



# The Flexible Traveler's Guide to \$1,533 R/T Business Class Seats to Europe

September 2025

**For retirees, digital nomads, entrepreneurs, and anyone  
who can travel when the best deals are available**

Who This Is (And Isn't) For

**This is for you if:**

- You're retired and Tuesday in April works as well as Friday in July
- You're a digital nomad who can work from Madrid as easily as Miami
- You're an entrepreneur who controls your own schedule
- You **have** credit card points sitting idle (Amex, Capital One, Chase, Citi)
- You **don't have** any miles or points

- You want Business Class comfort without Business Class guilt
- You love the thrill of finding hidden gem deals others overlook

### Skip this if:

- You're attending a wedding on June 15th
- School vacation weeks are your only option
- You need specific dates for specific events
- Flexibility is a foreign concept

If you're still reading, you're about to discover how to **fly Business Class for 42% to 65% less** than everyone else.

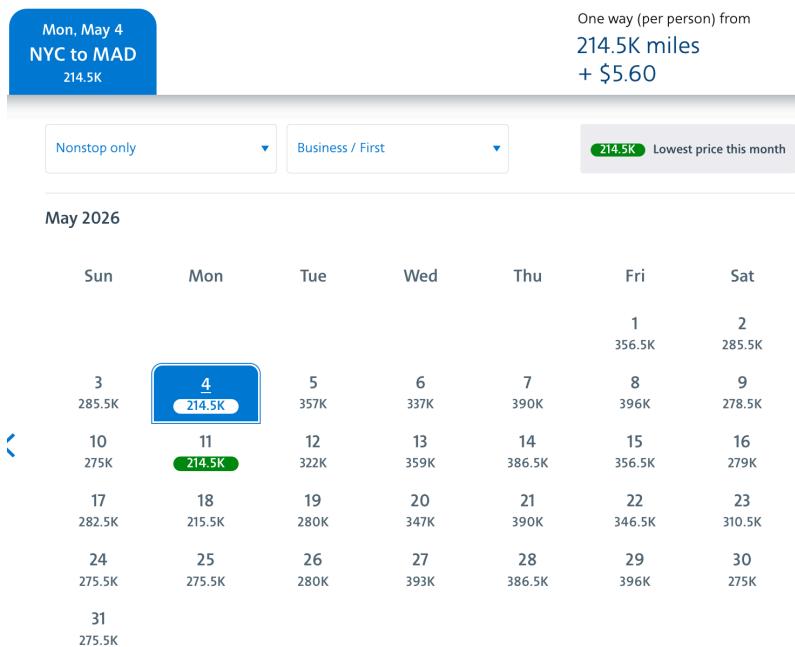
## THE DEATH OF FIXED-PRICE AWARDS (AND YOUR OPPORTUNITY)

The old award charts are dead. Dynamic pricing and multiple credit card 100,000-mile sign-up bonuses for every college kid in America killed them. But while everyone else mourns, flexible travelers *can* still feast.

Here's what inflexible travelers typically pay for a Business Class round-trip flight, using New York-Madrid as an example:

- **American:** 429,000+ miles
- **Delta:** 840,000+ miles
- **United:** 299,000+ miles
- **Cash:** \$3,100 to \$4,200

### Example American Cost for New York to Madrid One-Way on AA.com



### Example Delta Cost for New York to Madrid One-Way on Delta.com

Flexible Dates [Price Calendar](#)

Show only Non Stop [All Flights](#) Show Price In [USD](#) [Miles](#)

**MAR/APR**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
455,000 +\$6	8 455,000 +\$6	9 420,000 +\$6	10 420,000 +\$6	11 420,000 +\$6	12 455,000 +\$6	13 455,000 +\$6	14 455,000 +\$6
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### Example United Cost for New York to Madrid One-Way on United.com

From **EWR** To **MAD** Dates **May 04** Travelers **1 Adult** Show price in: **Miles** [Update](#) [Advanced Search](#)

**Apr 19 - May 23, 2026**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	20 <b>149.5k</b> +\$5.60	21 <b>176.8k</b> +\$5.60	22 <b>185.8k</b> +\$5.60	23 <b>186.3k</b> +\$5.60	24 <b>198k</b> +\$5.60	25 <b>149.5k</b> +\$5.60
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3 <b>180.7k</b> +\$5.60	4 <b>149.5k</b> +\$5.60	5 <b>178.9k</b> +\$5.60	6 <b>245k</b> +\$5.60	7 <b>245k</b> +\$5.60	8 <b>245k</b> +\$5.60	9 <b>176.1k</b> +\$5.60
10 <b>192.7k</b> +\$5.60	11 <b>245k</b> +\$5.60	12 <b>245k</b> +\$5.60	13 <b>245k</b> +\$5.60	14 <b>245k</b> +\$5.60	15 <b>245k</b> +\$5.60	16 <b>187.2k</b> +\$5.60
17 <b>193.3k</b> +\$5.60	18 <b>149.5k</b> +\$5.60	19 <b>200k</b> +\$52.30				

Here's what you'll pay to Madrid by using the Iberia:

- **81,000 to 102,000 miles round-trip (when you find the right dates)**

Boston → Madrid OUTBOUND: 25/03/2026 [Change search](#)

