



Use FCF's Stopover Double Upgrade Strategy to Get Up to 53% Off Within the U.S., Caribbean, and Mexico, Part 2

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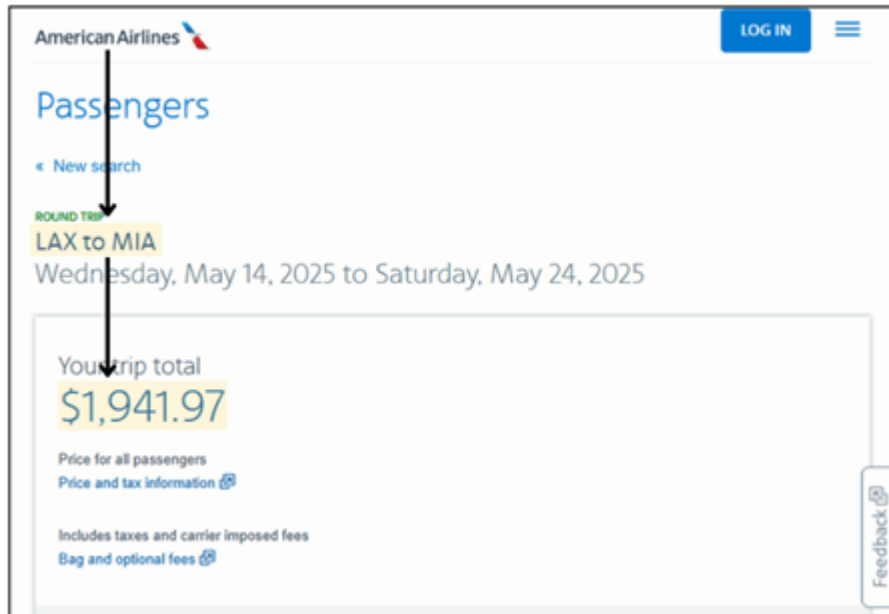
Get two (bigger) trips — for the price of one (small) round-trip... with American, Delta, and United

In March we did a deep dive into [FCF's Stopover Loophole Strategy](#), which we're now calling the Stopover Double Upgrade Strategy (SDUS) because of its dual-improvement nature.

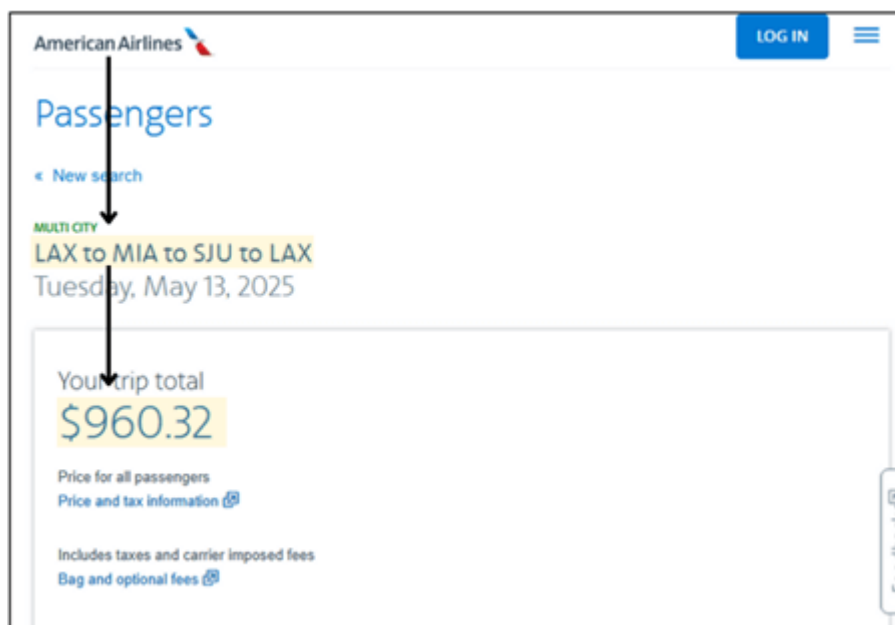
It's a travel strategy that turns ordinary trips into extraordinary, bigger experiences without breaking the bank — and actually saves money at the same time. We showed you how a Los Angeles-Miami round-trip for \$1,942 in Business Class on American Airlines could **drop to \$960** when you add San Juan, Puerto Rico, as a stopover. That's \$982, or 51% less, **plus the bonus Caribbean win.**

The concept is elegant: you're not *breaking* the system. You're dancing between its cracks. Think of Puerto Rico or Cancun not as a beach, but as a scalpel — slicing almost \$1,000 off your fare.

Typical American Fare on AA.com Los Angeles – Miami Round-Trip



Typical American Fare on AA.com Los Angeles – Miami – San Juan – Los Angeles **Using FCF's Stopover Loophole Strategy (SLS)**



WHAT ABOUT DELTA AND UNITED?

We last focused primarily on American Airlines. This month we we're expanding our deep dive to include Delta and United to uncover **free and cheaper-than-free side trips**. We've systematically tested 68 routes across all three major carriers, and the results validate what we hoped: the Stopover Double Upgrade Strategy isn't carrier-specific — you're dancing between cracks that exist industry-wide.

What started as an American Airlines specialty has become **a multi-carrier goldmine**. The Caribbean remains king, but now we have routing flexibility across Delta, United, and American networks. [The side trip cities that worked before](#) still work, but now we have fresh options, better carrier matching, and — in some cases — even deeper discounts.

SDUS Sample Savings

Here's proof that the Stopover Double Upgrade Strategy works also for Delta and United:

DELTA'S GREATEST HITS

Los Angeles → Atlanta + Cancun

Trip Type	Example Itinerary	Business Class
Normal Round-Trip	Los Angeles - Atlanta	\$2,289
FCF's Stopover Double Upgrade Strategy (SDUS)	Los Angeles - Atlanta - Cancun - Los Angeles	\$1,154

The SDUS Difference: COST SAVINGS: \$1,135 / 50% LESS DOUBLE BENEFIT: Save \$1,135 + flight to Mexico

Additional Delta Power Plays:

- **Los Angeles → New York City + Cancun:** normally \$2,399 → add Cancun drops to \$1,256 (**48% savings**)
- **Los Angeles → Atlanta + Montego Bay:** normally \$2,289 → add Montego Bay drops to \$1,520 (**34% savings**)

Typical Los Angeles – Atlanta Fare on Delta.com

Book Better. Fly Better.

Review and Pay

SKY PRIORITY

Outbound

DL528

LAX * ATL

Wed, Aug 13

11:05am - 6:32pm

First

Nonstop, 4h 27m

Return

DL895

ATL * LAX

Wed, Aug 20

12:31pm - 2:03pm

First

Nonstop, 4h 32m

Trip Total

1 Passenger

Flights \$2,100.81

Taxes, Fees & Charges \$188.16

Amount Due **\$2,288.97 USD**

Los Angeles –Atlanta – Cancun SDUS Strategy Pricing on Delta.com

Book Better. Fly Better.

