A black and white photograph of Bruce Lee in a dynamic martial arts pose, possibly a Jeet Kune Do stance. He is shirtless, wearing his signature black pants, and is captured in a moment of intense action, with one arm raised and the other extended. The background is dark and out of focus.

What Would Bruce Lee Do When Faced With Ridiculously High Transcon Fares from New York?

December 2025

**He'd chop the fare in half and spend a few days in
Hawaii, of course**

Bruce Lee didn't fight force with force. He redirected it.

When an opponent threw a punch, Lee didn't block it head-on. He moved with it, used its momentum, turned the attacker's strength into his weapon. It wasn't magic. It was physics. It was awareness.

It was leverage.

"Be like water," he would say. Adaptable. Flowing where others see walls.

KEY INGREDIENT IN UPGRADE INTELLIGENCE

Making (inevitable) friction your friend, not your foe. When everyone else is pushing back against a problem, complaining, feeling trapped, you're looking for the opening. The redirect. The leverage point hidden inside the pressure.

So what would Bruce Lee do with sky-high transcon fares? He'd work WITH the friction, not against it.

ENTER: TRANSCON BUSINESS CLASS FRICTION

Here's your friction:

Delta Business Class New York/JFK to Los Angeles is now averaging \$5,097 round-trip for nonstops.


That's not a fare. That's a hostage situation.

Like Hercule Poirot stumped for answers in an Agatha Christie novel, you feel boxed in, paralyzed. "Homicide on the Transcon," we call it. The killer fare. The loyalty trap.

That's for just 11 hours in the air.

Take a look if you haven't already:

DELTA



JFK - LAX

Round Trip


Feb 11-18

1 Passenger


MODIFY

SIGN UP

LOG IN



3



RETURN

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Sun, Feb 15 | Mon, Feb 16 | Tue, Feb 17 | Wed, Feb 18 | Thu, Feb 19 | Fri, Feb 20 | Sat, Feb 21 |
| Sun, Feb 8 | <div>LOWEST</div> <div>\$3,997</div> | \$4,597 | \$5,097 | \$5,097 | \$5,097 | \$5,097 | \$5,497 |
| Mon, Feb 9 | \$4,297 | \$4,897 | \$5,397 | \$5,397 | \$5,397 | \$5,397 | \$5,797 |
| Tue, Feb 10 | <div>LOWEST</div> <div>\$3,997</div> | \$4,597 | \$5,097 | \$5,097 | \$5,097 | \$5,097 | \$5,497 |
| Wed, Feb 11 | <div>LOWEST</div> <div>\$3,997</div> | \$4,597 | \$5,097 | \$5,097 | \$5,097 | \$5,097 | \$5,497 |
| Thu, Feb 12 | \$4,297 | \$4,897 | \$5,397 | \$5,397 | \$5,397 | \$5,397 | \$5,797 |
| Fri, Feb 13 | \$4,497 | \$5,097 | \$5,597 | \$5,597 | \$5,597 | \$5,597 | \$5,997 |
| Sat, Feb 14 | \$4,497 | \$5,097 | \$5,597 | \$5,597 | \$5,597 | \$5,597 | \$5,997 |

DEPART

Delta Business Class New York/JFK to San Francisco is averaging \$5,200 to \$5,800 round-trip for nonstops.

Let that sink in. Five thousand dollars. To cross the country.

For context, take a look at the typical fares Delta charges for Business Class nonstops from New York/JFK to:

— London \$3,486 / 32% less

— Milan \$3,035 / 41% less

— Rio de Janeiro \$3,546 / 31% less

— Santiago, Chile \$3,410 / 33% less

— Buenos Aires \$4,451 / 13% less

— Seoul \$6,081 / only 19% more

That's Business Class to Brazil for \$1,551 less (for 19+ hours of flying / 72% more).

Nuts.

What we're seeing for **non-red-eyes or 6 a.m. flights**:

American Airlines transcon fares have been in the \$3,000-ish range but are now around \$2,470, but this might not last long, and is still way up.

JetBlue is fairly steady, averaging around \$1,800.

United has been in the \$2,120 range .

FANTASY VS. REALITY: WHERE MOST GET STUCK

Here's where Upgrade Intelligence separates the dreamers from the doers.

Fantasy sounds like this:

"I'll chase Delta Diamond status, and the upgrades will come."

"I'll stay loyal to one airline, and they'll reward me."

"I'll wait for fares to drop."

Reality? The upgrade waitlist has 27 people on it. The airline isn't loyal back. And those fares? They've been doing more climbing than dropping this year.

Elite status benefits have become Exhibit A in the fantasy file.

One of the biggest reasons we fail to upgrade travel – or any area of life – is falling for fantasyland. Not reality. Keeping our feet on the ground can feel like a full-time job.

Upgrade Intelligence seeks to plant our feet firmly in what IS. Not what we fantasize. Not what the airline promises. What actually works, right now, today.

And here's what works: When friction spikes in one place, it often creates openings somewhere else.

UPGRADE PROCESS STEP 3: OPTIONS (WE DID THE HEAVY LIFTING)

In the [Universal Upgrade Process](#), Step 3 is all about Options.

Not wishes. Not hopes. Real, tangible, leverageable options that change the game.

When fares spike on popular routes, that doesn't mean it's the end of the story. Today's opportunities aren't advertised. You have to look sideways. Add a city. Change your destination.

Redirect the kick, like Bruce.

Watch:

Normal American Airlines Fare - New York > Los Angeles R/T


New York ↔ Los Angeles

Round trip · Business Class · 1 passenger

\$2,467

Lowest total price

Selected flights



Thu, Feb 5 · 11:00 AM – 2:17 PM

American

6 hr 17 min


JFK–LAX

Nonstop

1,182 kg CO2e

+89% emissions

▼



Mon, Feb 9 · 1:00 PM – 9:08 PM

American

5 hr 8 min

LAX–JFK

Nonstop

1,110 kg CO2e

+78% emissions

▼



American Airlines Fare - New York > Los Angeles > Maui > New York
*** \$46 LESS ***

Multi-city trip




Business Class · 1 passenger

\$2,421

Lowest total price

Selected flights

[Track prices](#)

| | | | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
|  | Thu, Feb 5 · 11:00 AM – 2:17 PM American | 6 hr 17 min JFK–LAX | Nonstop | 1,182 kg CO2e +89% emissions ⓘ | ▼ |
|  | Mon, Feb 9 · 8:52 AM – 12:46 PM American | 5 hr 54 min LAX–OGG | Nonstop | 494 kg CO2e -11% emissions ⓘ | ▼ |
|  | Thu, Feb 12 · 11:15 PM – 7:59 PM* ¹ American | 15 hr 44 min OGG–JFK | 1 stop 5 hr 20 min PHX | 849 kg CO2e -52% emissions ⓘ | ▼ |

Add-ons to LAX and SFO we found had similar or lower premium fares **on American, Delta, and United: Cabo, Cancun, Honolulu, Kona, Las Vegas, Maui, Monterey, Phoenix, San Diego, and Seattle.**

As with all fares FCF publishes, they are subject to change in the blink of an eye. [Another reason to remember this.](#)

ALSO KEEP IN MIND: You need to fiddle with dates AND add-on destinations. Toggle them around to discover the best opportunities for you. Pricing fluctuates, with each keypress.

