios for Oneworld flights.
- Hotel: Marriott Bonvoy as your main program, with Hilton Honors as a backup.

This way, if one program raises its redemption rates, you have alternatives ready.

Track Partner Changes

Keep an eye on news from major travel websites and newsletters. Key signs that a devaluation may be coming include:
- New transfer bonuses between programs.
- Sudden removal or addition of partners.
- Rumors about mergers or loyalty program integrations.

When a devaluation is announced, act quickly to book travel under the old rates if possible.

Monitor Currency Expiration

Expiration is a silent form of devaluation. Miles or points that expire are worth nothing. Review your tracker each month to ensure all accounts show recent activity. Earn or redeem a small number of points before expiration to keep balances active.

Take Advantage of Transfer Bonuses

Sometimes banks offer 10 to 40 percent bonuses when transferring points to partners. These limited-time offers increase your redemption value and offset potential devaluations.

Example: If Amex offers a 30 percent bonus to British Airways Avios, transferring 100,000 Amex points would yield 130,000 Avios. This effectively protects you from future redemption rate increases.

Use Dynamic Pricing to Your Advantage

Many airlines now use dynamic pricing, where redemption costs depend on demand. This can seem negative, but it also creates opportunities to find low-value dates and off-peak deals. Check multiple date combinations and routes before transferring points.

Protecting Hotel Value

Hotel programs can devalue by introducing higher award categories or removing standard awards. To minimize this impact:
- Book hotels early when rates are low.
- Use the fifth-night-free benefit when available.
- Consider free-night certificates before they expire.
- Combine points with cash to stretch your balance for high-demand nights.

Document and Verify Transfers

Always keep records of your transfers and redemptions. Save screenshots of balances before and after each transfer. If points fail to appear in your account, having documentation will help customer service resolve the issue quickly.

Join Loyalty Program Newsletters

Airline and hotel programs often email members before major changes. Sign up for newsletters and enable alerts for partner updates. This helps you act faster than the general public when devaluations occur.

Summary

Protecting your points requires awareness, timing, and flexibility. Avoid hoarding, stay organized, and diversify across programs. Use bank points for flexibility, redeem regularly, and keep documentation for every transfer.

The next module will cover advanced earning techniques and bonus opportunities to accelerate your journey toward Africa 2027.

Module 10: Advanced Earning and Bonus Opportunities

Purpose of This Module

This module focuses on advanced techniques to accelerate earning airline miles and hotel points beyond normal spending. Once you have the basics down, these strategies help you earn faster and travel farther without increasing your daily expenses.

Understanding Bonus Opportunities

Most loyalty programs and credit card issuers run limited-time promotions that offer extra miles or points. These can include transfer bonuses, shopping portals, dining programs, or partner-specific multipliers.

Tracking and stacking these offers can double or even triple your earnings when done correctly.

Transfer Bonuses

A transfer bonus occurs when a bank rewards program temporarily increases the number of miles you receive for converting points to a specific airline or hotel partner.

Example: Amex Membership Rewards may offer a 30 percent bonus to British Airways Avios. Transferring 100,000 Amex points would yield 130,000 Avios.

These promotions often last two to four weeks, so it's smart to subscribe to email alerts or check major travel blogs weekly for updates.

Shopping Portals

Online shopping portals let you earn extra points by starting your purchases through a partner website instead of going directly to the retailer.

How it works:
1. Log in to your airline's or bank's shopping portal.
2. Search for the store where you want to shop.
3. Click through the portal to make your purchase.

Example: Buying $100 of clothing through the American Airlines eShopping portal may earn 500 AAdvantage miles instead of none.

Always check multiple portals to compare offers — sometimes the same store may offer 2 points per dollar on one portal and 10 on another.

Dining Rewards Programs

Airlines and hotel chains offer dining rewards where you earn points by linking your credit card to participating restaurants.