Start Over

1 Trip Summary

2 Review & Pay

3 Confirmation

Flight 1

DL528

LAX → ATL

Thu, Jul 31

11:10am - 6:34pm

Nonstop, 4h 24m

First

Flight 2

DL598

ATL → CUN

Sun, Aug 03

11:18am - 12:50pm

Nonstop, 2h 32m

First

Flight 3

DL604

CUN → LAX

Wed, Aug 06

6:10pm - 9:11pm

Nonstop, 5h 1m

First

SKY PRIORITY

Trip Total

Currency Calculator

1 Passenger

Flights \$1,023.00

Taxes, Fees & Charges \$191.77

Amount Due \$1,214.77 USD

UNITED'S SWEET SPOTS

San Francisco → Houston + San José del Cabo (Business Class)

Trip Type	Example Itinerary	Business Class
Normal Round-Trip	San Francisco - Houston	\$1,243
FCF's Stopover Double Upgrade Strategy (SDUS)	San Francisco - Houston - San José del Cabo - San Francisco	\$886

The SDUS Difference: COST SAVINGS: \$357 / 29% LESS DOUBLE BENEFIT: Save \$357 + flight to Mexico

Additional United Opportunities:

- **San Francisco → Miami + Nassau:** normally \$1,958 → add Nassau and drops to \$1,444 (**26% savings**)
- **Newark → Los Angeles + Cancun:** normally \$2,232 → add Cancun and drops to \$1,796 (**20% savings**)

San Francisco - Houston Business Class (left) on United.com San Francisco - Houston - San Jose del Cabo Business Class (right)

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ROUNDTrip (1 TRAVELER)

[Revise this trip](#)

San Francisco SFO to Houston IAH

Aug 10 • 4:15 pm to 10:14 pm • Nonstop

[Show details](#)

Houston IAH to San Francisco SFO

Aug 17 • 12:18 pm to 2:26 pm • Nonstop

[Show details](#)

Fare \$1,125.55

1 adult 18+ \$1,125.55/person

> Taxes and fees \$115.02

Total due \$1,240.57

or starting from \$111/month

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MULTI-CITY (1 TRAVELER)

[Revise this trip](#)

San Francisco SFO to Houston IAH

Aug 18 • 4:15 pm to 10:14 pm • Nonstop

[Show details](#)

Houston IAH to San José del Cabo SJD

Aug 19 • 9:38 am to 10:30 am • Nonstop

[Show details](#)

San José del Cabo SJD to San Francisco SFO

Aug 22 • 1:00 pm to 4:07 pm • Nonstop

[Show details](#)

Fare USD 704.00

1 adult 18+ USD 704.00/person

> Taxes and fees USD 191.19

Total due USD 895.19

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AMERICAN'S CONTINUED EXCELLENCE

Los Angeles → Miami + Cancun

Trip Type	Example Itinerary	Business Class
Normal Round-Trip	Los Angeles - Miami	\$1,992
FCF's Stopover Double Upgrade Strategy (SDUS)	Los Angeles - Miami - Cancun - Los Angeles	\$939

The SDUS Difference: COST SAVINGS: \$1,053 / 53% LESS DOUBLE BENEFIT: Save \$1,053 + flight to Caribbean

WHERE DOES SDUS WORK BEST NOW?

The strategy doesn't work everywhere all the time, but spans all three major carriers with distinct patterns:

American Airlines Best Bets

Works best with these low-cost add-on destinations: **Cancun, San Juan, Nassau, Puerto Vallarta, Montego Bay, La Romana (Dominican Republic), Virgin Islands**

When ordinarily flying TO American's hubs: Miami, Charlotte, Dallas, Phoenix and on longer flights from Los Angeles, and San Francisco to New York and Miami, and from New York to San Francisco or Los Angeles, for example.

Delta Best Bets

Works best with Mexican add-on destinations: **Cancun, Puerto Vallarta**

When ordinarily flying TO Delta's hubs: Los Angeles (LAX) and Atlanta (ATL) on longer flights from Los Angeles to New York and Atlanta, and From New York to Los Angeles, for example.

United Best Bets

Works best with select Caribbean and Mexican add-on destinations: **Nassau, San José del Cabo, Puerto Vallarta, Barbados**

When ordinarily flying TO United's hubs: Los Angeles (LAX) and San Francisco (SFO) to destinations like Boston and New York on longer flights from West Coast to East Coast via select Caribbean islands, and from San Francisco to Texas via Mexico, for example.

Note: Some cities perform differently depending on the carrier — Cancun crushes it on Delta and American but barely registers on United, while Nassau works beautifully on United but can backfire elsewhere. The key is testing your specific route combination.

THE BOOKING PLAYBOOK

Side Trip Testing: The Hierarchy Method

Don't randomly guess at side trip cities, first. Use this testing hierarchy based on our current success rates, then move on to exploring your desired other destinations:

Tier 1 Cities (Test First):

- **Cancun** — Works across all carriers, consistently 20%-50% savings
- **San Juan** — American Airlines gold, mixed results elsewhere
- **Nassau** — United's favorite, Delta wildcard

Tier 2 Cities (Test Second):

- **Puerto Vallarta** — Strong on Delta transcontinentals
- **Montego Bay** — Reliable 15%-30% performer across carriers
- **San José del Cabo** — United's Mexican sweet spot

TIMING INSIGHTS: WHEN THE LOOPHOLE OPENS WIDEST

Stopover Duration: Both overnight and multi-day stopovers can deliver massive savings. Single overnight stopovers often unlock some of the biggest discounts because the algorithm treats it as efficient routing rather than vacation planning. Multi-day stopovers (two to four days) work great for leisure combinations. Week-long stops can push you into "multi-city vacation" pricing territory where savings disappear.

Travel Window Sweet Spot: three to six months out seems optimal. Too far out and the algorithms haven't fully loaded; too close and inventory constraints kick in.

CRACKING THE ELITE CURSE & THE UPGRADE MINDSET

Your mindset on airline loyalty elite status programs frame your travel life. It filters what you want and what you think you can have. Elite status expectations shape much of what many experience, perceive, and choose in the world of flying.

Be honest with yourself. The loyalty you're giving to American, Delta, and United isn't being reciprocated, is it? Elite travelers know the drill too well — those glossy benefits dangling free upgrades like a carrot on a stick, but the line's so long you're left chewing on coach.

Different airlines now offer different SDUS deals and schedules — so locking yourself into loyalty to one airline locks yourself out of options. That's as true with SDUS as any other strategy. That's why I've been advocating for loyalty-free agency for decades.