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↔ Multi-city

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Business

New York JFK

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Los Angeles LAX

Los Angeles LAX

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Kahului OGG

Kahului OGG

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New York JFK

Thu, Feb 5

Mon, Feb 9

Sun, Feb 15

Add flight

These aren't theoretical. These are real fares. The Hula Loophole. The Sidestep Hustle. The Stopover Strategy.

You're already packing the suitcase. Already arranging the dog sitter. Already leaving home. Already spending the money. Why let that effort dead-end in Los Angeles when you could redirect it to Maui – and save \$46?

That's leverage. That's Upgrade Intelligence. That's working WITH the friction.

BTW: That ticket to Maui goes for \$1,500 to \$2,000 by itself.

DESIRES – WHO THIS IS FOR

In the Universal Upgrade Process, Step 2 – and not always deployed sequentially (e.g. for example, when you discover a new option, your desires often change) – is about what you want. Not what sounds good. Not what's expected. What you want.

This strategy works if you desire:

- To escape high fares because the airline dominates your home market
- More experience wealth without spending more money
- To add a free vacation leg to a business trip **you can expense**
- Flexibility to add a stop or explore a new city
- Freedom from the elite status charade that doesn't deliver

This doesn't work if you need rigid routing, or if fares are already low. This is about value and leverage, when fares are unfavorable.

HOW TO FIND THESE FARES FAST: GOOGLE FLIGHTS MULTI-CITY SEARCH

You don't need to become a fare analyst. You need 10 minutes and [Google Flights' multi-city tool](#). Its visual, fast, and flexible. Change dates. Swap cities. The algorithm does the heavy lifting. You're just redirecting the search – letting the airline's own pricing reveal the opening.

Instead of searching round-trip, click "Multi-city" and add legs. New York–Los Angeles–Maui–New York.

New York–San Francisco–Cancun–New York. Experiment. **Play around with dates in one click.** The tool **instantly** shows you the total fare for the three segments.

And whether you just unlocked a free trip for less than the direct route.

You don't have to do all the research yourself. Delegate it:

- Give this special report to your travel companion, admin, or kid
- Share your desires: dates, range of flexibility, origin, class of service, what you actually want
- Book the wild idea. Hawaii on your LA trip sounds crazy? Book it anyway.

- Sit with it for a week. Most premium fares are changeable. If it still feels wrong, change it.

We often wait for permission to have more fun, more adventure, more value. Here it is: Hawaii for free. Cancun for \$2,000 less. You don't need permission – you need leverage. You need options.

You need Upgrade Intelligence.

Most premium fares allow changes. Book it. Test it. Live with the idea. Change it if you need to. The airline gave you the friction – and the flexibility to work with it. Use both.

BE WATER, MY FRIEND

Bruce Lee's philosophy wasn't about fighting harder. It was about fighting smarter. Seeing what others miss. Using the opponent's momentum.

Airlines already think this way. They flow where there's demand. They charge what the market will bear. They discount where there's space. They leverage their own network against itself.

Now you can too.

The \$5,097 Delta fare from New York to Los Angeles? That's friction. The \$4,753 New York–Los Angeles–Honolulu fare with a free Hawaii vacation? That's leverage. That's options. That's Upgrade Intelligence working WITH reality, not against it.

You've already done the work – packed, planned, prepared to leave home, and budgeted the money. Don't let that effort sputter out on a one-destination trip when you could redirect it into something twice as valuable for half the cost.

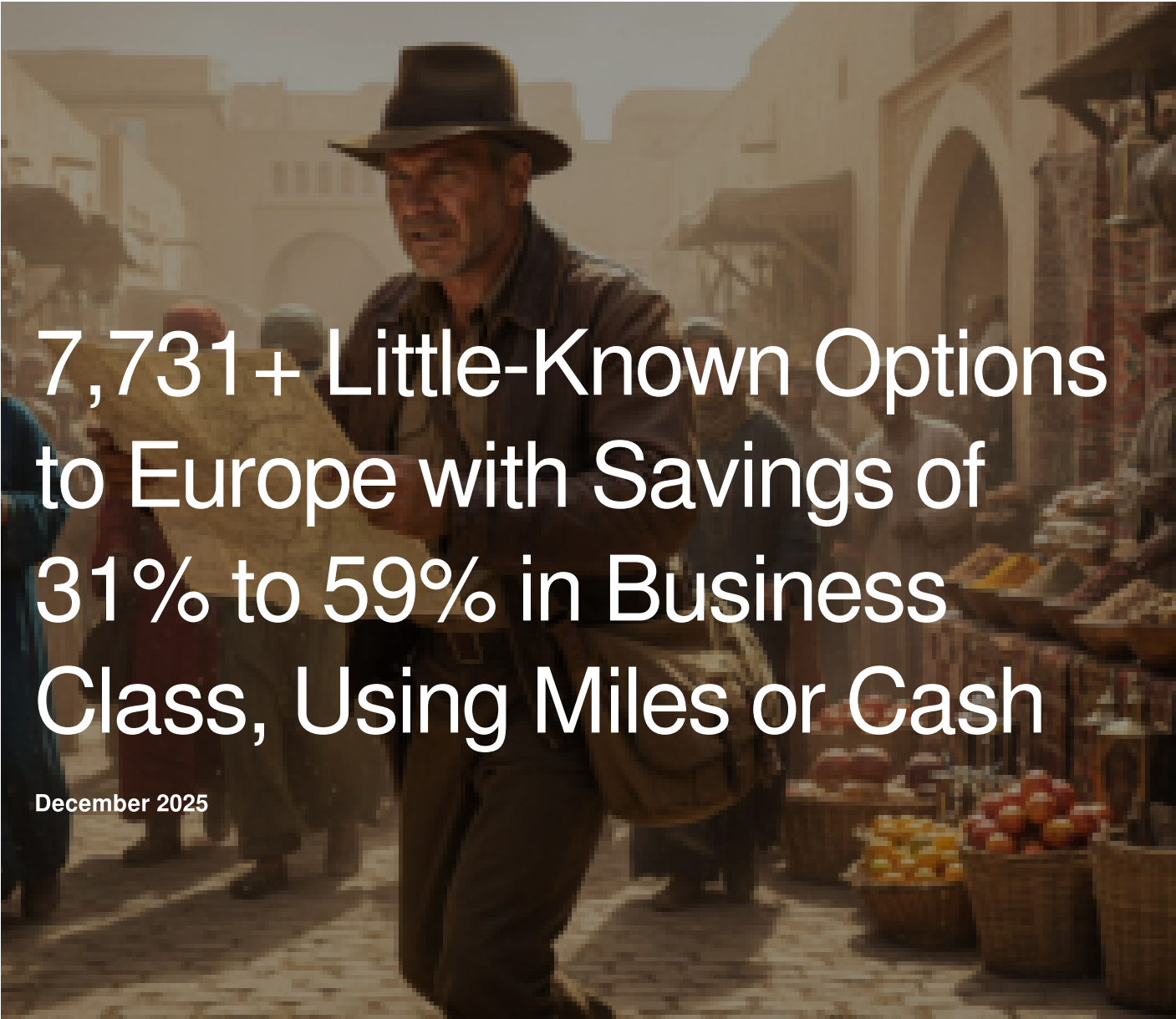
This is the Upgrade Formula at work. Not fighting the system. Not complaining. Not waiting for permission or elite status to save you. Working with the friction. Using its force. Flowing where others see walls.

