

A treasure map on aged parchment with a compass rose, a telescope, and gold coins. The map features a compass rose with a large 'N' for North, a telescope lying across the bottom left, and several gold coins scattered on the right side. The map itself is hand-drawn with various symbols and text, including 'Schiffsweg' and 'Hafen'.

FCF's Treasure Map: Where to get \$11,317 Tickets to Europe for \$3,205 From the East and West Coast For Up to Four Travelers

September 2024

Updated for September 2024

Finding a First Class deal to Europe is like searching for a pretzel in a sea of sauerkraut – rare and worth every twist of effort. The truth is, First Class to Europe isn't just elusive, it's practically becoming a unicorn with a boarding pass.

There are only a handful of airlines offering First Class cabins across the Atlantic. And when it comes to those enticing flash fares you sometimes find in Business Class? Forget about it, unless you stumble upon one of those cheeky British Airways sales or you've got the right strategy up your sleeve.

Cue December 2022. We toasted our steins when Lufthansa launched a buy-miles program that effectively lowered the price of First Class tickets to Europe to a cool \$1,722 each way. Thanks to a timely discount, for 60 glorious days travelers could soar in luxury for less.

Then came 2023, and it was time to break out the Bavarian dance moves again. Lufthansa came back with not one, but four buy miles promotions, offering bonuses from 20% to 60%. Suddenly, we were talking about miles costing as little as 1.25 cents each. March rolled in, and we dissected how this strategy could unlock connections from nearly every corner of the U.S. to Europe. By November, we were showing our readers how FCF's Upgrade Strategy could shave the cost down even further, getting First Class tickets for just \$1,480 each way.



UND NOW THE SALE IS BACK

This is the third promo of 2024; there was a 30% bonus promo that ran through March 31, the most recent in April and had a 50% bonus. But here we are in September already and the sale is back – with a 50% bonus at 1.31 cents a mile through September 30, which results in First Class tickets from Los Angeles to Frankfurt that normally goes for as much as \$11,317+ available for just \$3,205, or \$1,603 each way.

On a good day, that's just \$7 more than Delta's Business Class from New York to Frankfurt.

In short? The deals are real, and with the right know-how, First Class to Europe can be more than a daydream. It can be your next reality, lederhosen optional.



Any way you put it:

You can [join Lufthansa's Miles and More program in less than five minutes](#) and [buy miles in another five](#). And that goes for anyone.

[Lufthansa's Bundle&Go](#) deal lets you purchase award miles in four increments of 3,000, 10,000, 50,000, and 100,000 miles with a juicy 50% bonus coming on top of that right now. If you max out one account with the bonus, you can get 500,000 miles for \$3,205, or about 1.31 cents a mile. Members can purchase one bundle per transaction. That's tremendous value given the ways you can redeem the miles. If you need even more miles, remember [FCF's special strategy to get all the miles you want!](#)

Note that Lufthansa's [fine print](#) indicates it could take up to five working days for the miles to post. However, when we did it, they were credited almost instantly, except for once when it took about 48 hours.

UNLOCKING FIRST CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

The key to this strategy lies in Lufthansa actually releasing those First Class seats when you go hunting for them online. The tricky part? The deals are out there, but the routes offering them tend to shift like a foggy apparition. One minute, they're flying out of one city, and the next, they're gone, popping up somewhere else. Always keep those [positioning flights](#) in mind because where you start your journey can make all the difference.

The routes and months listed below had First Class availability at the time of publication, but as with any specter, it's best to double-check with the airline for the latest info before you jump in and buy miles. That is, unless you're like me — ready to pounce on those sales whenever they appear, confident you'll find a way to use them sooner or later. After all, when those miles are locked and loaded, you're always prepared for that First Class opportunity to materialize.

ROUTES WITH UP TO FOUR AWARD SEATS

From **Chicago to Frankfurt**, you can find more than a handful of days with four seats available for outbound travel from January through April, July, and August. On the return, more than a handful of days with four seats are available for travel in December through February, April, July, and August.

From **Los Angeles to Frankfurt**, you can find a handful of days with four seats available for outbound travel in March, July, and August. On the return, a handful of days with four seats are available for travel in March and August.