SDUS DEAL DIRECTORY 68 ROUTINGS TO USE NOW

Pre-Baked Sample Delta Steals

Origin	Destination	Direct Fare	Side Trip City	SDUS Fare	Free Side-Trip + % Saved
Atlanta	Los Angeles	\$2,289	Cancun	\$2,070	10%

Atlanta	Los Angeles	\$2,289	Montego Bay	\$2,186	4%
Atlanta	Los Angeles	\$2,289	Monterrey	\$2,127	7%
Boston	Atlanta	\$1,278	Cancun	\$1,083	15%
Boston	Los Angeles	\$1,899	Cancun	\$1,878	1%
Los Angeles	Atlanta	\$2,289	Cancun	\$1,184	48%
Los Angeles	Atlanta	\$2,289	Montego Bay	\$1,520	34%
Los Angeles	Atlanta	\$2,289	Nassau	\$2,054	10%
Los Angeles	Atlanta	\$2,289	Toronto	\$2,233	2%
Los Angeles	Miami	\$1,690	Cancun	\$1,395	17%
Los Angeles	New York	\$2,399	Nassau	\$2,285	5%
Los Angeles	New York	\$2,399	Cancun	\$1,256	48%
Los Angeles	New York	\$2,399	Toronto	\$2,048	15%
New York	Los Angeles	\$2,399	San José del Cabo	\$1,869	22%
New York	Los Angeles	\$2,399	Puerto Vallarta	\$1,879	22%
New York	San Francisco	\$2,199	San José del Cabo	\$1,869	15%
San Francisco	Boston	\$1,937	Nassau	\$1,844	5%
San Francisco	Boston	\$1,937	Cancun	\$1,877	3%

Pre-Baked Sample United Steals

Origin	Destination	Direct Fare	Side Trip City	SDUS Fare	Free Side-Trip + % Saved
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Los Angeles	Washington, DC	\$1,398	Nassau	\$1,349	4%
Newark	Los Angeles	\$2,232	Cancun	\$1,796	2%
Newark	Los Angeles	\$2,232	Puerto Vallarta	\$2,047	8%
Newark	San Francisco	\$2,428	Cancun	\$2,181	1%
Newark	San Francisco	\$2,428	Puerto Vallarta	\$2,273	6%
San Francisco	Houston	\$529	San José del Cabo	\$387	27%
San Francisco	Houston	\$429	San Juan	\$415	3%
San Francisco	Miami	\$1,958	Nassau	\$1,444	26%
San Francisco	Miami	\$1,958	San José del Cabo	\$1,481	24%
San Francisco	Miami	\$1,958	San Juan	\$1,740	11%
San Francisco	Miami	\$1,958	Cancun	\$1,579	19%
San Francisco	Newark	\$2,431	Nassau	\$2,002	18%
San Francisco	Newark	\$2,431	Cancun	\$2,247	8%

Pre-Baked Sample American Steals

Origin	Destination	Direct Fare	Side Trip City	SDUS Fare	Free Side-Trip + % Saved
Los Angeles	Miami	\$1,992	Cancun	\$939	53%
Los Angeles	Miami	\$1,992	La Romana	\$1,710	14%

Los Angeles	Miami	\$1,992	Montego Bay	\$1,872	6%
Los Angeles	Miami	\$1,992	Nassau	\$1,658	17%
Los Angeles	Miami	\$1,992	Puerto Vallarta	\$1,746	12%
Los Angeles	Miami	\$1,992	San Juan	\$1,097	45%
Los Angeles	Miami	\$1,992	Virgin Islands (STT)	\$1,374	31%
New York/JFK	San Francisco	\$1,777	Aruba	\$1,757	1%
New York/JFK	San Francisco	\$1,777	San Juan	\$1,256	29%
San Francisco	Miami	\$1,981	San Juan	\$1,116	44%

CLOSING ARGUMENTS: THE SYSTEM HAS MORE CRACKS THAN WE THOUGHT

You've already done the grunt work: packed the suitcase, lined up the dog sitter, done all the preparations to leave home. So why let that effort sputter out on a one-stop trip when you could tack on a detour that turns a routine trip into a jackpot?

This month proved that SDUS isn't a glitch — it's a feature. These aren't random accidents in airline pricing; they're systematic blind spots that exist across multiple carriers, multiple routes, and multiple booking windows.

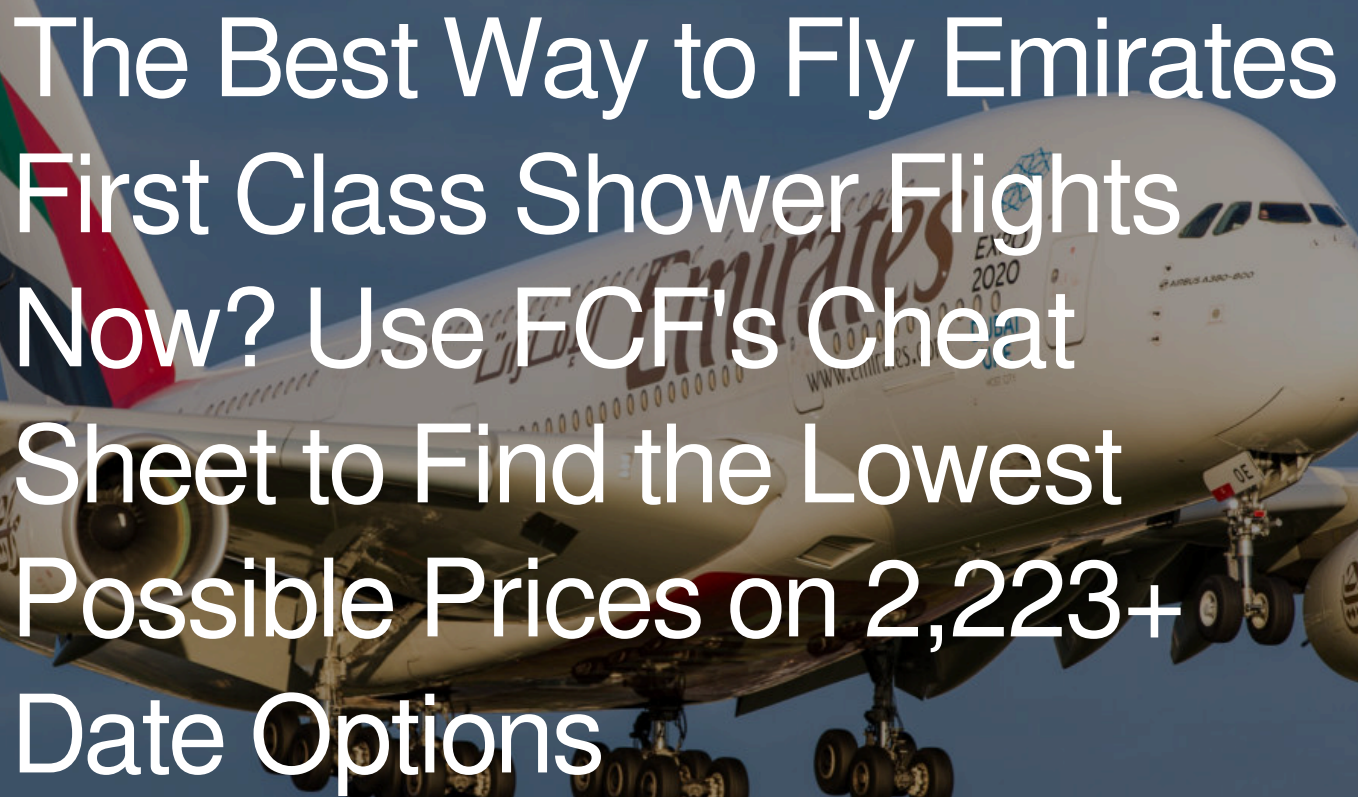
Think of airline pricing algorithms like massive, intricate clockwork. Most travelers see the face of the clock and accept whatever time it shows. But we've learned to read the gears underneath. We're not breaking the mechanism; we're understanding its rhythm well enough to know when it's about to chime.