1. Flight selection 2. Passenger information 3. Personalise and complete 4. Payment 5. Confirmation

Select an outbound flight

Direct flights operated by Iberia, Iberia Express and Air Nostrum [Monthly view of flights](#)

Sun, 22. MAR 16,000 Avios	Mon, 23. MAR 16,000 Avios	Tue, 24. MAR 16,000 Avios	Wed, 25. MAR <b>16,000 Avios</b>	Thu, 26. MAR 16,000 Avios	Fri, 27. MAR 19,500 Avios	Sat, 28. MAR 19,500 Avios
TIME	DURATION		CABIN AND PRICE			FILTER
17:45 BOS	DIRECT 7h	→ 05:45 MAD	Economy From 16,000 Avios	Premium Economy not available	Business From 40,500 Avios	
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## NOT GOING TO MADRID? NO PROBLEM.

Travel beyond Madrid requires a bit more miles and the cost varies (as Iberia Avios is a flight distance program). But it's also a great value for travel from Madrid all over Europe.

### TWO PATHS TO THE SAME DESTINATION

#### Path 1: Transfer Your Existing Points

**Already sitting on Amex or Chase points?** They transfer to Iberia Avios miles. Capital One points can be transferred to British Airways, which in turn transfers to Iberia.

Your dead points just came alive.

#### Path 2: Buy Miles If you Don't Have Any (Ideally, When On Sale)

**No points? No problem.** Anyone can buy them cheaper than you think possible.

### THE REAL MATH (WITH ACTUAL NUMBERS)

British Airways Avios (miles) can be transferred to Iberia Avios (miles). BA runs sales every couple months, which net as low as 1.64 cents per mile.

With this option in mind, let's run the numbers...

To Madrid From:	Typical Cash Price	Miles Needed R/T	Cost to Buy BA / Iberia Miles When On Sale	Taxes/Fees	Total Cost	Your Savings
New York	\$3,100	81,000	\$1,328	\$205	\$1,533	51.00%
Boston	\$4,400	81,000	\$1,328	\$205	\$1,533	65.00%
Chicago	\$4,100	81,000	\$1,328	\$205	\$1,533	63.00%
Miami	\$3,200	101,000	\$1,654	\$205	\$1,859	42.00%
Washington, DC	\$4,200	81,000	\$1,328	\$205	\$1,533	63.00%

## WHEN FLEXIBLE TRAVELERS CAN ACTUALLY FLY (THE REALITY)

Here's actual availability for the lowest award rates...

Keep in mind three things first:

- Availability is constantly changing, sometimes for the better, other times not, and
- If you find availability in one direction from your preferred airport, look at another route (mix and match), and
- Remember that Iberia allows you to book flights on its partner American for flights within the U.S.

### *For One Traveler*

Routes	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Boston - Madrid	Few	Many	More	Few	Few	-
Madrid - Boston	More	Many	Many	Many	Many	Many
Chicago - Madrid	Few	More	-	-	-	-
Madrid - Chicago	Few	More	-	-	Few	-
Los Angeles - Madrid	-	-	Few	-	-	-
Madrid - Los Angeles	-	Few	-	-	-	-
Miami - Madrid	-	Few	More	Few	Few	-
Madrid - Miami	-	Few	Many	Many	Few	-
New York / JFK - Madrid	-	More	Few	Few	Few	-
Madrid - New York / JFK	Few	Many	Many	More	-	-
Washington, DC - Madrid	-	-	-	-	-	Few
Madrid - Washington, DC	-	Few	Few	Few	Few	Few

### *For Two Travelers*

Routes	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Boston - Madrid	-	More	-	-	-	-
Madrid - Boston	Few	More	More	Many	Many	More
New York / JFK - Madrid	-	Few	-	-	-	-
Madrid - New York / JFK	-	More	Many	-	-	-
Miami - Madrid	-	Few	Few	-	-	-
Madrid - Miami	-	Few	More	More	-	-
Madrid - Chicago	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madrid - Washington, DC	-	Few	Few	-	-	-

## THE TRIP UPGRADE PROCESS FOR FLEXIBLE TRAVELERS

**Baseline:** You can travel anytime. Others can't. This is your superpower.

**Desires:** Business Class comfort without the \$4,000 price tag or guilt.

**Options:** January-May to Europe, 80,500-102,000 miles.

**Decision:** Buy/transfer miles now or pay 2X to 3X forever.

**Implementation:** Book flights first, plan around them.

## BOTTOM LINE FOR THE TRULY FLEXIBLE

While your inflexible friends pay \$4,000 or burn 400,000 miles for summer travel, you'll fly Business Class for \$1,533 to \$1,859 in winter or spring.

The question isn't whether you want this deal. The question is whether you're flexible.

This is one of the last great arbitrage options in the miles game. Use it while it exists.

See you up front.



# The Ritz-Carlton Suite Heist – Your Legal Loophole to Luxury

September 2025

## How to book suites for less than normal rates – confirmed at time of booking + special rates at 25 properties

Let me blow your mind: Right now, someone is paying **\$643 for a standard room** at The Ritz-Carlton Atlanta. Nice room, decent view. Meanwhile, you could be lounging in an **Executive Suite for \$521**.