From **San Francisco to Frankfurt**, you can find a handful of days with four seats available for outbound travel in March, July, and August. On the return, a handful of days with four seats are available for travel in February, March, July, and August.

[Don't book backwards](#) and you can score!

ROUTES TO/FROM FRANKFURT WITH UP TO TWO AWARD SEATS

From Boston to Frankfurt, you can find more than a handful of days with four seats available for outbound travel from November through August. On the return, more than a handful of days with four seats are available for travel from November through September.

From **New York to Frankfurt**, you can find more than a handful of days with two seats available for travel both outbound and return from January through March.

From **Washington, DC, to Frankfurt**, you can find more than a handful of days with two seats available for outbound travel in July and August. On the return, more than a handful of days with four seats are available for travel from May through August.

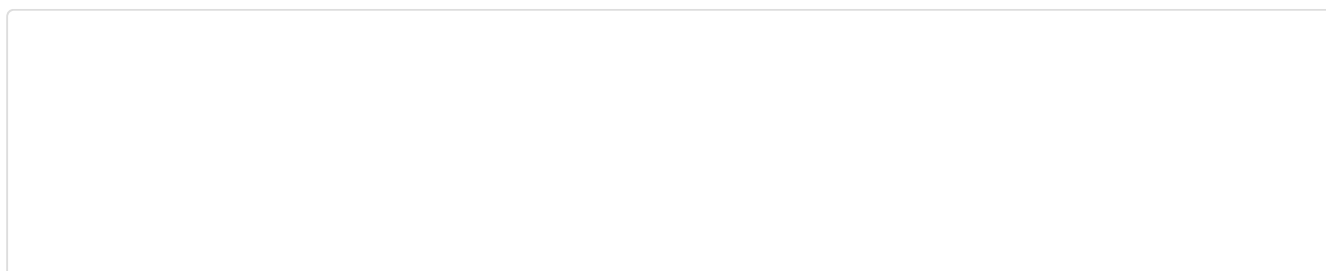
ROUTES TO/FROM MUNICH WITH UP TO TWO AWARD SEATS

From **Boston to Munich**, you can find more than a handful of days with two seats available for travel both outbound and return from April through August.

From New York to Munich, you can find more than a handful of days with two seats available for travel both outbound in April and from June through August and on the return from May through August.

From **Washington, DC to Munich**, you can find more than a handful of days with two seats available for travel both outbound and return from April through September.

FCF'S VISUAL TREASURE MAP



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 - Frankfurt	Oct., Sept.		Nov., Dec. to April, May, June to Aug.		Nov., May, Sept.	Nov., Dec. to April, June to Aug.
Chicago - Frankfurt	Nov., Dec., May, June	Nov., Jan., Feb., April, May	Feb., March, April, June, July, Aug.	Nov., March, May, June, Sept.	Nov., Dec., April, May, July, Aug.	Dec., Jan., Feb., March, April, May, June to Aug.
Los Angeles - Frankfurt	March, July, Aug.			March, Aug.		
New York - Frankfurt	Nov., Dec., April, June	Nov., Dec.	Jan. to March, July, Aug.	Nov., Dec., April, June, July, Aug.		Jan. to March
San Francisco - Frankfurt	Jan., March, July, Aug.			Dec., Jan., Feb., March, June, July	March, July, Aug.	Feb., March
Washington, DC - Frankfurt	Oct.	July to Aug.		Sept., April, Sept.	April	May to Aug.
Boston - Munich	Sept.	May	April, May, June to Aug.	Sept.		April to Aug.
New York - Munich	May, June, Sept.	April, June	July to Aug.	April, May, Sept.	May, June	July to Aug.
Washington, DC - Munich			April to Sept.			April to Sept.

Months in black have at least one seat available; in blue, at least two seats; in green, at least four seats. Remember to use the data as a guide since availability can be volatile...

FLY ANYWHERE IN EUROPE FOR THE SAME PRICE

Lufthansa's mileage award pricing chart is the same no matter what route you choose between the U.S. and Europe, so feel free to tack on the following destinations provided they are available. Worst case: [buy a positioning flight](#).

Sample Frankfurt Connections: Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Berlin, Bordeaux, Budapest, Copenhagen, Dublin, Dubrovnik, Edinburgh, Florence, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Malta, Milan, Munich, Mykonos, Naples, Nice, Paris, Rome, Santorini, Stockholm, Venice, Vienna, and Zürich.