The airlines built these pricing systems to maximize revenue from conventional travelers. But conventional travelers don't read First Class Flyer. They don't test stopover combinations systematically. They don't treat Caribbean islands like chess pieces in a fare arbitrage game.

You do. And that makes all the difference.

If you did this as a lifestyle, you'd go to twice as many places, your experience wealth would double. Best of all, with The Upgrade Process and Mindset, it can even cost you less.

Until then, see you up front.

A large Emirates Airbus A380-800 aircraft is shown in flight against a clear blue sky. The aircraft is white with the Emirates logo and name in gold and red. The tail features the UAE flag. The text "EX-2020" is visible on the fuselage. The landing gear is deployed.

The Best Way to Fly Emirates First Class Shower Flights Now? Use FCF's Cheat Sheet to Find the Lowest Possible Prices on 2,223+ Date Options

May 2025

Solo travelers can still save thousands on Emirates First Class, and couples willing to take a chance can too

I've flown Emirates First Class more times than I can count on both hands. Dubai, Maldives, Milan, Seychelles, Jeddah – you name it, I've probably sipped champagne and asked for a second serving of caviar at 40,000 feet on the way there, sometimes even taking a shower when it's on the A380.

While it's debatable whether Emirates offers the absolute best First Class in the world, their route network is so expansive and their U.S. departures so numerous that they've become the go-to airline when comfort is your top priority. That's simply due to their number of options for flexible [opportunity travelers](#) like me.

EMIRATES HAS BEEN MAKING IT HARDER FOR YEARS

That's what makes it heartbreaking to watch the golden age of "affordable" (i.e., 80%-ish off) Emirates First Class deals slowly slip away. They've slashed available seats, limited bookings to one seat at a time, hiked their mileage requirements, and – adding insult to injury – cranked up those pesky taxes year after year.

Now comes the final blow? Emirates just rolled out a restriction in their Skywards loyalty program that only allows its elite status members to book First Class seats with miles. This is bad news. Really bad news.

THE THREE FIRST CLASS WORKAROUNDS

1. Become an Emirates Elite Status Member

For just \$95, you can snag one of their [co-branded Barclays credit cards](#). Here's how this works:

- As a primary Emirates Skywards Rewards World Elite Mastercard holder, you receive Silver tier status for 12 months from your card account open date
- The Silver tier status can take up to eight weeks to reflect in your account (patience, grasshopper)
- To keep your Silver status from year two onwards, you'll need to spend \$20,000 annually in net purchases, starting from your card anniversary date
- Score 40,000 bonus miles just for signing up
- This promotion runs through July 15, 2025

Okay, not bad—if you want to fly the airline's First Class often.

2. The Qantas Backdoor (for Amex Points Players)

Transfer your American Express [Membership Rewards points to Qantas](#), an **Emirates partner**. You can snag First Class to Dubai for as low as 149,800 Qantas miles (which equals the same number of Amex points with the 1-to-1 transfer option). **New York/Newark to Athens?** Even fewer miles required, 129,300 one-way. If you're sitting on a mountain of Amex points, you're golden.

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Emirates First Class One-Way Data

Route	Qantas Miles Required O/W	Cost to Buy AMEX Points	Cost to Buy Miles / Points	Approximate Taxes	Total Cost O/W	Normal Published O/W Fare	Savings (\$)	% Savings
Newark/NYC - Athens	129300	2.5¢	\$3,232	\$102	\$3,359	\$16,074	\$12,140	79.50%
New York/JFK - Dubai	149800	2.5¢	\$3,745	\$835	\$4,580	\$16,074	\$11,494	71.50%
Dallas - Dubai	170800	2.5¢	\$4,270	\$835	\$5,105	\$15,078	\$9,973	66.10%
Boston - Dubai	149800	2.5¢	\$3,745	\$835	\$4,580	\$15,078	\$10,498	69.60%
Washington, DC - Dubai	170800	2.5¢	\$4,270	\$835	\$5,105	\$15,078	\$9,973	66.10%
Chicago - Dubai	170800	2.5¢	\$4,270	\$835	\$5,105	\$15,078	\$9,973	66.10%
San Francisco - Dubai	170800	2.5¢	\$4,270	\$835	\$5,105	\$15,887	\$10,782	67.90%
Los Angeles - Dubai	170800	2.5¢	\$4,270	\$835	\$5,105	\$16,940	\$11,835	69.90%

Emirates First Class Round-Trip Data

Route	Qantas Miles	Cost to Buy	Cost to Buy	Approximate Taxes	Total Cost O/W	Normal Published Fare	Savings (\$)	% Savings
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	Required R/T	AMEX Points	Miles / Points					
Newark/NYC - Athens	258600	2.5¢	\$6,465	\$229	\$6,694	\$17,152	\$10,458	61%
New York/JFK - Dubai	299600	2.5¢	\$7,490	\$2,209	\$9,699	\$23,385	\$13,686	58.50%
Dallas - Dubai	341600	2.5¢	\$8,540	\$2,209	\$10,749	\$21,968	\$11,219	51.10%
Boston - Dubai	299600	2.5¢	\$7,490	\$2,209	\$9,699	\$21,968	\$12,269	55.90%
Chicago - Dubai	341600	2.5¢	\$8,540	\$2,209	\$10,749	\$21,968	\$11,219	51.10%
San Francisco - Dubai	341600	2.5¢	\$8,540	\$2,209	\$10,749	\$23,126	\$12,377	53.50%
Los Angeles - Dubai	341600	2.5¢	\$8,540	\$2,209	\$10,749	\$24,625	\$13,876	56.40%
Washington, DC - Dubai	341600	2.5¢	\$8,540	\$2,209	\$10,749	\$21,968	\$11,219	51.10%

WHAT ABOUT AVAILABILITY?