That's right – you could be **paying \$122 LESS for a suite**. No typo. The suite *can* cost less than their regular room.

This isn't a glitch. It's not a mistake. It's the most underutilized legal loophole in luxury travel, and today I'm exposing exactly how The Ritz-Carlton's suite upgrade system works when you know the secret handshake.

Or you could just **save up to 54% on standard rooms**, if you prefer.

Here's your golden ticket: The American Bar Association membership. [ANYONE can join the ABA for \\$150 a year](#), which unlocks access to a parallel pricing universe where suites cost less than standard rooms, and standard rooms can be had for much less at 25 different Ritz properties according to our recent research. How? Through the [ABA's specially negotiated rates program](#).

It's not just Ritz-Carlton hotels, either. See our recent research and analysis on how to get:

- [Up to 75% and free suite upgrades at eight St. Regis](#)
- [Up to 54% and free suite upgrades at 11 Four Seasons](#)
- [Up to 59% Off at five Hilton Hotels \(including the Waldorf New York\)](#)

The best part? No law degree needed. No passing the bar. Just pure, beautiful savings. Order in the court? More like "Order up your suite upgrade!"

Let me show you three absolutely insane ways this plays out.

## **FREE SUITE UPGRADES (ACTUALLY BETTER THAN FREE)**

Imagine walking up to The Ritz-Carlton, Dallas. The person ahead of you just paid **\$1,204 for a standard room**. Nice room, decent view. You? You're checking into a full **one-bedroom suite at the same hotel for just \$808**.

That's right – **you're paying \$396 LESS for a suite**.

This isn't fantasy. This is math. Their room: \$1,204. Your suite: \$808 with ABA. You literally get more space, better amenities, and save money. I call this the "less-than-free upgrade" – where luxury costs less than standard.

Same story in Chicago. That City View guest room runs \$604. But the Executive Suite with your ABA code? Just \$581. **You're saving money while living larger**.

It's like ordering a Honda and getting a Mercedes, for less.

*Sample Normal Room (Non-Prepaid) Rate: \$604  
ABA: \$463*

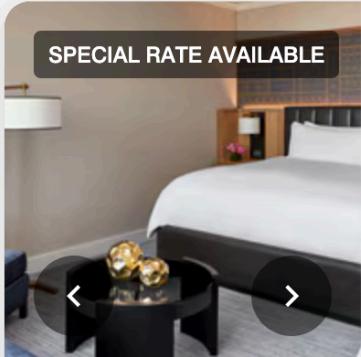
# The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago

STAY DATES (1 NIGHT)

Sun, Nov 23 → Mon, Nov 24

ROOMS & GUESTS

1 Room, 1 Guest



## City View, Guest room, 1 King

### Room Details

Rates from

**463** USD / NIGHT

Taxes and all fees included

– Hide Rates



Save on this and every stay by joining Marriott Bonvoy at checkout. Membership is free.

### American Bar Assoc. Rate

- ✓ Free cancellation before or on Nov 23, 2025
- ✓ Taxes and all fees included

Special Rate ⓘ

**463** USD / NIGHT

Select

### Flexible

- ✓ Free cancellation before or on Nov 22, 2025
- ✓ Taxes and all fees included

Non-Member Rate ⓘ

**616** USD / NIGHT

Select

Member Rate ⓘ

**604** USD / NIGHT

Select

**Sample Suite Rate: \$1,085**  
**ABA: \$581 – Less than the normal room rate of \$604!**

**Executive Suite, 1 King, Michigan Avenue view**

Room Details

Rates from  
**581 USD / NIGHT**  
Taxes and all fees included

**American Bar Assoc. Rate**

- ✓ Free cancellation before or on Nov 23, 2025
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Special Rate ⓘ  
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**Select**

**Flexible**

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- ✓ Taxes and all fees included

New-Member Rate ⓘ  
**1085 USD / NIGHT**

**Select**

Even more shocking: Fort Lauderdale's Oceanfront Suite (\$539 with ABA) costs barely more than their regular Intracoastal View room (\$474). For \$65 — the price of room service breakfast — you *upgrade* from staring at boats to oceanfront paradise with a living room.

## OTHERS DELIVER THE SAME INSANITY.

**St. Louis:** The Standard room goes for \$586. One-Bedroom Executive Suite with ABA: \$564. The math doesn't make sense until you realize you're playing by different rules.

**Denver?** Their regular Deluxe room is \$532. The Bedroom Executive Suite with ABA drops to \$473. Once again, the suite beats the standard room price.

## THE VIEW UPGRADE VICTORY

Sometimes it's not about the suite — it's about the vista.

**Grand Cayman** proves this perfectly. Garden View: \$752 with ABA. Oceanfront: \$849 with ABA. For less than \$100, you transform hedge-gazing into horizon-watching. That's cheaper than the sunscreen you'll use on the beach.

**New Orleans** follows suit (pun intended). Deluxe King: \$316 with ABA. City View King: \$400 with ABA. For \$84 – less than a jazz club cover charge – you upgrade from courtyard to cityscape.

**New York, Central Park:** Superior Room normally \$1,920, but their Avenue View Suite is \$2,407 with ABA. That's a suite in pricey New York for just \$500 more than their regular room price.