Sample Munich Connections: Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Berlin, Budapest, Copenhagen, Dubrovnik, Edinburgh, Florence, Lisbon, London, Milan, Mykonos, Naples, Paris, Rome, Santorini, Venice, Vienna, and Zürich.

So, what's next? Time your mile purchases right, and stay ready to strike when the availability ghost shows up. With FCF's Upgrade Strategy, you're not just finding deals—you're finding your way to the front of the plane, where champagne flows and horizons are endless. And with each click, you're one step closer to the kind of travel that turns dreams into destinations. Buckle up—it's time to take off.

See you up front.



U.S., Europe, and South America in First Class: The Secret Flight Path That Saves You Thousands

Since we first introduced the Leg Stretch Strategy back in May 2017, it's been like finding the hidden tracks on a luxury album—those secret melodies that take you further without costing a note more. And today, we've uncovered a new, super-stretchy example in First Class that will make you reconsider everything you thought you knew about premium air travel.

The Golden Stretch: First Class Edition

For those new to the concept or who need a refresher, let's hit rewind for a moment. The Leg Stretch Strategy is like turning your standard round-trip ticket into a magic carpet ride across the continents. Imagine it: You're not just flying from Point A to Point B—you're weaving a tapestry that crosses three continents with stopovers that cost you nothing.

Think of it as playing hopscotch, but instead of jumping between chalk squares, you're landing on different continents—North America included—without paying extra to touch down. Those stopovers are the secret sauce, turning a simple trip into a grand adventure. And the kicker? You're flying First Class, all while sidestepping the hefty First or Business Class price tag. That's where the gold truly lies.

STRETCH YOUR TRAVEL, SAVE YOUR TREASURE

Picture this: Kevin, an artist from the U.S., has a palate that stretches from the vineyards of Europe to the vibrant sights of South America. To satisfy both, most people would simply book a flight to Europe, return home, and then fly out again to South America on a different airline ticket. It's the straightforward route, but not the clever one. Kevin's about to unlock a map that pirates would envy—where he can tie these two destinations into one seamless trip and save enough money to dine at Michelin-starred restaurants all over the world.





NAVIGATING THE LEG STRETCH MAP

Here's how it plays out: The journey begins in Europe. Yes, that's right—your treasure hunt starts across the pond. But before you throw your hands up in confusion, hold on—this doesn't disqualify U.S.-based travelers. It just requires a little mind-bending travel alchemy. You can still jump into this magic money-saving strategy by starting with your next trip to Europe, and with a one-way ticket, most likely by paying with miles or buying a cheap one-way ticket to start the trip, and then bookend your travels with a cheap one-way ticket using miles or cash to return back home when you're done. **(Example below.)** Or better yet, start another Leg Stretch since you'll already be in Europe — where the next Leg Stretch begins. Many travelers follow this strategy indefinitely, continuously reaping the rewards.

Once in Europe, the Leg Stretch Strategy takes you to South America, but with free stopovers in the U.S. along the way. If you live in Miami or New York, these stopovers are like coming home to refuel your ship before setting sail again. You can spend months at home before resuming your First Class adventure. All you need to do is complete the full voyage within 12 months; the treasure is yours.