High premium travel fares aren't going away anytime soon.

"Be water," Bruce Lee would say.

The airlines already are.

Now it's your turn.

A background image of Indiana Jones in a fedora and leather jacket, holding a map, standing in a bustling market with stalls of fruit and people in the background.

7,731+ Little-Known Options to Europe with Savings of 31% to 59% in Business Class, Using Miles or Cash

December 2025

What Indiana Jones would do when traveling to Europe

Indiana Jones didn't create treasure maps. He found them.

Someone else did the research – deciphered the ancient text, traced the clues, figured out where X marked the spot.

Indy just had to be opportunistic enough to follow the map. Flexible enough to pivot when the path changed. Smart enough to recognize treasure when he saw it.

That's Upgrade Intelligence in action: If you want something special – the most bang for your buck, the treasure others are missing – you don't reinvent the wheel. You look for existing treasure maps.

You've already found *First Class Flyer*. You've done well. We've done the research. We've decoded the routes. We've mapped the treasure. Now you just need to be opportunistic with perhaps a little flexibility – unless money is no object and you're happy to pay full price for what everyone else is getting.

THE PROBLEM: 250,000 TO 500,000 MILES R/T FOR ONE SEAT

For a while now, we've all been frustrated trying to find available, cheap premium seats to Europe using miles/points. Most of the pricing we've seen lately on American, Delta, and United is 250,000 to 500,000 miles round-trip per person. If not more.

That's the friction. That's the wall everyone's banging their head against.

But here's where Upgrade Intelligence flips the script: When everyone else is stuck at the same dead end, that's your signal to look somewhere else. Friction isn't failure – it's a redirect. It's the universe pointing you toward the treasure map.

THE TREASURE MAP: 7,731+ LITTLE-KNOWN OPTIONS TO EUROPE IN BUSINESS CLASS

Despite all the bad news, deals exist – and we've found a fistful.

In some cases, you can get **four seats for the price of one** on American, Delta, or United, with FCF's research. More on that in a moment.

Business Class awards at 60,000 miles each way have been found on **208 routes** for up to nine seats on Air France and KLM through the airline's Flying Blue loyalty program.

60,000 miles each way. Nine seats available. While Delta is charging 250,000 miles for one.

This is Step 3 in the Universal Upgrade Process: Options. Real options. Not fantasy. Not "maybe if award space opens up."

You can easily use an Air France points-to-miles transfer partner to get the miles via **American Express, Capital One, Chase, and Citi.**

NO MILES? NO PROBLEM – HERE'S THE LEVERAGE PLAY

Air France frequently runs mileage sales, usually offering discounts between 45% and 80% – but 80% is as good as it gets with this program. Here's what this means in real terms:

- Regular cost per mile: 3.05 cents

- Discounted price per mile **through December 22**: 1.69 cents
- Maximum miles you can buy per year: 100,000 miles
- Number of miles you can get with this promo: up to 180,000 miles

flyingblue.fr



How many Miles do you want to buy?

100,000 + 80,000 bonus Miles: \$ 3,050.00



You have **420,901** Miles in your account | Balance after purchase: **600,901**

| | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Miles | 100,000 |
| 80% bonus | 80,000 |
| Number of Miles | 180,000 |
| Subtotal | \$ 3,050.00 |

Buy Miles

Applicable taxes and fees will be calculated at checkout.

Now, let's take it up a notch. If you leverage [FCF's Unlimited Miles Purchase Strategy](#), there's literally no cap on how many miles you can buy – unlocking even more premium travel for less.

SAMPLE SAVINGS POTENTIAL WHEN BUYING MILES

| Route | Normal Fare R/T | Miles Required R/T | Cost to Buy (During this Sale) Miles R/T | Approx Total Cash Cost RT Incl. Taxes | Strategy Savings / Percentage |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| New York / JFK - Paris Route | \$3,550 | 120,000 | \$2,028 | \$2,468 | 31% |
| Chicago - Munich | \$5,072 | 120,000 | \$2,028 | \$2,468 | 51% |
| Houston - Figari / Corsica | \$6,060 | 120,000 | \$2,028 | \$2,468 | 59% |

This is Leverage Intelligence. You're not hoping for a deal. You're engineering one.

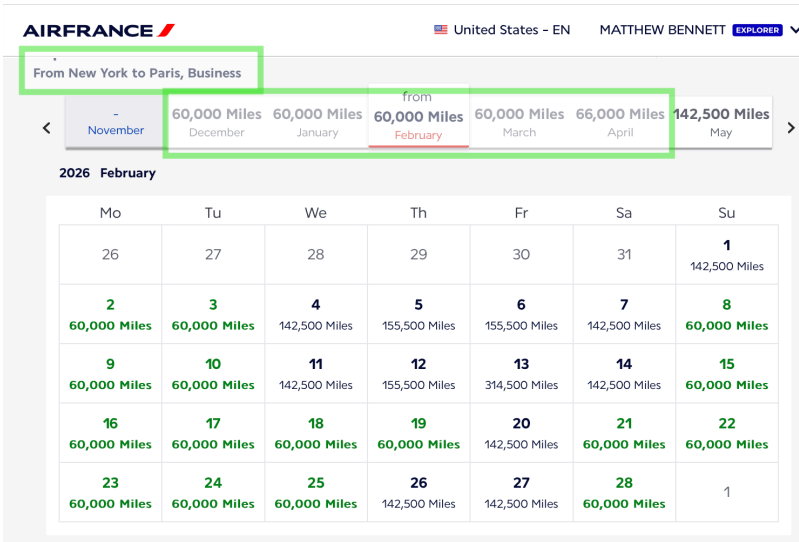
TWO KINDS OF SECRETS TWO KINDS OF TREASURE

There are two kinds of secret routes – and don't tell anyone about them, okay? This is just between you and me.