Example: American Airlines AAdvantage Dining or Marriott Eat Around Town.

You simply register your card once, dine at a participating location, and earn extra miles automatically — even if you were not thinking about travel at that moment.

Stacking Strategies

Stacking means combining multiple earning opportunities in a single purchase. For example:
- Use a points-earning credit card.
- Click through a shopping portal first.
- Earn category bonuses for the merchant type.
- Pay during a limited-time promotion.

A single $100 purchase could earn 1,000+ points when stacked correctly.

Promotional and Referral Bonuses

Some cards and programs offer referral bonuses when friends or family apply using your link.

Example: Chase Sapphire Preferred often provides 15,000 bonus points for each approved referral, up to 75,000 points per year.

Additionally, banks occasionally run seasonal bonuses for adding authorized users, enrolling in online statements, or using mobile wallets.

Targeted Offers and Retention Bonuses

Card issuers sometimes send exclusive offers to existing customers. These include spend-based challenges such as “Earn 5,000 bonus points after spending $1,000 this month.”

Retention bonuses may also be offered if you call to cancel or downgrade a card. Always ask whether any retention offer is available before closing an account.

Category Optimization

Not all cards earn points equally. Assign your spending strategically:
- Use the Amex Gold for dining and groceries.
- Use the Chase Sapphire Preferred for travel and dining abroad.
- Use business cards for advertising, shipping, or gas depending on category bonuses.

This approach ensures you always earn the maximum multiplier for every dollar spent.

Limited-Time Hotel Promotions

Hotel chains frequently offer double or triple points promotions during specific seasons. For example, Marriott or Hilton may advertise “Double Points on Stays Through March.”

Before every trip, register for active promotions on each hotel’s website. Registration is usually free and takes less than a minute.

Airline Promotions and Challenges

Airlines occasionally run elite status challenges that let you earn additional benefits or accelerated miles for flying certain routes or meeting spending thresholds. Even if you do not plan to maintain elite status, completing a challenge can grant bonus miles worth redeeming later.

Credit Card Retention and Upgrade Paths

Over time, consider upgrading or product changing your cards to earn new benefits while maintaining account history. For example:
- Upgrading a Chase Ink Cash to Ink Preferred allows transfer to travel partners.
- Upgrading a Citi Rewards+ to Citi Premier enables access to Qatar Avios transfers.

Always confirm upgrade terms before accepting to avoid resetting bonus eligibility.

Event and Conference Partnerships

Occasionally, programs like Marriott Bonvoy or American Airlines partner with cultural or sporting events where attendees can earn bonus points for booking tickets or hotels through special links.

For Africa 2027, watch for any travel conferences or tourism campaigns that might include earning incentives for participating travelers.

Tracking and Documentation

Maintain a section in your points tracker labeled “Promotions” to record bonus earnings. Include columns for:
- Promotion name
- Program name
- Start and end date
- Bonus earned
- Notes on registration or proof of completion

This helps you verify that every bonus posts correctly and serves as a reference for future opportunities.

Summary

Advanced earning strategies multiply the power of your everyday spending. By stacking portals, dining rewards, and transfer bonuses, you can reach your travel goals faster while spending the same amount of money.

The final module will tie everything together with a step-by-step strategy for using your points and miles to cover the Africa 2027 journey from start to finish.

Module 11: Putting It All Together — Planning Your Africa 2027 Redemptions

Purpose of This Module

This final module combines everything you have learned about earning, tracking, and redeeming points and miles to create a complete, actionable strategy for the Africa 2027 journey. You will learn how to plan redemptions step by step, coordinate family travel, and make sure your miles and points deliver maximum value.

Step 1: Define Your Travel Goals Clearly

Begin by mapping out which portions of the Africa 2027 journey you plan to join. Some travelers may join for the full twenty-one days, while others may join for one or two weeks.

List your destinations, travel dates, and travel class preferences (economy or business class). This information guides how many miles you need and which programs to focus on.