Yeah, First Class availability has been dwindling for years. But if you're flying solo or you're part of what I call a "chancy couple," plenty of opportunities still exist.

By "chancy couple," I mean this: Book one ticket first, then keep checking obsessively for a second seat on the same flight. Emirates has this quirky habit of releasing just one seat at a time. If you've got miles to burn and nerves of steel, here's the play: Book one ticket in First and one in Business, then hawk-watch for that second First Class seat right up until departure.

The cancellation fees are usually modest, so the risk-reward ratio works in your favor.

Here's what our deep-dive research uncovered about current availability using Qantas miles for Emirates First Class (remember, these Qantas miles come from transferring your Amex points).

Don't forget about FCF's Mindset on [Positioning Flights](#).

Emirates First Class Availability
Using Qantas Miles (Transferable with Amex Points)
New York / Newark > Athens > New York / Newark

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
New York / Newark - Athens		Feb.		

Emirates First Class Availability
Using Qantas Miles (Transferable with Amex Points)
Dallas > Dubai > 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
Dallas - Dubai	July, Aug.	Sept., March	June, Oct. to Feb.	May, July, Jan.	Nov.

Emirates First Class Availability
Using Qantas Miles (Transferable with Amex Points)
New York > Dubai > 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
New York - Dubai	July, Oct.	Jan., Feb.	March	June	Feb., March	July

Emirates First Class Availability
Using Qantas Miles (Transferable with Amex Points)
Boston > Dubai > 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
Boston - Dubai	June, Sept., Oct., Jan. to March		July	June, July, Jan.	Sept. to Nov.	Dec., Feb., March

Emirates First Class Availability
Using Qantas Miles (Transferable with Amex Points)
Washington, DC > Dubai > Washington, DC

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	
Washington, DC - Dubai	June, Aug.			Sept., Nov., Jan.	June, Dec.	Feb., March

Emirates First Class Availability
Using Qantas Miles (Transferable with Amex Points)
Chicago > Dubai > Chicago

Route	Outbound			Return		
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Chicago - Dubai	June, Aug.			Oct., Dec., Feb.	March	

Emirates First Class Availability
Using Qantas Miles (Transferable with Amex Points)

New York/Newark > Dubai > New York/Newark

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**Emirates First Class Availability
Using Qantas Miles (Transferable with Amex Points)
Los Angeles > Dubai > Los Angeles**

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
Los Angeles - Dubai	June, July		March	Sept., Dec., March	Aug.	

**Emirates First Class Availability
Using Qantas Miles (Transferable with Amex Points)
San Francisco > Dubai > San Francisco**

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San Francisco - Dubai	July, Aug., March					

A word of caution: Don't pull the trigger on transfers unless you've got points to spare and flexibility in your schedule. If your plans shift by a day or two, no biggie. Transfer time from Amex to Qantas is typically instant.



Emirates shower spa is fun, and memorable.

THE BOTTOM LINE

If you're a thrill-seeker looking for the ultimate joyride, Emirates First Class Shower Flights should be on your bucket list. It transforms travel from a necessary evil into an experience you'll actually anticipate.

Remember, you only need to splurge one way, and perhaps the night flight – unless you're a comfort connoisseur with cash to burn, in which case, go ahead and book that round-trip.

The game has changed, but it's not over. These workarounds prove that with a little creativity and flexibility, you can still experience the Emirates lifestyle for more than half off, or free + taxes if you have Amex points.

See you there.



Already Have a Ticket to Australia? Great. Need a ticket? Great. Discover FCF's Two-Class Upgrade to First Class from Premium Economy for \$4.67 Round-Trip

May 2025

If you have American miles, great. If you don't have any American miles, great.

LAX to Sydney is one of the most coveted long-haul routes for U.S. travelers. But Business Class redemptions using miles? Rare. Costly.

And paying with cash? That'll drain your bank account faster than a Vegas weekend—we're talking \$7,443+ for Business Class, \$20,877+ for First.

Don't worry, I have a solution.

For solo travelers, couples, and even families.

I've written before about the [Iterative Upgrade Mindset](#). Think of it like *kaizen*, that Japanese philosophy of continuous improvement that Toyota made famous. You know, the one where you make small, incremental tweaks over time instead of trying to nail everything perfectly on the first shot.

In the travel world, this means treating your flight booking as an ongoing project, on long-haul trips **when comfort (and cost) really matter** – not a one-and-done transaction. Because let's face it: What are the odds you're going to find the perfect deal on your exact route, date, airline, and class of service all in one magical search, when you want to initially book?

THE BEAUTY OF PLAYING THE AIRLINES' OWN GAME

Here's the beautiful part—**this approach turns the airlines' own game against them**. See, airlines are stuck between a rock and a hard place. They've got unfilled seats that become worthless the moment that plane takes off—like unsold produce going bad at the grocery store. But they can't exactly advertise fire-sale prices without infuriating everyone who paid full freight 11 months ago.

And they certainly can't train us to wait for deals, right? (*Oops, too late.*)

So what do they do? **They get sneaky about it.**

Today we're going to talk about **American Airlines' recent award availability trends (no, you don't need any AA miles to care!)**: how they release mileage award tickets close-in on one spectacular long-haul route and how you can leverage this for bragging-rights upgrades or massive savings.

Use This Strategy If:

- You're a bags-packed traveler open to a last-minute trip in a week or up to four
- You bought a ticket 11 months ago for full price and would like to upgrade the quality or cost of your ticket

AUSTRALIA PREMIUM CLASS AS GOOD AS IT GETS

Check this out. When was the last time you saw **First Class** available for just 75,000 miles and \$25.70 in taxes? Or **Business Class** for 65,000 miles and \$27.30 in taxes? Or even **Premium Economy** for this long of a flight for only 50,000 miles?

All screenshots from AA.com

Los Angeles, CA to Sydney, Australia

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Depart

LAX

10:50 PM

AA 73 - 77W-Boeing 777

Arrive

SYD

7:05 AM^{PT}

Duration

15h 15m Nonstop

Main

Premium Economy

Business

First

One way

40K

+ \$25.70

One way

50K

+ \$25.70

One way

65K

+ \$25.70

One way

75K

+ \$25.70
1 seat left

Overnight flight or connection

NO MILES? NO PROBLEM.

The airline runs [sales on their miles](#) off and on all the time. Right now you can buy **up to 200,000 miles** for \$4,515. That comes to **2.3 cents per mile**. Take a look:

American Airlines

AAAdvantage

Logout

US

Buy Miles

(Required)

Enter number of miles

200,000

Round to the nearest 1,000 miles

Minimum 2,000 miles

Maximum 200,000 miles

Calculate

Total miles

200,000

Includes 40% discount

Total cost

\$4,515.00

Includes taxes and discounts

You only need to buy as many miles as you need. The more miles you buy, the bigger the discount.