Nonstop Secret Routes

Most travelers aren't finding deals between the U.S. and Europe. But look at this: 16 days of Business Class seat availability from New York to Paris in February on Air France (and other months with cheap seats too). Nonstop. For 60,000 miles each way.

When was the last time you saw that on Delta?



One-Connection Secret Routes

These work much like [American's lucrative system](#), which offers better availability on routes with a connection than nonstops.

In other words, where there might NOT be availability of the cheapest Business Class seats between Houston and Paris nonstop, there IS good, cheap seat availability from Houston to Corsica – via that same Air France nonstop flight, just by adding Corsica to the itinerary.

The trick is to know what routes offer cheap Business Class seats. That's the treasure map.

Let's take a look:

Here is the August availability and pricing for ONE Business Class seat from Houston to Paris, 218,000 miles.

United States - EN
MATTHEW BENNETT
EXPLORER

From Houston to Paris, Business

Displayed fares are the lowest available for 1 passenger on a departing flight.

221,500 Miles

May

218,000 Miles

June

221,500 Miles

July

from

221,500 Miles

August

218,000 Miles

September

218,000 Miles

October

218,000 Miles

November

2026 August

| Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa | Su |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 218,000 Miles | 2 221,500 Miles |
| 3 221,500 Miles | 4 221,500 Miles | 5 221,500 Miles | 6 218,000 Miles | 7 218,000 Miles | 8 218,000 Miles | 9 221,500 Miles |
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| 24 218,000 Miles | 25 221,500 Miles | 26 218,000 Miles | 27 218,000 Miles | 28 218,000 Miles | 29 218,000 Miles | 30 218,000 Miles |
| 31 218,000 Miles | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

But add Figari, Corsica, the popular French island, to your Houston-Paris itinerary, and look at the 17 cheap, 60,000-mile Business Class seats available (and you'll be flying on that same Houston-Paris leg that cost 3.5X more):

United States - EN
MATTHEW BENNETT
EXPLORER

From Houston to Figari - Corsica, Business

Displayed fares are the lowest available for 1 passenger on a departing flight.

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May

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June

60,000 Miles

July

from

60,000 Miles

August

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September

60,000 Miles

October

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November

2026 August

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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 60,000 Miles | 2 60,000 Miles |
| 3 60,000 Miles | 4 60,000 Miles | 5 | 6 60,000 Miles | 7 60,000 Miles | 8 60,000 Miles | 9 60,000 Miles |
| 10 60,000 Miles | 11 60,000 Miles | 12 | 13 60,000 Miles | 14 60,000 Miles | 15 60,000 Miles | 16 60,000 Miles |
| 17 60,000 Miles | 18 60,000 Miles | 19 | 20 336,000 Miles | 21 191,500 Miles | 22 60,000 Miles | 23 60,000 Miles |
| 24 | 25 60,000 Miles | 26 | 27 195,000 Miles | 28 191,500 Miles | 29 60,000 Miles | 30 |
| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Want more?

Like nine cheap Business Class seats? No problem. Time to take your baseball team. There are 16 days in August with nine seats available at 60,000 miles or points each:

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AIRFRANCE  United States - EN MATTHEW BENNETT **EXPLORER** 

From Houston to Figari - Corsica, Business

Displayed fares are the lowest available for 9 passengers on a departing flight.

< May June 540,000 Miles July **from 540,000 Miles August** September 540,000 Miles October November >

2026 August

| Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa | Su |
|----|----------------------------|----|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 540,000 Miles | 2 540,000 Miles |
| 3 | 4 540,000 Miles | 5 | 6 1,723,500 Miles | 7 540,000 Miles | 8 540,000 Miles | 9 540,000 Miles |
| 10 | 11 540,000 Miles | 12 | 13 540,000 Miles | 14 540,000 Miles | 15 540,000 Miles | 16 540,000 Miles |
| 17 | 18 540,000 Miles | 19 | 20 3,024,000 Miles | 21 1,755,000 Miles | 22 540,000 Miles | 23 540,000 Miles |
| 24 | 25 540,000 Miles | 26 | 27 3,024,000 Miles | 28 1,755,000 Miles | 29 540,000 Miles | 30 |
| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Nine seats – for little more than what you see Delta usually charging for one.

This is the treasure. This is what opportunistic travel looks like.

NOT IN A MAJOR HUB? NO PROBLEM

Good news for travelers outside Air France and KLM's hub cities.

Even if you're not in Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Calgary, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Edmonton, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Montreal, New York/JFK, New York/Newark, Orlando, Ottawa, Phoenix, Portland, Raleigh/Durham, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Toronto, Vancouver, or Washington, DC – you're not out of luck.

Delta, their SkyTeam partner, allows seamless domestic connections based on availability to the airline's hubs.

At the same time, Air France and KLM can make it effortless to connect throughout Europe and beyond, based on availability. Plus, Air France allows you a stopover, even on one-way tickets, so you can get multiple destinations for the price of one.

Air France and KLM route map, according to flightconnections.com



More treasure. Same map.

THE OPPORTUNITY TRAVELER MINDSET: UPGRADE INTELLIGENCE IN ACTION

What's an [opportunity traveler](#)?

It's someone who flips the script on traditional booking. Instead of picking rigid dates AND a particular destination – and being at the mercy of sky-high fares – this traveler starts with the opportunity first and plans the trip around it.

This strategy, also known as "[Not Booking Backwards](#)," puts you in the driver's seat rather than playing the sucker to airline pricing algorithms.

Think of it like hunting for buried treasure – only instead of a map leading to gold coins, it leads to jaw-dropping flight deals. You're not shackled to a predetermined itinerary; you're the savvy adventurer who lets the best opportunity determine where (and how luxuriously) you fly.

This is core Upgrade Intelligence:

- Reality over fantasy: Don't wait for Delta to release cheap seats that aren't coming. Book the Air France seats that exist TODAY.
- Options over rigidity: Step 3 of the Universal Upgrade Process is about having real, leverageable options. We found 7,731+ of them.
- Leverage over brute force: Buy miles at 80% off. Use transfer partners. Engineer the deal instead of hoping for one.
- Friction as friend: Frustrated with American/Delta/United pricing? That friction is pointing you here.

Unless money is no object and you're happy to pay full price for the same seat, this mindset unlocks treasure that rigid travelers never see.