## THE 25 RITZ-CARLTON LOCATIONS WE FOUND WITH SPECIAL ABA RATES

Location	Normal / Room Type	Sample Dates	Typical Rate	ABA Rate	Savings \$	Savings %
The Ritz-Carlton Boston	Standard Guest Room	10/06/2025	\$1477	\$681	\$796	54%
The Ritz-Carlton Dallas	Deluxe Guest Room	11/03/2025	\$1204	\$557	\$647	54%
The Ritz-Carlton Sarasota	Deluxe Guest Room	11/02/2025	\$803	\$423	\$380	47%
The Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park	Deluxe Guest Room	10/03/2025	\$1841	\$1202	\$639	35%
The Ritz-Carlton New York, NoMad	Superior Guest Room	10/31/2025	\$1853	\$1087	\$766	41%
The Ritz-Carlton St. Louis	Standard Guest Room	12/27/2025	\$586	\$363	\$223	38%
The Ritz-Carlton Toronto	Standard Guest Room	01/16/2026	\$648	\$413	\$235	36%
The Ritz-Carlton Atlanta	Deluxe Guest Room	10/20/2025	\$643	\$451	\$192	30%
The Ritz-Carlton Washington D.C.	Superior Guest Room	12/21/2025	\$909	\$659	\$250	28%
The Ritz-Carlton Los Angeles	Deluxe Guest Room	10/19/2025	\$729	\$534	\$195	27%
The Ritz-Carlton Chicago	Standard Guest Room	11/23/2025	\$604	\$463	\$141	23%
The Ritz-Carlton Fort Lauderdale	Standard Guest Room	10/12/2025	\$474	\$367	\$107	23%
The Ritz-Carlton Denver	Deluxe Guest Room	11/23/2025	\$532	\$427	\$105	20%
The Ritz-Carlton New Orleans	Deluxe Guest Room	01/11/2026	\$384	\$316	\$68	18%

Location	Normal / Room Type	Sample Dates	Typical Rate	ABA Rate	Savings \$	Savings %
The Ritz-Carlton Toronto	Club Level King Room	01/16/2026	\$953	\$791	\$162	17%
The Ritz-Carlton New Orleans	Superior Guest Room	01/11/2026	\$475	\$400	\$75	16%
The Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City	Club Level King Room	11/28/2025	\$659	\$558	\$101	15%
The Ritz-Carlton Cleveland	Standard Guest Room	11/24/2025	\$534	\$462	\$72	13%
The Ritz-Carlton Philadelphia	Standard Guest Room	11/24/2025	\$431	\$389	\$42	10%
The Ritz-Carlton Grand Cayman	Superior Guest Room	10/03/2025	\$824	\$752	\$72	9%
The Ritz-Carlton Grand Cayman	Oceanfront Guest Room	10/03/2025	\$933	\$849	\$84	9%
The Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner	Deluxe Guest Room	10/31/2025	\$381	\$350	\$31	8%
The Ritz-Carlton Washington, D.C.	Deluxe Guest Room	10/02/2025	\$567	\$520	\$47	8%
The Ritz-Carlton Dallas Las Colinas	Deluxe Guest Room	10/31/2025	\$615	\$572	\$43	7%
The Ritz-Carlton Marina del Rey	Standard Guest Room	11/23/2025	\$510	\$473	\$37	7%

## SUITE SAVINGS AT 25 RITZ-CARLTON HOTELS

Location	Room Type	Sample Dates	Normal Rate	ABA Rate	Savings \$	Savings %
The Ritz-Carlton Dallas	One Bedroom Suite	11/03/2025	\$1853	\$808	\$1045	56%
The Ritz-Carlton Chicago	Executive Suite	11/23/2025	\$1085	\$581	\$504	46%
The Ritz-Carlton New York Central Park	Park View Suite	10/03/2025	\$4406	\$2407	\$1999	45%
The Ritz-Carlton Atlanta	Executive Suite	10/20/2025	\$931	\$521	\$410	44%

Location	Room Type	Sample Dates	Normal Rate	ABA Rate	Savings \$	Savings %
The Ritz-Carlton Fort Lauderdale	Executive Suite	10/12/2025	\$934	\$539	\$395	42%
The Ritz-Carlton New York NoMad	NoMad Suite	10/31/2025	\$3540	\$2235	\$1305	37%
The Ritz-Carlton St. Louis	Executive Suite	12/27/2025	\$781	\$564	\$217	28%
The Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner	Executive Suite	10/31/2025	\$776	\$573	\$203	26%
The Ritz-Carlton New York Central Park	Avenue View Suite	10/3/2025	\$3006	\$2407	\$599	20%
The Ritz-Carlton Denver	Executive Suite	11/23/2025	\$622	\$473	\$149	24%
The Ritz-Carlton San Francisco	Nob Hill Suite	11/23/2025	\$691	\$525	\$166	24%
The Ritz-Carlton San Francisco	Executive Suite	11/23/2025	\$1094	\$854	\$240	22%
The Ritz-Carlton Sarasota	One Bedroom Suite	11/2/2025	\$1080	\$844	\$236	22%
The Ritz-Carlton Boston	Club Access Executive Suite	10/06/2025	\$2148	\$1718	\$430	20%
The Ritz-Carlton Washington D.C.	Executive Suite	10/02/2025	\$926	\$805	\$121	13%
The Ritz-Carlton Philadelphia	Executive Suite	11/24/2025	\$1344	\$1185	\$159	12%
The Ritz-Carlton Los Angeles	Executive Suite	10/19/2025	\$3061	\$2902	\$159	5%
The Ritz-Carlton Dallas Las Colinas	Villa	10/31/2025	\$785	\$746	\$39	5%