Step 2: Calculate Your Points Targets

Use your tracker to total how many miles and points are required for the flights and hotels you want. A sample target might look like this:
- 180,000 airline miles for long-haul flights (round-trip).
- 50,000 airline miles for intra-Africa flights.
- 600,000 to 700,000 hotel points for twenty nights.

Once you have these totals, you can reverse engineer your earning strategy using bank bonuses and promotional offers.

Step 3: Earn Points in Phases

The most efficient way to accumulate points is in quarterly phases:
- **Quarter One:** Focus on earning one major bank bonus (Amex, Chase, or Citi).
- **Quarter Two:** Add a second bank or hotel program.
- **Quarter Three:** Top up balances with shopping portals and transfer bonuses.
- **Quarter Four:** Finalize all transfers and begin redemptions.

This phased structure keeps your progress measurable and prevents overlapping spending requirements.

Step 4: Coordinate Family Travel Plans

Assign one person as the primary coordinator for all redemptions. That person maintains the Family Points Tracker and confirms all booking details.

Each family member should:
- Enroll in the required airline and hotel programs.
- Share balances monthly with the coordinator.
- Use the same email format for easy account management.

Having a single coordinator ensures no overlap or missed opportunities when booking flights and hotels for multiple travelers.

Step 5: Time Your Bookings Wisely

Book long-haul flights first, ideally ten to twelve months before departure. Intra-Africa flights can follow once the long-haul segments are confirmed.

Hotels should be booked six to eight months out for the best selection. Marriott Bonvoy allows free cancellations for most redemptions, so you can reserve early without risk.

Use flexible date searches to find the lowest award costs, especially for premium cabins.

Step 6: Maximize Transfers and Bonuses

Before making any transfer, check whether a bonus is active. A thirty percent transfer bonus from Amex or Chase can reduce your effective redemption cost dramatically.

Transfer only when you are ready to book to avoid holding miles in a single airline program that might later devalue.

Step 7: Protect and Track Your Bookings

Keep a central digital folder with all booking confirmations. Label each file clearly by city and date, for example:
- Cairo_Flight_Confirmation.pdf
- Accra_Hotel_Booking.pdf
- CapeTown_Safari_Lodge.pdf

This folder helps ensure everyone traveling can access confirmations offline if needed during the trip.

Step 8: Review and Adjust Every Three Months

Loyalty programs change often. Review your tracker quarterly to ensure balances match your plan.

If a devaluation occurs, adjust immediately by booking or transferring to a better partner. Flexibility is key to maintaining value across all programs.

Step 9: Enjoy the Rewards of Strategic Planning

By combining smart earning, flexible transfers, and early booking, you will be able to cover a large portion of the Africa 2027 journey with points and miles. This approach not only saves money but also provides upgrades, better hotels, and greater comfort throughout your travels.

Sample Booking Timeline

Here is an example of how your redemption planning might look:
- **December 2025 – March 2026:** Earn bonuses from your first major cards.
- **April – September 2026:** Earn second-round bonuses and register for hotel promotions.
- **October 2026:** Transfer to Oneworld programs for long-haul flights.
- **November 2026:** Book U.S. to Cairo business-class flights using Qatar Avios.
- **January – March 2027:** Redeem for intra-Africa flights (Cape Town, Kruger, Victoria Falls).
- **April – June 2027:** Reserve Marriott and Hilton hotels using points.
- **July 2027:** Confirm all bookings, print confirmations, and prepare travel folders.

Final Thoughts

Points and miles are more than a game of earning — they are a strategy for creating experiences that would otherwise cost thousands of dollars. By following this full course and maintaining disciplined tracking, your Africa 2027 journey will not only be affordable but unforgettable.

Congratulations on completing the Africa 2027 Miles and Points Master Coursebook. Your next step is to apply what you have learned and start building memories worth more than miles.

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