THE SIX SECRET ROUTES WITH NONSTOP AVAILABILITY TO PARIS: YOUR TREASURE MAP

What we found...

| Route | Outbound | | | Return | | |
|------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month |
| Boston | Jan. | | | Dec., April | Feb., March | |
| Chicago | Jan. | Jan., Feb. | | Dec., Jan., March, April | Feb., March | Feb. |
| Detriot | Jan., Feb. | | | Dec., Jan., Feb. | March | |
| Newark | Feb. | | | Jan., Feb., March | March | Feb. |
| New York | Jan., Feb., March | | Feb. | Dec., Jan., April | | Feb., March |
| Washington | Jan., Feb. | | | Dec., Jan., April, May | | Feb., March |

Months in black have at least one seat available; in blue, at least two seats; in green, at least four seats; in purple, at least nine seats.

Remember to use the data as a guide since availability can be volatile...

AVAILABILITY TO/FROM DALLAS

| Route | Outbound | | | Return | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month |
| Bordeaux | Jan. | | | Jan. | | |
| Clermont Ferrand | Jan. | | | Jan. | | |

| | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|--|--|--------------------------|------|--|
| Lyon | Jan. | | | Jan. | | |
| Marseille | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Nice | Jan. | | | Jan., March, Aug., Sept. | Feb. | |

Months in black have at least one seat available; in blue, at least two seats; in green, at least four seats; in purple, at least nine seats.

Remember to use the data as a guide since availability can be volatile...

AVAILABILITY TO/FROM HOUSTON

| Route | Outbound | | | Return | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month |
| Athens | Jan. | | | Dec., May | | |
| Berlin | Jan. | | | Dec., Feb., March, April, May, Sept. | Aug. | Aug. |
| Bordeaux | Jan. | | | Dec., Feb., March, April, May | | |
| Clermont Ferrand | Jan., March, April, Oct. | Feb. | July, Aug., Sept. | Jan., April, May, July, Oct. | | Feb., March Aug., Sept. |
| Copenhagen | Feb. | | | May, June, Aug. | Jan., Feb., Nov. | Dec. |
| Corsica | April, Sept., Aug. | July | Aug. | April, Dec., Aug. | Aug. | |
| Edinburgh | Jan. | | | May, Dec., Feb. | Dec. | |
| Florence | Jan. | | | Dec., Feb., May | | |
| Frankfurt | Jan. | | | April, Dec., Feb., May | | |
| Lisbon | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb., May | | |

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|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|
| London | April, July, Oct. | July, Sept. | Aug., Sept. | Dec., Feb. | | |
| Lyon | Jan. | | | Dec., Feb. April, May | | |
| Marseille | Jan., Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., May, Sept. | | Sept., Aug. |
| Milan | Feb. | | | Feb., March, May | Dec. | |
| Munich | Jan. | | | April, Dec., Feb., May | | |
| Mykonos | Aug. | | | Aug. | | |
| Nantes | Dec., Jan. | | | Feb., May | | |
| Nice | Feb. | | | Dec., Jan., May, Aug., Sept., Oct. Nov. | Feb., March | Dec., Aug. |
| Palma de Mallorca | July | | Aug. | Aug. | | |
| Prague | Jan. | | | Dec., Feb., April | | |
| Rome | Jan. | | | May | Dec., March | Feb. |
| Split | | Aug. | | | Aug. | |
| Stuttgart | Jan. | | | Jan., Dec., Feb. | | |
| Tenerife | Aug. | | | Dec. | | |
| Venice | Jan. | | | Dec., Feb., May | Aug., Sept. | |
| Vienna | Jan. | | | May | Dec. | Feb., March |
| Warsaw | Jan. | | | April, Dec., May | | |
| Zagreb | Jan. | | | Dec. | | |

Months in black have at least one seat available; in blue, at least two seats; in green, at least four seats; in purple, at least nine seats.

Remember to use the data as a guide since availability can be volatile...

AVAILABILITY TO/FROM NEW YORK

| Route | Outbound | | | Return | | |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month |
| Amsterdam | Jan., Feb. | | | March | Jan. | Feb., March |
| Athens | Feb. | | | Jan. | Feb. | March |
| Basel | Jan., Feb. | | | April, Jan. | Jan., Feb. | Feb., March |
| Biarritz | Feb. | | | April, Aug. | | Feb., March |
| Bordeaux | Jan., Feb. | | | | Jan. | Feb., March |
| Clermont Ferrand | Jan., Feb. | | | May, July, Aug. | Jan., April, Sept. | Feb., March |
| Dublin | Jan., Feb. | | | Sept. | May, Aug. | Jan., Feb., March, April |
| Edinburgh | Jan., Feb. | | | April | Jan. | Feb., March |
| Florence | Feb. | | | April | | Feb., March |
| Geneva | Jan., Feb. | | | April | Jan. | Feb., March |
| Hamburg | Feb. | | | May, Sept. | Aug. | Feb., March, April |
| Helsinki | July, Jan., Feb., Aug. | Jan., Feb., Aug. | | April | Jan. | Feb., March |
| Istanbul | Jan., Feb., Aug. | | | Jan. | | Feb., March |
| Lyon | Jan., Feb. | | | April | Jan. | Feb., March |
| Manchester | Jan., Feb. | Feb. | | | Jan. | Feb., March |
| Marseille | Jan., Feb. | | | | Jan. | Feb., March |
| Nantes | Jan., Feb. | | | April, May | Jan. | Feb., March |
| Nice | Jan., Feb. | | | April | Jan. | Feb., March |

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| Porto | Feb. | | | May, July, Aug. | April, Sept. | Feb., March |
| Prague | Feb. | | | | | Feb., March |
| Rennes | Jan., Feb. | | | Jan., April | | Feb., March |
| Rome | Feb. | | | | | Feb., March |
| Split | Aug. | | | Aug. | | |
| Valencia | Feb. | | | July | April, Aug. | Feb., March |
| Venice | Feb. | | | April | | Feb., March |
| Vienna | Jan., Feb. | | | April | Jan. | Feb., March |
| Warsaw | Feb. | | | April | | Feb., March |
| Zagreb | Jan., Feb. | | | Jan. | Feb., March | |
| Zurich | Feb. | | | Feb. | March | Feb., March |

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AVAILABILITY TO/FROM CHICAGO

| Route | Outbound | | | Return | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month |
| Amsterdam | Jan., Feb. | | | Jan., Feb., March | | |
| Barcelona | Jan. | | | May | Jan., March, April | Feb. |
| Basel | Jan. | | | Jan., April | Feb. | |
| Berlin | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Bordeaux | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb., April | | |