## THE UPGRADE PERSPECTIVE

Hotel	Normal Price for Normal Room	ABA Price for Suite	Cost to Confirm Suite Upgrade at Time of Booking	Upgrade Perspective
The Ritz-Carlton Dallas	\$1204	\$808	-\$396	Cheaper than Free Upgrade

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The Ritz-Carlton Dallas Las Colinas	\$615	\$746	\$131	Cheap Upgrade
The Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner	\$381	\$573	\$192	Cheap Upgrade
The Ritz-Carlton Washington, D.C.	\$567	\$805	\$238	Cheap Upgrade
The Ritz-Carlton Boston	\$1477	\$1718	\$241	Cheap Upgrade
The Ritz-Carlton New York, NoMad	\$1853	\$2235	\$382	Cheap Upgrade

## THE VERDICT

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, the evidence is irrefutable. We're talking about suites that cost less than standard rooms. Ocean views for pocket change.

**This isn't just about saving money; it's about upgrading life.**

The ABA membership isn't a cost. It's a skeleton key to a parallel universe where luxury costs less than ordinary. Where suites beat standard rooms. Where you check in knowing you outsmarted everyone else in the lobby.



# The Option Optimizer's Secret: How to Turn One Fare Into Infinite Possibilities

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## **Part 1: Options to the power of options – and the intelligence that changes everything**

You see a fare to Europe for \$2,957 Business Class. Your finger hovers over "book now." Sweat starts to pour off your face and onto your mouse. Why?

You inevitably wonder:

*Is this even a good fare? Can I do better?*

*Is this even the best schedule? Can I do better?*

*Is this the best airline? Can I do better?*

*Is this the best class of service for me for this trip?*

*Are these my best dates? Will mine change?*

*What else should I be worried about right now?!?!*

Stop.

What if that single fare could become your insurance policy while you **hunt for something better?**

What if you could **control multiple possibilities simultaneously** for less than airport parking?

## **WELCOME TO EXPONENTIAL OPTIONALITY**

*Sample Scenarios Where Option Optimization Changes Everything*

### **Scenario 1: The Miles Hunter's Insurance Policy**

You have 300,000 miles and points and would love to fly First Class to London but availability is hit and miss, and miss when you're under pressure from your travel companion to book now.

Meanwhile, you found the best Business Class fare for your travel dates.

**Typical Response:** Let the cash fare go, spend weeks hunting awards, and end up paying much more than the fare you previously found when miles availability doesn't come through.

**Upgrade Intelligence Booking:** **Lock** the cash fare for \$19.99 on United. Now you have 14 days to hunt awards stress-free. Find them? Great. Don't? You've got Plan B at a decent price.



## Traveler Info

> Show trip info

Fare	\$3,055.00
1 adult 18+	\$3,055.00/person
> Taxes and fees	\$435.71
<b>Total due</b>	<b>\$3,490.71</b>
or starting from <b>\$205/month</b> ?	

**Traveler 1:**

First name (required)	Last name (required)
Middle name/initial (if shown on ID)	Date of birth (required) Month DD YYYY
Gender (required) ?	Suffix

Continue

**FareLock**

Hold this fare and complete your purchase at a later date.

3 days for \$12.99 per person  
 7 days for \$15.99 per person  
 14 days for \$19.99 per person

### Scenario 2: The Couples Coordinator

You're planning Europe with another couple. They're "90% sure" they can leave May 15th, but might need May 16th or 17th, depending on a work project. You see a relatively decent Business Class deal.

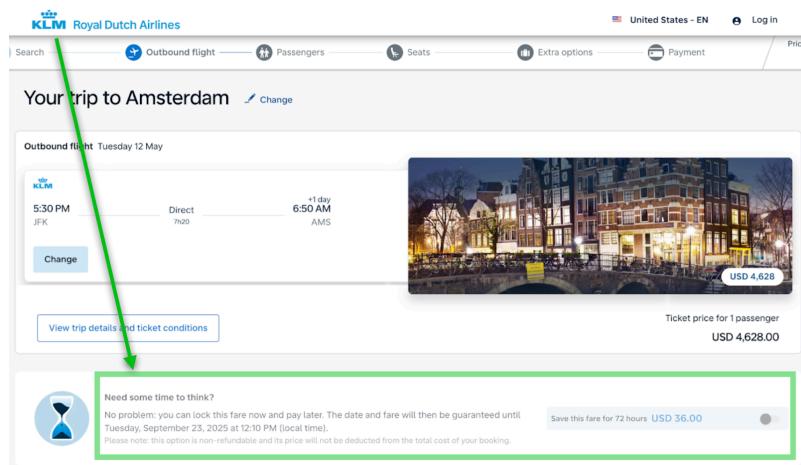
**Typical Booking:** Wait for confirmation of dates and watch fares jump by one or two thousand dollars. The result? Everyone's angry.

