

A black and white photograph of Bruce Lee in a martial arts sparring session. He is shirtless, wearing dark pants, and is in a dynamic, low-to-the-ground stance. He is facing an opponent who is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. The opponent is leaning forward, and Bruce Lee appears to be in the middle of a defensive or offensive maneuver. The background is a simple, dark-colored wall.

# 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:

**RETURN**

		Sun, Feb 15	Mon, Feb 16	Tue, Feb 17	Wed, Feb 18	Thu, Feb 19	Fri, Feb 20	Sat, Feb 21
DEPART	Sun, Feb 8	LOWEST <b>\$3,997</b>	\$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	LOWEST <b>\$3,997</b>	\$4,597	\$5,097	\$5,097	\$5,097	\$5,097	\$5,497
	Wed, Feb 11	LOWEST <b>\$3,997</b>	\$4,597	\$5,097	<b>\$5,097</b>	\$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

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**

**\$2,467**

Round trip · Business Class · 1 passenger

Lowest total price

Selected flights

[Track prices](#) ⓘ ✕

	<b>Thu, Feb 5</b> · 11:00 AM – 2:17 PM American	6 hr 17 min JFK-LAX	Nonstop	1,182 kg CO2e +89% emissions ⓘ	▼
	<b>Mon, Feb 9</b> · 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](#)

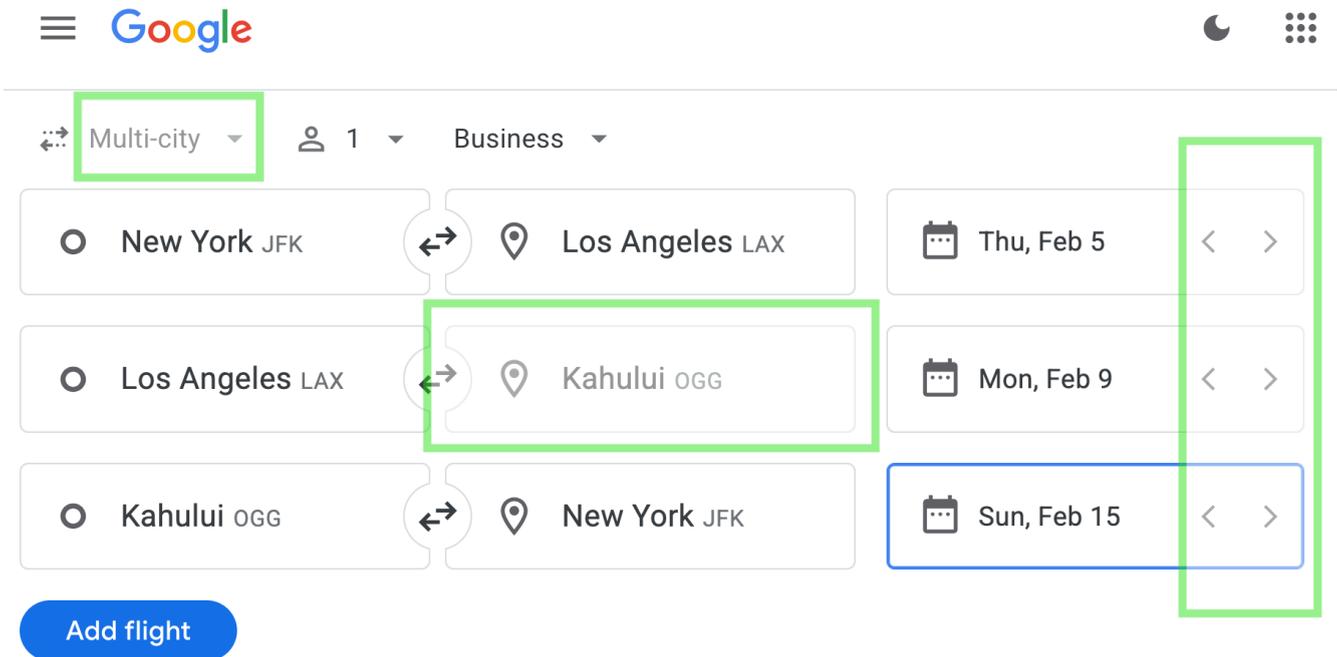
	Thu, Feb 5 · 11:00 AM – 2:17 PM American	6 hr 17 min JFK–LAX	Nonstop	1,182 kg CO2e +89% emissions	▼
	Mon, Feb 9 · 8:52 AM – 12:46 PM American	5 hr 54 min LAX–OGG	Nonstop	494 kg CO2e -11% emissions	▼
	Thu, Feb 12 · 11:15 PM – 7:59 PM* <sup>1</sup> American	15 hr 44 min OGG–JFK	1 stop 5 hr 20 min PHX	849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