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|--------------------|------------|-------------|--|-----------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Budapest | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Clermont Frrand | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Copenhagen | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Dublin | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb., April | | |
| Dubrovnik | July, Aug. | | | Aug. | | |
| Edinburgh | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb., March | | |
| Florence | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Frankfurt | Jan. | | | Jan., April | Feb. | |
| Geneve | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb., April | | |
| Hamburg | Jan. | | | Jan., April | Feb. | |
| Helsinki | Jan. | | | Feb. | | |
| Istanbul | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| London | Jan., July | April, Aug. | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Lyon | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Madrid | Jan. | | | May, Aug. | April | Jan., Feb., March |
| Malaga | Jan. | | | Jan., March | Feb. | |
| Manchester | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb., March, April | | |
| Marseille | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb., April | | |
| Milan | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb., March | | |
| Munich | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb., April | Feb. | |
| Nantes | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Naples | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Nice | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb., April | | |

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| Oslo | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Rome | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Prague | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Porto | Jan. | | | Feb. | | |
| Stockholm | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb., April | | |
| Stuttgart | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Valencia | Jan. | | | May, Aug. | Jan., Feb., March | |
| Vienna | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Venice | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Warsaw | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb. | | |
| Zagreb | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb., March, April | | |
| Zurich | Jan. | | | Jan., Feb., April | | |

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AVAILABILITY TO/FROM BOSTON

| Route | Outbound | | | Return | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month |
| Amsterdam | Jan., Feb. | | | Jan., April, March | Feb. | March |
| Athens | Jan. | | | Feb., March, April | | |
| Barcelona | Jan. | | | April | Feb., March | |
| Basel | Jan., Feb. | | | Jan., April | Feb., March | |

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|--------------------|------------|------|------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Berlin | Jan. | | | April | Feb., March | |
| Bordeaux | Jan. | | | April | Feb., March | |
| Budapest | Jan. | | | April | Feb., March | |
| Clemont Ferrand | Jan., Feb. | | | Feb., March | | |
| Corsica | Jan. | July | Aug. | July, Aug. | | |
| Dublin | Feb. | | | Jan., July, Sept. | April, Aug. | Feb., March |
| Edinburgh | Jan. | | | April, May | Feb., March | |
| Florence | Jan. | | | March, April | Feb. | |
| Istanbul | Jan. | | | Feb., March, April, Sept. | | |
| Lyon | Jan., Feb. | | | April | Feb., March | March |
| Manchester | Jan. | | | April, May | Feb., March | |
| Marseille | Jan., Feb. | | | Jan., April | Feb., March | |
| Milan | Jan. | | | March, April | Feb. | |
| Nantes | Jan. | | | April | Feb., March | |
| Naples | Jan. | | | Feb., March | | |
| Nice | Jan., Feb. | | | Jan., April | Feb., March | March |
| Prague | Jan. | | | April | Feb., March | |
| Rennes | Jan. | | | March, April | Feb. | |
| Stuttgart | Jan. | | | April | Feb., March | |
| Vienna | Jan. | | | April | Feb., March | |
| Venice | Jan. | | | April | Feb., March | |
| Zagreb | Jan., Feb. | | | April | Feb., March | |

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AVAILABILITY TO/FROM WASHINGTON

| Route | Outbound | | | Return | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|
| | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month |
| Amsterdam | Jan. | | | Dec., Feb., April, May | March | |
| Basel | Jan. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Bordeaux | Jan., April | | | Dec., Feb., March, April, May | | |
| Clemont Ferrand | April | | | Dec., Feb., March, April, May | | |
| Corsica | July | Aug. | | July, Aug. | | |
| Geneva | Jan., Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March, April, May | | |
| London | April, Oct. | Sept. | July, Aug. | Dec., Feb., March, April, May, July, Oct. | Sept. | Aug. |
| Lyon | Jan., April | | | Dec., Feb., March, April, May | | |
| Marseille | Jan. | | | Dec., Jan., Feb., March, April, May | | |
| Munich | April | | | Dec., March, April | | |
| Nantes | April | | | Dec., Feb., March, April, May | | |
| Nice | Jan., April | | | Dec., Feb., March, April, May | | |
| Rennes | Feb., March, July, Aug., Oct. | | Sept. | Dec., Feb., March, April, May | | |

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|--------|-------------|--|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Zurich | Jan., April | | | Dec., Feb., March, April, May | | |
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AVAILABILITY TO/FROM PHOENIX

| Route | Outbound | | | Return | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month |
| Clermont Ferrand | Jan., March | | | Dec., Jan, March, June, Aug. | | Feb. |
| Corsica | Aug. | | | Aug. | | |

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AVAILABILITY TO/FROM DETROIT

| Route | Outbound | | | Return | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month |
| Amsterdam | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Barcelona | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Basel | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Berlin | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Bordeaux | Jan., Feb. | | | Feb., April | Jan. | March |
| Brussels | Jan., Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March, April | | |
| Budapest | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |

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|------------|------------|--|--|-----------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Copenhagen | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb. | | |
| Dublin | Feb. | | | Feb., March | | |
| Edinburgh | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Florence | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Geneva | Feb. | | | Feb., March | | |
| Hamburg | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Helsinki | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb. | | |
| Istanbul | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Lisbon | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| London | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March, April | | |
| Lyon | Jan., Feb. | | | Feb., April | March | Dec. |
| Madrid | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Malaga | Feb. | | | Feb. | | |
| Manchester | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Marseille | Jan., Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March, April | | Dec. March |
| Milan | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March, | | |
| Munich | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March, April | | |
| Nantes | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., April | | March |
| Naples | Feb. | | | Dec. Feb., March | | |
| Nice | Jan., Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March, April | | Dec., March |
| Oslo | Feb. | | | Feb., March | | |
| Prague | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |

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| Rome | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Stockholm | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Stuttgart | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Valencia | Feb. | | | Feb., March | | |
| Venice | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Vienna | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Warsaw | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |
| Zagreb | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March, April | | |
| Zurich | Feb. | | | Dec., Feb., March | | |

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AVAILABILITY TO/FROM NEWARK (EWR)

| Route | Outbound | | | Return | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month | 4 to 8 Days per Month | 9 to 12 Days per Month | 13+ Days per Month |
| Amsterdam | Feb. | | | March | Feb. | |
| Bordeaux | Feb. | | | March | Feb. | |
| Budapest | Feb. | | | Feb. | | |
| Clemont Ferrand | Feb. | | | March | Feb. | |
| Florence | Feb. | | | | Feb. | |
| Geneva | Feb. | | | March | Feb. | |
| Helsinki | Feb. | | | Feb. | | |
| Lyon | Feb. | | | March | Feb. | |

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|------------|------|--|--|-------------|------|--|
| Manchester | Feb. | | | Feb., March | | |
| Marseille | Feb. | | | March | Feb. | |
| Milan | Feb. | | | Feb., March | | |
| Munich | Feb. | | | March | Feb. | |
| Nantes | Feb. | | | March | Feb. | |
| Nice | Feb. | | | March | Feb. | |
| Rennes | Feb. | | | Feb. | | |
| Veinna | Feb. | | | March | Feb. | |
| Venice | Feb. | | | Feb., March | | |
| Warsaw | Feb. | | | Feb. | | |
| Zagreb | Feb. | | | March | Feb. | |
| Zurich | Feb. | | | March | Feb. | |

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These are the 208 routes with over 7,731 cheap Business Class seats – 60,000 miles each way – that are hiding. Some with nine seats available. Some with stopovers included. Some nonstop, some with one connection.