**Upgrade Intelligence Booking: Lock** May 15th departure on Air France. Lock May 16th on United. Lock May 17th on British Airways. Total: Less than airport parking to control three days of options. When the travel companions confirm, book the right dates at the sale price before it disappears.

Most major airlines offer locks. For \$10-\$20, you can freeze published fares for 2 to 14 days. But here's the exponential part:

- One fare works for multiple date options
- Multiple airlines work for the same trip
- Pursue your Plan B while hunting Plan A
- Control all variables simultaneously

Cost to control five options: \$50. Value of certainty: Priceless.



## THE INTELLIGENCE THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

Let's be clear.

You're not buying time.

You're buying optionality at a 99% discount.

Think about it: A \$20 lock on a \$3,000 fare = 0.6% cost for 100% control.

If there's even a 5% chance you'll find a better deal, the lock pays for itself. But most people don't know locks exist.

Worse?

Those who do know about them usually fail to leverage them.

## TWO MORE THINGS TO KNOW

**The DOT Safety Net:** Every airline selling in the U.S. must offer either a 24-hour hold OR a 24-hour refund window (if booked 7+ days out). This means even Delta and Hawaiian – which don't offer holds – must give you 24 hours to cancel for a full refund.

But beware: This means your card gets charged immediately. Forget to cancel? You own the ticket (though you can usually apply the value to future travel minus fees). Set that phone alarm.

**The Stacking Strategy:** Nothing prevents you from holding the same trip across multiple airlines. Tuesday departure on United, Wednesday on American, Thursday on BA. Different routings on different carriers. Your portfolio, your control.

Start Tomorrow Morning

1. See any interesting fare
2. Lock first, think later
3. Lock alternatives
4. Lock different dates
5. Now optimize calmly

You're not learning a trick. You're installing a new operating system.

The question isn't whether to lock. It's how many options you want to control.

## YOUR COMPLETE ARSENAL: 18 AIRLINES THAT OFFER LOCKS

Airline	Name/Link	Hold Time	Cost
Air France/KLM	<a href="#">Time to Think</a>	72 hours	Varies
Air New Zealand	<a href="#">Fare Hold</a>	72 hours	\$25 to \$45
All Nippon Airlines	<a href="#">Keep My Fare</a>	72 hours	\$10
American Airlines	<a href="#">Hold Your Reservation</a>	24 hours	Free
British Airways	<a href="#">Hold Your Flight Price</a>	72 hours	\$5 to \$10
Cathay Pacific	<a href="#">Hold Your Fare</a>	72 hours	Varies

Airline	Name/Link	Hold Time	Cost
Copa Airlines	<a href="#">Pricelock</a>	3 or 7 days	Varies
EVA Airlines	<a href="#">Keep Your Fare</a>	72 hours	Varies
Fiji Airways	<a href="#">Time To Think</a>	72 hours	\$5 to \$10
Iberia	<a href="#">Pre-booking With Iberia</a>	24 or 72 hours	Free: 24 Hours; 3 Days \$5 to \$10
LATAM	<a href="#">LATAM Hold</a>	24 hours	Free
Lufthansa	<a href="#">Price Guarantee</a>	48 hours	Starts at 7
Qantas	<a href="#">Book Now, Pay Later</a>	Varies	\$25
Qatar Airways	<a href="#">Hold My Booking</a>	24 to 72 hours	Free: 24 hours 48-72 hrs: \$10-\$30
SWISS	<a href="#">Secure Your Fare</a>	48 hours	Starts at 7
TAP Air Portugal	<a href="#">Time to Think</a>	2, 5, 10 days	Starts at \$7
Turkish Airways	<a href="#">Hold the Price</a>	1-15 days	Varies
United	<a href="#">FareLock</a>	3, 7, 14 days	\$5 to \$20

**Currently, no special locks are available for Alaska, Delta, Hawaiian, or Japan Airlines.**

*\*Always verify current policies as terms change and locks are sometimes not available.*



# September's Top 77 Mileage Awards & Special Fares Greatest Hits (Still Available)

September 2025

## Cool September 2025 Deals

There are lots of oohs and ahhs this month that can save you a load of miles, points, and dollars. As we always say, however, don't delay, because some will be out-of-date fast!

### Sweet Redemptions

#### EUROPE

[Miles / Points > 4+ Seats > Lufthansa > Business Class > New York to Frankfurt](#)

[LOT Business Class with Miles/Points Easy from Chicago to Warsaw > 2+ Seats > 2026 Travel](#)

[Miles > Europe > All Year > Scads of Singapore Business Class Opportunities from New York to Frankfurt / 4+ Seats](#)

[Miles / Points > 4+ Seats > Lufthansa > Business Class > Chicago to Frankfurt](#)

[Miles / Points > 4+ Seats > Lufthansa > Business Class > Washington DC to Munich](#)

[LOT Business Class with Miles/Points Easy from New York to Warsaw, 4+ Seats](#)

[115K AA Miles R/T + Low-taxes > 4+ Seats > Biz Class from New York to Palma De Mallorca](#)