[google.com/travel/flights](https://google.com/travel/flights)



The screenshot shows the Google Flights search interface. At the top, the Google logo is visible. Below it, the search criteria are set to "Multi-city" (highlighted with a green box), "1" passenger, and "Business" class. The itinerary consists of three segments: 1) New York JFK to Los Angeles LAX on Thu, Feb 5; 2) Los Angeles LAX to Kahului OGG on Mon, Feb 9; 3) Kahului OGG to New York JFK on Sun, Feb 15. The date selection boxes for the second and third segments are highlighted with a green box. A blue box highlights the date selection box for the third segment. A blue "Add flight" button is located at the bottom left of the search area.

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.*



# 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**

<b>Miles</b>	<b>100,000</b>
80% bonus	<b>80,000</b>
<b>Number of Miles</b>	<b>180,000</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 3,050.00</b>

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?

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

From New York to Paris, Business

60,000 Miles 60,000 Miles 60,000 Miles from 60,000 Miles 60,000 Miles 66,000 Miles 142,500 Miles

November December January February March April May

2026 February

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 142,500 Miles
2 60,000 Miles	3 60,000 Miles	4 142,500 Miles	5 155,500 Miles	6 155,500 Miles	7 142,500 Miles	8 60,000 Miles
9 60,000 Miles	10 60,000 Miles	11 142,500 Miles	12 155,500 Miles	13 314,500 Miles	14 142,500 Miles	15 60,000 Miles
16 60,000 Miles	17 60,000 Miles	18 60,000 Miles	19 60,000 Miles	20 142,500 Miles	21 60,000 Miles	22 60,000 Miles
23 60,000 Miles	24 60,000 Miles	25 60,000 Miles	26 142,500 Miles	27 142,500 Miles	28 60,000 Miles	1

### 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.

**AIRFRANCE** 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 218,000 Miles 221,500 Miles **221,500 Miles** from 218,000 Miles 218,000 Miles 218,000 Miles  
 May June July **August** September October November

2026 August

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27	28	29	30	31	<b>1</b> 218,000 Miles	<b>2</b> 221,500 Miles
<b>3</b> 221,500 Miles	<b>4</b> 221,500 Miles	<b>5</b> 221,500 Miles	<b>6</b> 218,000 Miles	<b>7</b> 218,000 Miles	<b>8</b> 218,000 Miles	<b>9</b> 221,500 Miles
<b>10</b> 221,500 Miles	<b>11</b> 221,500 Miles	<b>12</b> 221,500 Miles	<b>13</b> 218,000 Miles	<b>14</b> 218,000 Miles	<b>15</b> 218,000 Miles	<b>16</b> 221,500 Miles
<b>17</b> 221,500 Miles	<b>18</b> 221,500 Miles	<b>19</b> 218,000 Miles	<b>20</b> 348,000 Miles	<b>21</b> 218,000 Miles	<b>22</b> 218,000 Miles	<b>23</b> 221,500 Miles
<b>24</b> 218,000 Miles	<b>25</b> 221,500 Miles	<b>26</b> 218,000 Miles	<b>27</b> 218,000 Miles	<b>28</b> 218,000 Miles	<b>29</b> 218,000 Miles	<b>30</b> 218,000 Miles
<b>31</b> 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):

**AIRFRANCE** 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.

- 60,000 Miles from - 60,000 Miles - 60,000 Miles -  
 May June July **August** September October November

2026 August

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27	28	29	30	31	<b>1</b> 60,000 Miles	<b>2</b> 60,000 Miles
3	<b>4</b> 60,000 Miles	5	<b>6</b> 60,000 Miles	<b>7</b> 60,000 Miles	<b>8</b> 60,000 Miles	<b>9</b> 60,000 Miles
10	<b>11</b> 60,000 Miles	12	<b>13</b> 60,000 Miles	<b>14</b> 60,000 Miles	<b>15</b> 60,000 Miles	<b>16</b> 60,000 Miles
17	<b>18</b> 60,000 Miles	19	<b>20</b> 336,000 Miles	<b>21</b> 191,500 Miles	<b>22</b> 60,000 Miles	<b>23</b> 60,000 Miles
24	<b>25</b> 60,000 Miles	26	<b>27</b> 195,000 Miles	<b>28</b> 191,500 Miles	<b>29</b> 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:

**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.

540,000 Miles from 540,000 Miles 540,000 Miles

May June July August September 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](http://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.	