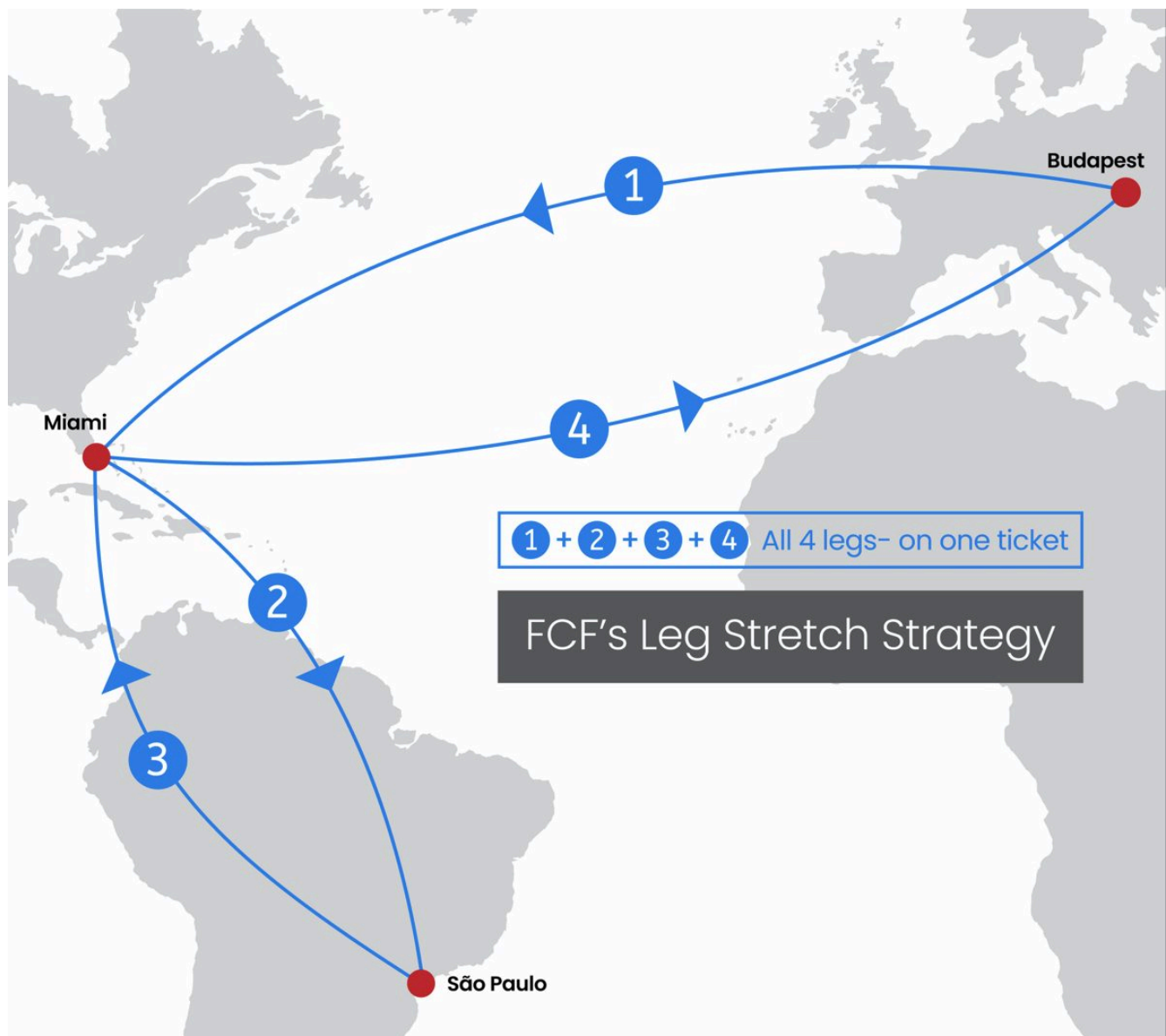
THE LOOT: FIRST CLASS COMFORT, BUSINESS CLASS PRICE

Let's compare the treasure maps. Booking a standard round-trip First Class ticket to Europe, then another to South America, could easily drain \$12,622 from your coffers. But with the Leg Stretch Strategy, you'll score two First Class tickets for a mere \$5,618—like doubling your gold with a single flip of the coin.

Multi-city trip				\$5,618
First Class · 1 passenger				Lowest total price
 Wed, Jan 8 · 7:55 AM – 4:45 PM British Airways, American	14 hr 50 min BUD–MIA	1 stop 1 hr 50 min LHR	3,495 kg CO2e +9% emissions ⓘ	⌵
 Wed, Feb 19 · 7:45 PM – 6:20 AM ^{*1} American	8 hr 35 min MIA–GRU	Nonstop	2,604 kg CO2e Avg emissions ⓘ	⌵
 Tue, Mar 4 · 12:30 AM – 6:55 AM American	8 hr 25 min GRU–MIA	Nonstop	2,701 kg CO2e Avg emissions ⓘ	⌵
 Wed, Mar 26 · 11:40 PM – 5:15 PM ^{*1} American, British Airways	12 hr 35 min MIA–BUD	1 stop 1 hr 25 min LHR	3,170 kg CO2e +8% emissions ⓘ	⌵

At time of publication.