This is the research you didn't have to do. The treasure map you didn't have to draw. The options you didn't have to engineer.

You just need to be opportunistic enough to follow it.

INDIANA JONES DIDN'T WAIT FOR PERMISSION

He saw the map. He recognized the treasure. He moved.

Most travelers are still staring at Delta's 500,000-mile price tag, hoping it'll change. Waiting for award space to magically appear. Staying loyal to an airline that isn't loyal back.

That's fantasy. Here's reality:

You can **transfer miles from Amex, Chase, Citi, or Capital One**. Or buy them at 80% off through December 22. Or use FCF's Unlimited Miles Strategy to buy even more.

This is the treasure map. This is Upgrade Intelligence. This is Step 3: Options – real, tangible, bookable today.

The only question left is: Are you opportunistic enough to follow it?

Indiana Jones would be.



December's Top 65 Mileage Awards & Special Fares Greatest Hits (Still Available)

December 2025

December 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 Redeems

EUROPE

[Cash OR Miles > Business Class > Air France > Dallas to Nice > Single Seat > 1-stop](#)

[Use Star Alliance Miles \(or CC Points\) for Business Class from Miami to Lisbon](#)

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

[From 81,000 Miles / Points R/T > Biz Class > 2+ Travelers > Iberia > Newark to Spain](#)

[Use Star Alliance Miles \(or CC Points\) for Business Class from Washington DC to Lisbon > 2026 Travel](#)

[Miles / Points > 4+ Seats > SWISS > Business Class > Newark to Zurich](#)

[Use Star Alliance Miles \(or CC Points\) for Business Class from Newark to Porto](#)

[Miles / Points > 2026 Travel > Brussels Airlines > Business Class > New York to Brussels > 4+ Seats](#)

[Close-In Deal > Singapore First Class > New York to Frankfurt > Single Seat](#)

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

[Use Star Alliance Miles \(or CC Points\) for Business Class from Boston to Lisbon > 2026 Travel](#)

[Miles & Cash > United Upgrade > For Seat Opportunities > Washington DC to Brussels](#)

ASIA

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

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

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

[First Class > Cash OR Miles > 2026 Travel > Cathay Pacific > New York to Hong Kong > 2+ Travellers](#)

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

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

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

MIDDLE EAST

[Cash OR Miles > Middle East > Qatar Airways Business Class From Toronto to Doha > Single Seat](#)

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

[Cash OR Miles > 2026 Travel > Middle East > Qatar Airways Business Class Montreal to Doha / 2+ Seats](#)

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

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

SOUTH PACIFIC

[Miles > Australia > 2026 Travel > Delta Business Class Opportunities from Los Angeles to Melbourne > 4+ Seats](#)

[Miles > New Zealand > 2026 Travel > Delta Business Class Opportunities from Los Angeles to Auckland > 4+ Seats](#)

Special Published Fares



AFRICA

[Money > Cairo > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,886 to \\$3,227 R/T](#)

[Money > Nairobi > Spring > Biz Class > \\$3,476 to \\$4,157 R/T](#)

[Money > Morocco > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,677 to \\$3,324 R/T](#)

[Money > from New York and Boston to Casablanca > All Year > Premium Economy > from \\$1,002 R/T](#)

ASIA

[Money > Southeast Asia > Winter > Biz Class > \\$3,707 to \\$4,126 R/T](#)

[Money > Manila > All Year > Biz Class > \\$3,228 to \\$4,141 R/T](#)

[Money > Seoul > All Year > Biz Class > \\$3,448 to \\$4,314 R/T](#)

[Money > China > Winter > Biz Class > \\$3,638 to \\$4,158 R/T](#)

EUROPE

[Money > Milan > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,784 to \\$3,315 R/T](#)

[Money > Rome > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,800 to \\$3,310 R/T](#)

[Money > London > Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,686 to \\$3,331 R/T](#)

[Money > Paris > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,495 to \\$3,220 R/T](#)

[Money > Europe > Winter/Spring > Biz Class with TAP Portugal > \\$2,273 to \\$2,799 R/T](#)

[Money > Greece > Summer/Fall > First Class > \\$3,901 to \\$5,652 R/T](#)

[Money > Amsterdam > All Year > Biz Class > \\$1,995 to \\$3,177 R/T](#)

[Money > Germany > Winter > First Class > \\$3,877 to \\$5,515 R/T](#)

[Money > Switzerland > Winter > First Class > \\$3,897 to \\$5,418 R/T](#)

[Money > Venice > Spring/Summer > Biz Class > \\$2,791 to \\$3,218 R/T](#)

[Money > Dublin > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,626 to \\$3,268 R/T](#)

[Money > Budapest > Summer > Biz Class > \\$2,847 to \\$3,246 R/T](#)

[Money > Switzerland > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,549 to \\$3,303 R/T](#)

[Money > Spain > Winter > First Class > \\$3,993 to \\$5,208 R/T](#)

[Money > Italy > All Year > First Class > \\$3,903 to \\$5,656 R/T](#)

[Money > France > Winter > First Class > \\$4,003 to \\$5,799 R/T](#)

HAWAII

[Money > Kona > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$1,176 to \\$1,643 R/T](#)

[Money > Honolulu > Winter > Biz Class > \\$1,096 to \\$1,521 R/T](#)

[Money > Kauai > Winter > Biz Class > \\$1,117 to \\$1,672 R/T](#)



INDIA

[Money > Mumbai > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,402 to \\$3,915 R/T](#)

[Money > New Delhi > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,954 to \\$3,729 R/T](#)

MEXICO

[Money > Cancun > All Year > Biz Class > \\$528 to \\$971 R/T](#)

[Money > Puerto Vallarta > All Year > Biz Class > \\$629 to \\$998 R/T](#)

[Money > Cabo San Lucas > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$710 to \\$1,018 R/T](#)

[Money > Cozumel > All Year > Biz Class > \\$675 to \\$1,029 R/T](#)

MIDDLE EAST

[Money > Dubai > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,788 to \\$3,379 R/T](#)

[Money > Istanbul > Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,942 to \\$3,373 R/T](#)

NORTH AMERICA

[Money > Domestic Transcon > All Year > Business Class > \\$776 to \\$1,347 R/T](#)

[Money > Barcelona to U.S. > Winter/Spring > Premium Economy > \\$630 to \\$863 USD R/T](#)

SOUTH AMERICA

[Money > Buenos Aires > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,265 to \\$3,324 R/T](#)

SOUTH PACIFIC

[Money > Tahiti > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > from \\$3,867 to \\$4,382 R/T](#)

[Money > New Zealand and Australia > All Year > Biz Class > \\$4,922 to \\$6,751 R/T](#)

A photograph of an airplane cabin interior, showing rows of seats and overhead storage bins. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark overlay, serving as a background for the main headline.