WHAT KIND OF AIRLINE TICKET CAN YOU GET BY BUYING AMERICAN MILES FOR 2.3 CENTS EACH?

Flying from the U.S. to/from Sydney, Australia, my [Buy Miles to Fly in Style Strategy](#) looks like this:

Class	Normal Fare (R/T)	Miles Required (One-Way)	Total Cost (One Way / Round-Trip) @ 2.3¢ Per Mile	Savings / Upgrade Perspective
Economy	\$938	35000	\$817 / \$1,634	No Deal
Premium Economy	\$3,438	50000	\$1,156 / \$2,312	Save \$1,126
Business	\$7,440	65000	\$1,495 / \$2,990	Save \$4,450 OR get Business Class for 13% less than Premium Economy (less than a free

				upgrade)
First	\$20,876	75000	\$1,721 / \$3,442	<p>Save \$17,434 on</p> <p>First Class, OR Get First Class for less than half the price of Business</p> <p>Class, OR Get a 2-Class upgrade from Premium Economy for just \$4.67 more</p>

At the risk of repeating myself, that's:

1. Save \$4,450 on Business Class (\$448 less than Premium Economy—less than a free upgrade), OR
2. Save \$17,434 on First Class, OR
3. Get First Class for less than half the price of Business Class, OR
4. Get a 2-Class upgrade to First Class from Premium Economy for \$4 more

THE DATA-DRIVEN TRAVELERS ADVANTAGE

Here's what separates Iterative Upgrade travelers from conventional bookers:

Conventional Bookers:

- Accept initial search results as final
- Book once and forget
- Pay premium prices for “security”
- Miss upgrade opportunities entirely

Iterative Upgrade Mindset Travelers:

- Treat initial bookings as starting points
- Monitor systematically for improvements
- Understand inventory patterns
- Leverage airlines' fear of empty seats

The LAX-Sydney data proves that patience and systematic checking beat panicked early booking every time. More on how and where availability works in a moment. First, let's dive into how and why this works.

WHY BE A LAST-MINUTE ITERATIVE UPGRADER?

You might be thinking, "What the heck, Bennett, that sounds stressful; just let me buy the darn ticket and be done with it."

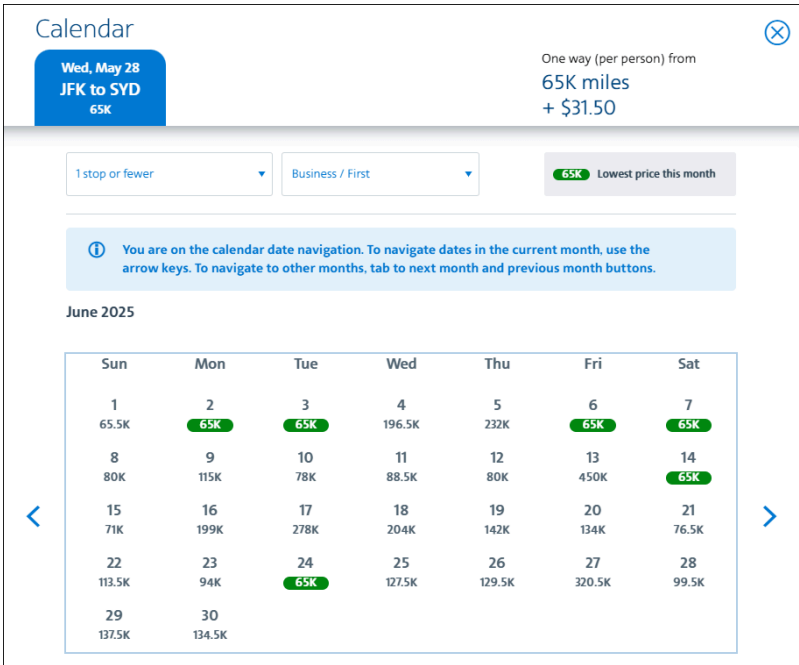
Well, first of all, you need to consider that this ticket you purchased:

- 1. Cost much more than you likely wanted to pay (in miles or cash), and/or
- 2. Is in a lesser class of service than you want (say Premium Economy or Business), and/or
- 3. May not be on your ideal airline (it has average seats or lacks the amenities you like), and/or
- 4. May not be very convenient (number of stops, routing, airports, connection times, dates, etc.)

DON'T LIVE IN LOS ANGELES?

That might not be a problem. Consider New York instead. Pricing and availability is all over the place. By definition, it's "dynamic" these days. But here you can see an example of close-in availability from New York in Premium Economy and Business:

JFK - Sydney
Business Class



JFK - Sydney
Premium Economy

Calendar

Wed, May 28

JFK to SYD

50K

One way (per person) from

50K miles

+ \$25.90

1 stop or fewer

Premium Economy

50K Lowest price this month

ⓘ

You are on the calendar date navigation. To navigate dates in the current month, use the arrow keys. To navigate to other months, tab to next month and previous month buttons.

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 50K	2 50K	3 50K	4 50K	5 50K	6 50K	7 50K
8 50K	9 50K	10 50K	11 50K	12 50K	13 137K	14 50K
15 50K	16 50K	17 50K	18 50K	19 130.5K	20 57K	21 61.5K
22 65K	23 51K	24 50K	25 56.5K	26 69K	27 81K	28 73K
29 78.5K	30 94.5K					

DON'T LIKE AMERICAN?

American Airlines miles can be used to redeem on their partner, Qantas. This is good for several reasons. Qantas has many routes to the US, and you may not like American Airlines. Here's an example of a Dallas-Sydney Business Class deal on Qantas, although availability is much more limited with Qantas, so you'd have to be very flexible on your dates:

Business

One way (per person)

80,000 miles

+ \$32.80

Total (all passengers)

80,000 miles + \$32.80

Includes taxes and carrier-imposed fees

Price and tax information ⓘ

Bag and optional fees ⓘ

Room to work or relax

- Larger, more comfortable seat
- 2 free checked bags*
- Priority security at participating airports
- Priority boarding

* AAdvantage Executive Platinum® or AAdvantage Platinum Pro® members get 1 extra checked bag

DEPART

Dallas/Fort Worth, TX to Sydney, Australia

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

DFW SYD

10:40 PM → 6:55 AM^{1,2}

17h 15m Nonstop Business

QF8 • 789-Boeing 787 • Operated by Qantas

⚠ Overnight flight or connection

Details | Change

THE CANCEL FEE EQUATION

But Bennett, you're telling me to change the ticket I bought 11 months or five months ago, for an opportunity that's available a week or four before departure, right? Won't I lose the value of the ticket I already bought and face high fees?

Thanks for asking.

Nowadays, **cash tickets** (aka published fares) can typically be canceled, and you can apply the full value of those fares to a future ticket for little or no cost on most airlines for up to a year. To confirm, ask airline reservations, or you can find a link to "fare rules" online on the "manage your reservation" web page if you haven't already read the rules when you purchased the ticket.