[115K AA Miles R/T + Low-taxes > 4+ Seats > Biz Class from New York and Chicago to Norway](#)

[115K AA Miles R/T + Low-taxes > 4+ Seats > Biz Class from New York to Bordeaux & Marseille](#)

[115K AA Miles R/T + Low-taxes > 4+ Seats > Biz Class from New York to Catania](#)

[115K AA Miles R/T + Low-taxes > 4+ Seats > Biz Class from New York to Lisbon](#)

[115K AA Miles R/T + Low-taxes > Single Seat > Biz Class from New York to Malta > Close In](#)

[115K AA Miles R/T + Low-taxes > 4+ Seats > Biz Class from New York & Chicago to Dubrovnik](#)

[115K AA Miles R/T + Low-taxes > 4+ Seats > Biz Class from New York to Santorini](#)

[115K AA Miles R/T + Low-taxes > 4+ Seats > Biz Class from Chicago to Ibiza](#)

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[115K AA Miles R/T + Low-taxes > 4+ Seats > Biz Class from New York to Stuttgart](#)

[115K AA Miles R/T + Low-taxes > 4+ Seats > Biz Class from Chicago to Valencia](#)

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[115K AA Miles R/T + Low-taxes > 4+ Seats > Biz Class from Chicago to Bologna](#)

[115K AA Miles R/T + Low-taxes > 4+ Seats > Biz Class from New York to Stockholm](#)

[115K AA Miles R/T + Low-taxes > 4+ Seats > Biz Class from New York to Corfu > Close-In](#)

## **ASIA**

[Miles / Points > Singapore Airlines > Business Class > 4+ Travelers > Paris to Singapore > 2026 Travel](#)

[Cathay Pacific Discount Business Class >2+ Seats > Canada to Hong Kong > 2026 Travel](#)

[Miles / Points > Singapore > Business Class > 4+ Travelers > Singapore Airlines from San Francisco](#)

[Cathay Pacific Discount Business Class >2+ Seats > Los Angeles to Hong Kong > 2026 Travel](#)

[Miles / Points > Singapore Airlines > Business Class > 4+ Travelers > London to Singapore](#)

[Cathay Pacific Discount Business Class >2+ Seats > Chicago to Hong Kong > 2026 Travel](#)

[Cathay Pacific Discount Business Class >San Francisco to Hong Kong > 2+ Travelers > 2026 Travel](#)

[Cash OR Miles > \\*First Class\\* > Japan Airlines > Single Seat >Chicago to Tokyo > 2026 Travel](#)

[Cathay Pacific Discount Business Class >2+ Seats > Boston to Hong Kong > 2026 Travel](#)

[Cash OR Miles > \\*First Class\\* > Japan Airlines > Single Seat > San Francisco to Tokyo > 2026 Travel](#)

[Cathay Pacific Discount Business Class >2+ Seats > New York to Hong Kong > 2026 Travel](#)

## **MIDDLE EAST**

[Discount Opportunities with Qatar Qsuites from Chicago to Doha and Beyond With Miles & Points](#)

[Cash OR Miles > Middle East > Qatar Airways Business Class From Atlanta to Doha > 2+ Seats](#)

# Special Published Fares



## AFRICA

[Money > Nairobi > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,946 to \\$4,135 R/T](#)

[Money > Cairo > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,679 to \\$3,265 R/T](#)

## ASIA

[Money > Southeast Asia > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$3,499 to \\$4,290 R/T](#)

[Money > Seoul > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$3,448 to \\$4,155 R/T](#)

[Money > China > All Year > Biz Class > \\$3,245 to \\$4,156 R/T](#)

[Money > Japan > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$3,332 to \\$4,322 R/T](#)

## CARIBBEAN

[Money > The Bahamas > All Year > Biz Class > \\$531 to \\$875 R/T](#)

## EUROPE

[Money > Frankfurt > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,851 to \\$3,302 R/T](#)

[Money > Austria > Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,757 to \\$3,208 R/T](#)

[Money > Amsterdam > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,297 to \\$3,264 R/T](#)

[Money > Venice > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,664 to \\$3,332 R/T](#)

[Money > Madrid > Fall > Biz Class > \\$2,496 to \\$3,293 R/T](#)

[Money > Copenhagen > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,825 to \\$3,308 R/T](#)

[Money > Dublin > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,630 to \\$3,278 R/T](#)

[Money > Amsterdam > All Year > First Class > \\$3,974 to \\$5,603 R/T](#)

[Money > Bologna > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,712 to \\$3,324 R/T](#)

[Money > Budapest > Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,636 to \\$3,140 R/T](#)

[Money > Oslo > Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,804 to \\$3,259 R/T](#)

[Money > Poland > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$2,791 to \\$3,334 R/T](#)

[Money > Lisbon > Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,860 to \\$3,205 R/T](#)

[Money > Prague > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,876 to \\$3,050 R/T](#)

[Money > Switzerland > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,843 to \\$3,298 R/T](#)

[Money > Baltics > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,862 to \\$3,303 R/T](#)

[Money > Scotland > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,844 to \\$3,311 R/T](#)

[Money > London > Winter/Summer > Biz Class > \\$2,679 to \\$3,263 R/T](#)

[Money > Rome > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,537 to \\$3,306 R/T](#)