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## 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		

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

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		

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		

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	

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		

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		

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		

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.	

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](#)

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[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](#)

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[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](#)

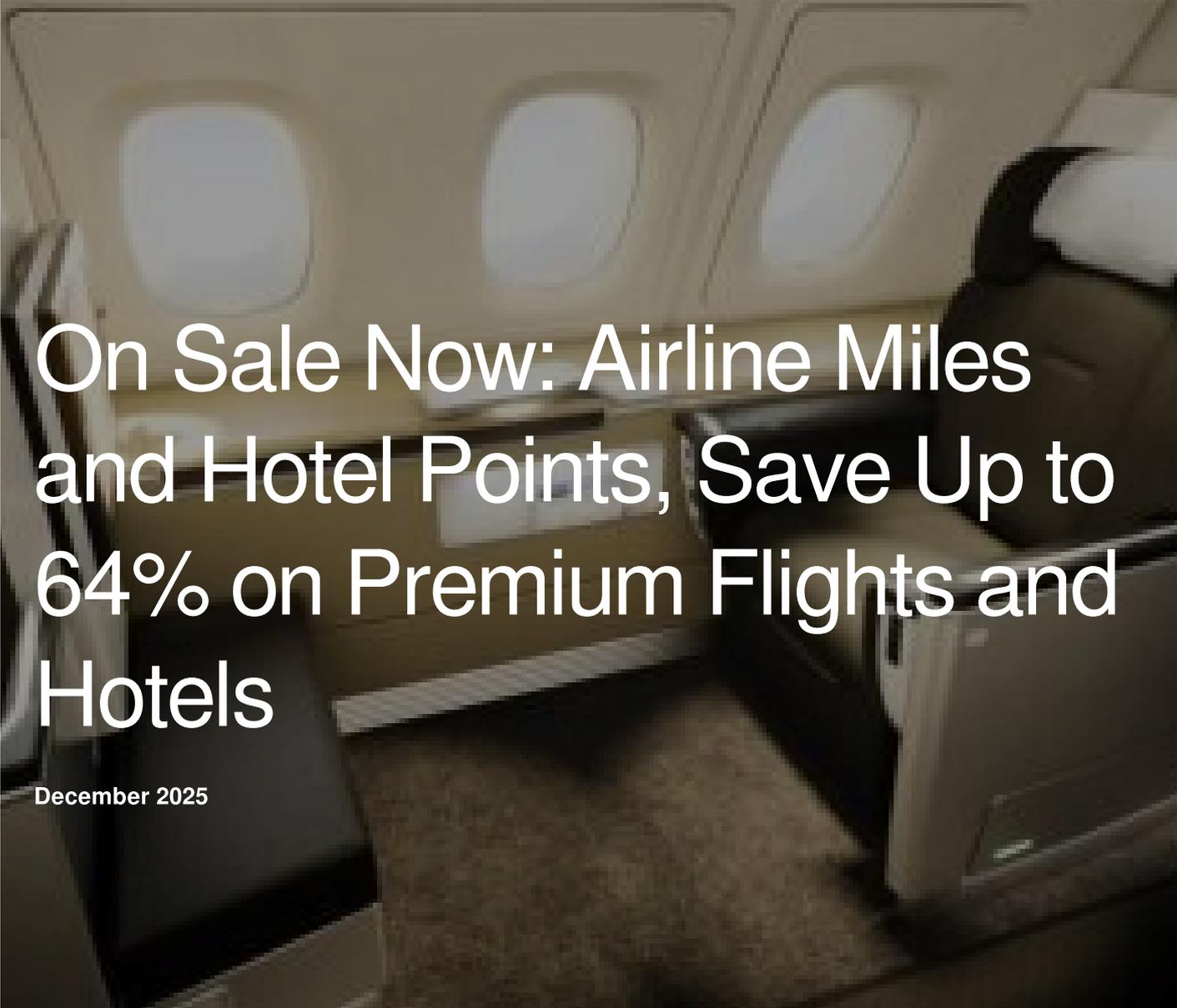
## **SOUTH AMERICA**

[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 text is overlaid on the image.

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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

Home	Destination	Hotel	Airfare (2 Travelers)	Hotel (7 Nights)	Separate Total	Package Price	Savings
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.deltavacations.com). 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.