Mileage tickets can be canceled, changed, or redeposited for free or at a low fee nowadays. Here are a few examples:

- **American:** No changes allowed. Cancellation and redeposit of miles are free.
- **Delta:** Changes, cancellations, and redeposits are free.
- **United:** Changes, cancellations, and redeposits are free.

In other words, with most airlines (be sure to check with yours), **it's so cheap and easy to change and improve your ticket, it's not worth thinking twice about.**

HOW MANY SEATS ACTUALLY OPEN UP RIGHT BEFORE DEPARTURE?

We've been monitoring Los Angeles-Sydney closely for a while, and here's the most recent data based on research just before publication. It's been pretty consistent for the last couple months. Reliable availability in other words. Our data is organized by class of service—First Class, Business Class, and Premium Economy.

In each table, it's arranged by the number of seats or travelers flying (one seat for solo travelers, two seats for couples, and four+ seats for families), and then organized by week before departure. The outbound flight is first, the return table is second. So you can get a sense of when availability at this crazy-low pricing occurs.

You know FCF brings the data. Here's today's:

FIRST CLASS AVAILABILITY

Los Angeles → Sydney

Number of Days per Week Available

	Week of Departure	8-14 Days Out	15-21 Days Out	22-30 Days Out	30+ Days Out
1 Seat	2	0	0	1	1
2-3 Seats	1	0	0	1	0
4+ Seats	0	0	0	1	0

Calendar

Wed, May 28
LAX to SYD
75K

One way (per person) from
75K miles
+ \$25.90

1 stop or fewer

First

75K Lowest price this month

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June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 75K	2 --	3 --	4 187.5K	5 231.5K	6 471K	7 75K
8 119K	9 108.5K	10 187.5K	11 108.5K	12 232.5K	13 490K	14 --
15 101K	16 111K	17 201.5K	18 414.5K	19 232.5K	20 490K	21 232.5K
22 108.5K	23 232.5K	24 232.5K	25 75K	26 232.5K	27 403K	28 227K
29 232.5K	30 --					

SYDNEY → LOS ANGELES

Number of Days per Week Available

	Week of Departure	8-14 Days Out	15-21 Days Out	22-30 Days Out	30+ Days Out
1 Seat	0	1	0	0	0
2-3 Seats	0	1	0	0	0
4+ Seats	1	0	0	0	0

BUSINESS CLASS AVAILABILITY

Los Angeles → Sydney

Number of Days per Week Available

	Week of Departure	8-14 Days Out	15-21 Days Out	22-30 Days Out	30+ Days Out
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1 Seat	2	2	1	1	0
2-3 Seats	1	2	1	1	0
4+ Seats	1	2	0	0	0

Calendar

Wed, May 28

LAX to SYD

65K

One way (per person) from

65K miles

+ \$25.90

Nonstop only

Business / First

65K Lowest price this month

You are on the calendar date navigation. To navigate dates in the current month, use the arrow keys. To navigate to other months, tab to next month and previous month buttons.

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 177.5K	2 65K	3 65K	4 177.5K	5 65K	6 450K	7 222.5K
8 101K	9 65K	10 195.5K	11 123K	12 222.5K	13 450K	14 302K
15 167.5K	16 123K	17 191.5K	18 441.5K	19 222.5K	20 450K	21 222.5K
22 65K	23 222.5K	24 222.5K	25 87K	26 222.5K	27 393K	28 217K
29 222.5K	30 222.5K					

Sydney → Los Angeles

Number of Days per Week Available

	Week of Departure	8-14 Days Out	15-21 Days Out	22-30 Days Out	30+ Days Out
1 Seat	1	2	0	0	0
2-3 Seats	1	1	1	1	0
4+ Seats	1	1	0	1	0

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PREMIUM ECONOMY AVAILABILITY

Los Angeles → Sydney

Number of Days per Week Available

	Week of Departure	8-14 Days Out	15-21 Days Out	22-30 Days Out	30+ Days Out
1 Seat	2	5	4	4	5
2-3 Seats	2	5	4	4	5
4+ Seats	2	5	3	3	1

Sydney → Los Angeles

Number of Days per Week Available

	Week of Departure	8-14 Days Out	15-21 Days Out	22-30 Days Out	30+ Days Out
1 Seat	1	4	1	0	0
2-3 Seats	0	4	1	0	0
4+ Seats	0	3	1	0	0

WANT MORE GOOD NEWS?

The availability above was for seats at *the lowest possible* level: 50,000 miles for Premium Economy, 65,000 miles for Business, and 75,000 miles for First Class each way.

But it doesn't end there. Remember, American Airlines moved to a "dynamic" pricing program. The data is crystal clear in the tables above at the most coveted pricing levels, but we found that you can still find deals—say 10% to 30% more miles—with better availability. So there are a lot more opportunities, especially in Premium Economy, but also in Business Class, and even in First Class at times.

MORE TIPS & THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **What if my exact routing** can't be accommodated in conjunction with the Los Angeles-Sydney nonstop on American? Right, remember [positioning flights](#).
- **Mix & Match Awards—Class of Service Date Deal Options Mindset**
 - Look at multiple classes of service at multiple dates and find where they align on travel dates you desire. Go where the deal is, mixing classes of service if you have to, or tweaking your dates to land the big prize deal
 - Availability is hit and miss by day and class, so don't hesitate if only Business Class is available one way and First Class is on the other
 - Fly First Class one way, Business Class the other—with kids in Premium Economy

ITERATIVE UPGRADE TACTICS: HOW TO APPLY THE LAX-SYDNEY MODEL

The Systematic Approach:

1. **Book your baseline ticket** (Premium Economy, or Economy if you must, or higher if you can) for peace of mind
2. **Mark your calendar** for the 30-day countdown
3. **Begin daily checking** at day 30, focusing more as departure draws near
4. **Execute your upgrade** when availability peaks
5. **Cancel your baseline ticket** and bank the credit—only AFTER you have a new ticket and ticket numbers verified
6. **Repeat the process** if you keep finding better options

THE ITERATIVE UPGRADE ADVANTAGE IS YOUR BEST UPGRADE FRIEND

You've already done the grunt work of planning your trip—researched destinations, arranged time off, coordinated with travel companions. So why settle for your first booking when systematic improvement is not only possible but *provable*?

Our LAX-Sydney tracking project validates what the **Iterative Upgrade Mindset** has always taught: **small, systematic improvements compound into extraordinary results**. They aren't accidents. They're predictable inventory management decisions by airlines that hate flying with empty premium cabins.

The airlines built their pricing systems to extract maximum revenue from travelers who book early and never look back. But iterative upgraders understand the game differently. We know that "sold out" often means "wait a few days." We know that premium inventory opens up as departure approaches on secret routes. Most importantly, we know that **systematic checking beats random luck every time**.