[Money > Manchester UK > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,687 to \\$3,284 R/T](#)

## **HAWAII**

[Money > Kona > Spring > Biz Class > \\$1,226 to \\$1,551 R/T](#)

[Money > Honolulu > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$1,241 to \\$1,438 R/T](#)

[Money > Kauai > Fall > Biz Class > \\$917 to \\$1,662 R/T](#)



## **INDIA**

[Money > New Delhi > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,754 to \\$3,918 R/T](#)

[Money > Mumbai > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,402 to \\$3,886 R/T](#)

## **MEXICO**

[Money > Puerto Vallarta > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$630 to \\$975 R/T](#)

[Money > Cancun > All Year > Biz Class > \\$510 to \\$1,034 R/T](#)

## **MIDDLE EAST**

[Money > Dubai > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,979 to \\$3,418 R/T](#)

[Money > Istanbul > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,842 to \\$3,393 R/T](#)

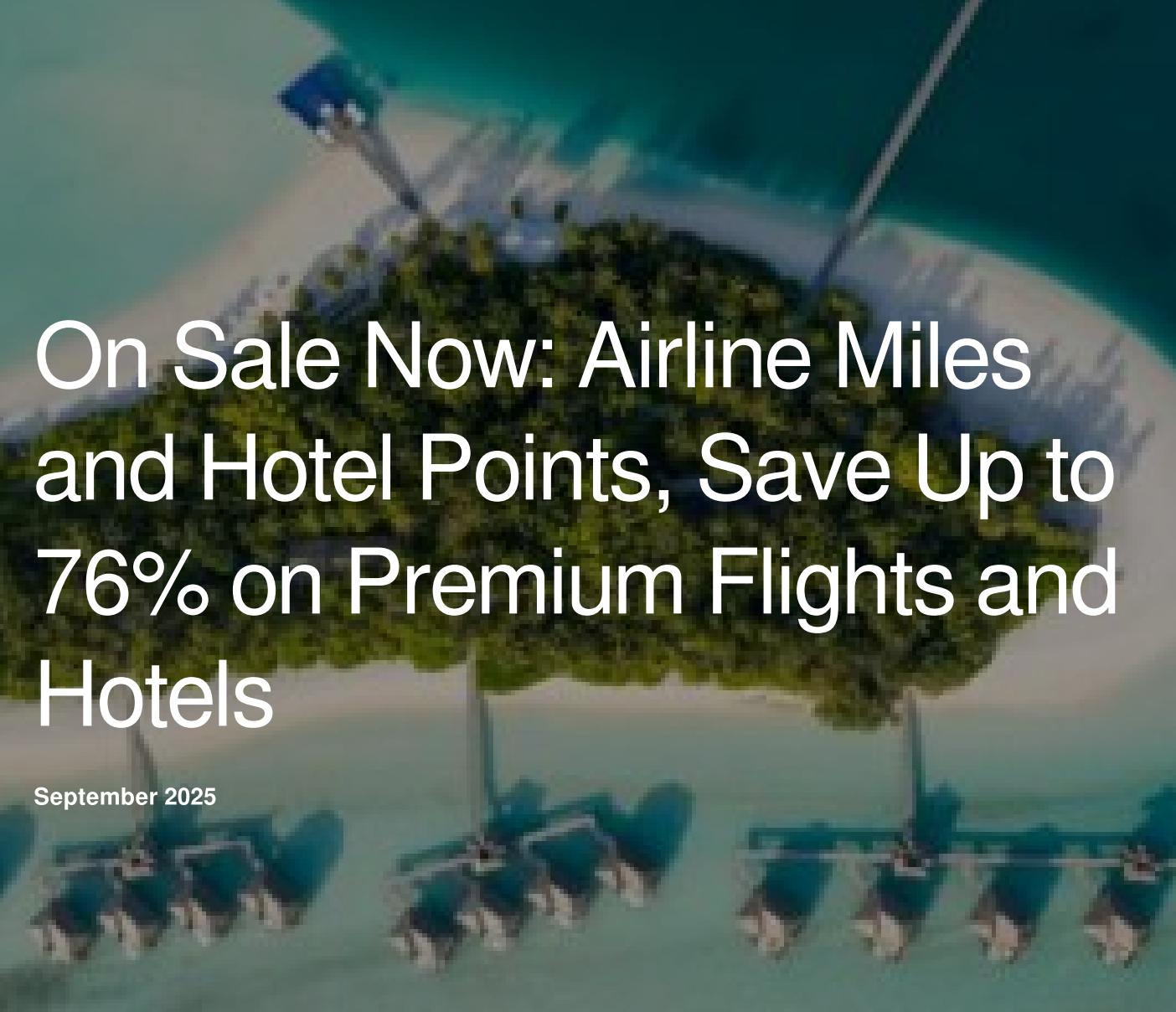
## **NORTH AMERICA**

[Money > Domestic Transcon > All Year > Business Class > \\$836 to \\$1,303 R/T](#)

[Money > Europe to U.S. > Spring/Summer > Premium Economy > \\$809 to \\$1,027 USD R/T](#)

## **SOUTH AMERICA**

[Money > Santiago > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,698 to 3,169 R/T](#)



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