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December 2025

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(ENDS 12/24)

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When Delta Has You Cornered: The Hawaii Package Strategy That Saves Up to \$3,469

December 2025

Your favorite airline dominates your market - until you need to actually book something

You know that sinking feeling, right?

You're planning a Hawaii trip. You pull up Delta's website because that's your airline. You've got status. You've got a Delta credit card.

Then you see the Business Class fare to Maui: **\$7,460 for two travelers** on your February dates.

But here's what most travelers miss: There's a **pressure valve** built into the system, and it's called vacation packages.

THE UPFRONT REALITY CHECK

Before we wade into the warm waters of this opportunity, let's be crystal clear about when this strategy works and when it doesn't.

Vacation packages shine brightest when:

- Fares are high (like when your airline dominates the route), and/or
- You're flying nonstop, and/or
- You're committed to a specific airline for status or preference

Packages are less ideal when:

- Fares are already low and competitive, and/or
- You're flexible with making connections, and/or
- You're flexible with airlines

WHERE THE COCONUT HITS THE SAND: REAL SAVINGS

Let's look at Seattle-Maui.. You're flying Delta Business Class nonstop because that's what makes sense to you for your situation. Seven nights on the beach, let's say staying at the Fairmont Kea Lani.

If you book separately:

- Business Class airfare (2 travelers): \$7,460
- Fairmont Kea Lani (7 nights): \$8,976
- **Total: \$16,436**

If you book as a Delta Vacations package:

- Package total: \$12,967
- **Your savings: \$3,469**

That's \$3,469 back in your pocket. Not a modest discount. Nearly three and a half thousand dollars that you can spend on excursions or dinners, or just exult in knowing you didn't overpay.

THE FULL MENU: DELTA BUSINESS CLASS PACKAGES TO HAWAII

That Seattle-Maui deal is the hero, but it's not the only player in town. We've analyzed Delta Vacations packages across multiple routes for seven-night stays in mid-February 2026. All prices include Business Class flights for two travelers, seven nights at various properties, and all taxes.

Here's what the landscape looks like:

| Home | Destination | Hotel | Airfare (2 Travelers) | Hotel (7 Nights) | Separate Total | Package Price | Savings |
|----------------|-------------|--|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|---------|
| Seattle | Maui | Fairmont Kea Lani, Maui | \$7,460 | \$8,976 | \$16,436 | \$12,967 | \$3,469 |
| Los Angeles | Kona | The Westin Hapuna Beach Resort | \$5,319 | \$7,564 | \$12,883 | \$9,701 | \$3,182 |
| Salt Lake City | Maui | Hotel Wailea by Hyatt | \$4,119 | \$10,313 | \$14,432 | \$11,395 | \$3,037 |
| Santiago | Honolulu | The Royal Hawaiian, Luxury Collection | \$10,119 | \$3,559 | \$13,678 | \$11,097 | \$2,581 |
| Salt Lake City | Maui | Fairmont Kea Lani, Maui | \$4,119 | \$8,917 | \$13,036 | \$10,510 | \$2,526 |
| Seattle | Maui | The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua | \$7,460 | \$5,759 | \$13,219 | \$10,901 | \$2,318 |
| Detroit | Honolulu | The Royal Hawaiian, Luxury Collection | \$10,719 | \$3,572 | \$14,291 | \$12,138 | \$2,153 |
| Seattle | Maui | The Westin Maui Resort & Spa, Ka'anapali | \$7,460 | \$4,375 | \$11,835 | \$9,760 | \$2,075 |
| Los Angeles | Honolulu | The Royal Hawaiian, Luxury Collection | \$5,319 | \$3,572 | \$8,891 | \$6,903 | \$1,988 |
| Seattle | Honolulu | The Royal Hawaiian, Luxury Collection | \$3,367 | \$3,559 | \$6,926 | \$5,080 | \$1,846 |
| Los Angeles | Honolulu | Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa | \$4,119 | \$2,635 | \$6,754 | \$5,300 | \$1,454 |
| Salt Lake City | Maui | Wailea Beach Resort - Marriott, Maui | \$6,519 | \$5,051 | \$11,570 | \$10,116 | \$1,454 |
| Seattle | Honolulu | Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa | \$3,367 | \$2,525 | \$5,892 | \$4,535 | \$1,357 |
| Seattle | Honolulu | Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa | \$3,367 | \$3,434 | \$6,801 | \$5,557 | \$1,244 |

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| Los Angeles | Kona | Hilton Waikoloa Village | \$5,319 | \$3,224 | \$8,543 | \$7,368 | \$1,175 |

WHY THIS WORKS (THE BORING BUT IMPORTANT PART)

Vacation packages are often negotiated well ahead of time between airlines and hotels. They lock in rates before the market shifts. Sometimes that works against you. Right now, with Hawaii hotel prices elevated and Delta's nonstop fares reflecting their market position, it can often work in your favor.

The packages also bundle in ways that create savings neither side would offer independently. Delta wants to fill seats. Hotels want to fill rooms. When they work together, they can offer deals that beat what you'd pay booking separately – especially when base fares are high.

Think of it as buying in bulk at Costco. You're committing to both the flight and the hotel, so you get a better rate on the bundle.

HOW TO ACTUALLY BOOK THIS

Head to [DeltaVacations.com](https://www.delta.com/vacations). Search for your route and dates (these examples are for mid-February 2026, but the strategy applies year-round when fares are high). Select Business Class for your flights. Browse the hotel options.

Here is the key: **Before you book the package, price out the flight and hotel separately.** Other benefits can include refundability, which is not usually offered with airfares.

BOTTOM LINE

Hawaii isn't getting any closer to the mainland. Delta isn't going to suddenly slash fares on routes they dominate. And you're not going to stop wanting to fly Business Class.

So when the stars align – high fares, nonstop flights – vacation packages become your secret weapon. You get the same flights, the same hotels, and the same turquoise waters and volcanic sunsets.

You just get to keep a few thousand dollars in your pocket while you are enjoying them.