If you applied this upgrade mindset as a lifestyle, you'd consistently fly better for less while others pay premium prices for the illusion of security. The LAX-Sydney data doesn't just prove the theory—it gives you the exact playbook for one of the world's most coveted premium routes.

See you up front.



May's Top 81 Mileage Awards & Special Fares Greatest Hits (Still Available)

May 2025

Cool 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

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

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

[United > Miles or \\$ > Business Class > Newark to Amsterdam > 4+ Seats](#)

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

[United > Miles or \\$ > Business Class > East Coast to Europe > 4+ Seats](#)

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

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

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

[Miles / Points > 4+ Seats > Austrian Airlines > Business Class > Montreal to Vienna](#)

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[United > Miles or \\$ > Business Class > Newark to Venice > 4+ Seats](#)

[United > Miles or \\$ > Business Class > Washington DC to Rome > 4+ Seats](#)

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

[Discount SWISS Business Class with Miles/Points Availability from Chicago to Zurich and Beyond > 4+ Travelers](#)

[From 68,000 Miles / Points R/T > Biz Class > 2+ Travelers > Iberia > Chicago to Spain](#)

[From 68,000 Miles / Points R/T > Biz Class > 2+ Travelers > Iberia > Washington DC to Spain](#)

[85,000 Miles / Points R/T > Biz Class > 2+ Travelers > Iberia > Florida to Madrid](#)

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[Miles / Points > 4+ Seats > Brussels Airlines > Business Class > Washington, DC to Brussels](#)

MIDDLE EAST

[Miles / Points > 4+ Seats > Turkish Airlines > Business Class > San Francisco to Istanbul](#)

Special Published Fares

AFRICA

[Money > Cairo > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,938 to \\$3,391 R/T](#)

[Money > Kilimanjaro > All Year > Biz Class > from New York and Miami from \\$3,277 to \\$4,075 R/T](#)

[Money > South Africa > Winter > Biz Class > \\$3,629 to \\$4,107 R/T](#)

ASIA

[Money > Manila > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,812 to \\$4,166 R/T](#)

[Money > Seoul > All Year > Biz Class > \\$3,601 to \\$4,299 R/T](#)

[Money > Taiwan > All Year > Biz Class > \\$3,357 to \\$4,240 R/T](#)

[Money > Thailand > All Year > Biz Class > \\$3,502 to \\$4,322 R/T](#)



CARIBBEAN

[Money > Grand Cayman > All Year > Biz Class > \\$644 to \\$1,160 R/T](#)

[Money > Saint Kitts > All Year > Biz Class > \\$886 to \\$1,258 R/T](#)

[Money > Puerto Rico > All Year > Biz Class > \\$574 to \\$853 R/T](#)

[Money > St. Maarten > All Year > Biz Class > \\$794 to \\$1,223 R/T](#)

EUROPE

[Money > London > Summer/Fall > Biz Class > \\$2,641 to \\$2,656 R/T](#)

[Money > Rome > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,522 to \\$3,279 R/T](#)

[Money > Europe > All Year > Biz Class with TAP Portugal > \\$2,268 to \\$2,941 R/T](#)

[Money > Manchester UK > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,711 to \\$3,318 R/T](#)

[Money > Florence > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,837 to \\$3,261 R/T](#)

[Money > Munich > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,790 to \\$3,276 R/T](#)

[Money > Barcelona > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,691 to \\$3,192 R/T](#)

[Money > Greece > Summer/Fall > Biz Class > \\$2,851 to 3,228 R/T](#)

[Money > Amsterdam > Summer/Fall > Biz Class > \\$2,633 to \\$3,252 R/T](#)

[Money > Milan > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,582 to \\$3,238 R/T](#)

[Money > Paris > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,819 to \\$3,162 R/T](#)

[Money > Madrid > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,858 to \\$3,236 R/T](#)

[Money > Venice > Summer > Biz Class > \\$2,760 to \\$3,237 R/T](#)

[Money > Dublin > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,719 to \\$3,304 R/T](#)

[Money > Copenhagen > Fall > Biz Class > \\$2,675 to \\$3,268 R/T](#)

[Money > Europe > Summer/Fall > Premium Economy with Scandinavian – SAS > \\$697 to \\$878 R/T](#)

[Money > Budapest > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,632 to \\$3,194 R/T](#)

[Money > Prague > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,583 to \\$3,247 R/T](#)

[Money > Paris > All Year > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$2,278 to \\$2,832 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Berlin > Summer > Biz Class > \\$2,855 to \\$3,217 R/T](#)

HAWAII

[Money > Kauai > Summer/Fall > Biz Class > \\$1,057to \\$1,631 R/T](#)

[Money > Kona > Summer/Fall > Biz Class > \\$1,197 to \\$1,601 R/T](#)

[Money > Honolulu > All Year > Biz Class > \\$1,177 to \\$1,423 R/T](#)



INDIA

[Money > Mumbai > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,859 to \\$3,948 R/T](#)

[Money > Kolkata > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,994 to \\$3,572 R/T](#)

[Money > New Delhi > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,756 to \\$3,905 R/T](#)

MEXICO

[Money > Cabo San Lucas > Spring/Summer > Biz Class > \\$687 to \\$968 R/T](#)

[Money > Puerto Vallarta > Spring/Summer > Biz Class > \\$642 to \\$946 R/T](#)

[Money > Cancun > All Year > Biz Class > \\$581 to \\$864 R/T](#)

MIDDLE EAST

[Money > Dubai > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,752 to \\$3,438 R/T](#)

NORTH AMERICA

[Money > New York and Miami from Italy > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,629 to \\$2,986 R/T](#)

[Money > U.S. from Prague > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,506 to \\$3,159 R/T](#)

[Money > U.S. from United Kingdom > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,298 to \\$2,949 R/T](#)

[Money > U.S. from Portugal > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,061 to \\$2,840 R/T](#)

[Money > U.S. from Scotland > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,163 to \\$2,926 R/T](#)

[Money > U.S. from France > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,465 to \\$3,001 R/T](#)

[Money > from Germany to U.S. > All Year > Biz Class > from \\$2,277 to \\$2,989 USD R/T](#)

[Money > U.S. from Budapest > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,131 to \\$2,944 R/T](#)

[Money > from Spain to U.S. > All Year > Biz Class > from \\$1,937 to \\$2,394 USD R/T](#)

[Scandinavian to U.S. > All Year > Biz Class > \\$1,831 to \\$2,773 USD R/T](#)


[Money > from Dublin to U.S. > All Year > Biz Class > \\$1,897 to \\$2,434 R/T](#)

[Money > Domestic Transcon > All Year > Business Class > \\$776 to \\$1,297 R/T](#)

SOUTH AMERICA

[Money > Buenos Aires > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,164 to \\$3,223 R/T](#)

[Money > Santiago > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,668 to 3,099 R/T](#)



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(ENDS 5/29)

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