Kevin's Four-Segment Leg Stretch



LEG STRETCH STRATEGY COMBINES THE U.S. - EUROPE - SOUTH AMERICA ON AMERICAN AIRLINES - ON ONE AIRLINE TICKET

EXAMPLES OF THE FREE UPGRADE + SAVINGS

Start Your LSS Ticket In	Your U.S. Stop (Both Coming and Going), Perhaps your Home or Nearby Airport	Your Second Destination	Fare for Four Legs in First Class (in Effect, Two Round-Trips)	Total Two Normal Round-Trips in Business Class	Savings	
Budapest	Miami	São Paulo	\$5,618	\$6,512	\$894	14%
	New York		\$5,772	\$6,870	\$1,098	16%
Copenhagen			\$5,935	\$6,510	\$575	9%
Stockholm	Miami		\$5,765	\$7,080	\$1,315	19%
	New York	Buenos Aires	\$5,876	\$6,850	\$974	14%
Prague	Miami	São Paulo	\$5,999	\$6,900	\$901	13%
Oslo	New York		\$5,567	\$6,840	\$1,273	19%
Copenhagen			Buenos Aires	\$6,000	\$6,750	\$750
Munich	Miami	São Paulo	\$6,568	\$7,585	\$1,017	
Zurich			\$6,595	\$7,605	\$1,010	
Venice					\$6,898	\$7,062

PERSPECTIVE:

First Class for \$894 LESS Than Business Class

The savings when you compare the four First Class segments (\$5,618) on an FCF Leg Stretch Strategy ticket to two normal round-trips in Business Class:



Business Class Fares...


Miami ↔ Budapest

\$3,049

Round trip · Business Class · 1 passenger

Lowest total price

 <div> <div>Wed, Jan 15 · 10:05 PM – 5:15 PM⁺¹</div> <div>British Airways · American, Iberia, Finnair</div> </div>	<div>13 hr 10 min</div> <div>MIA–BUD</div>	<div>1 stop</div> <div>2 hr 15 min LHR</div>	<div>2,436 kg CO2e</div> <div>+7% emissions ⓘ</div>	▼
 <div> <div>Thu, Jan 23 · 7:15 AM – 4:45 PM</div> <div>British Airways, American · Iberia</div> </div>	<div>15 hr 30 min</div> <div>BUD–MIA</div>	<div>1 stop</div> <div>2 hr 20 min LHR</div>	<div>2,806 kg CO2e</div> <div>+26% emissions ⓘ</div>	▼



Book with American



Airline


Miami ↔ São Paulo

\$3,463

Round trip · Business Class · 1 passenger

Lowest total price

 <div> <div>Wed, Feb 19 · 7:45 PM – 6:20 AM⁺¹</div> <div>American</div> </div>	<div>8 hr 35 min</div> <div>MIA–GRU</div>	<div>Nonstop</div>	<div>2,083 kg CO2e</div> <div>Avg emissions ⓘ</div>	▼
 <div> <div>Tue, Mar 4 · 12:30 AM – 6:55 AM</div> <div>American</div> </div>	<div>8 hr 25 min</div> <div>GRU–MIA</div>	<div>Nonstop</div>	<div>2,161 kg CO2e</div> <div>+7% emissions ⓘ</div>	▼




Book with American

Airline

Not flying from Miami or New York? Take a [positioning flight](#) instead. It might require an extra step, but it puts you in the ideal spot to make the most of your LSS adventure. And you may have to make a connection anyway depending on where you start.

So, if you're ready to unlock this treasure trove, pack your bags, stretch your legs, and let your flights take you farther for less. With the Leg Stretch Strategy, the world is your oyster in First Class — at a fraction of the price.



Oneworld First Class Trends: When, Where, and Why to Use Miles or Points to London & Beyond

September 2024

**Get your dates right to leverage savings of up to \$9,945
or 752,000 miles on American Airlines, First Class for less
than Business**

First Class fares can often run up to \$13,400, making them not even a thought for most people—and using your miles these days for premium seats gets bad headlines nowadays. So when we propped an opening, from January through March, a time when Europe hosts a range of extraordinary events that are ideal for any kind of traveler, we took notice.

There are countless reasons to love Europe outside of high season. I have no interest in destinations that are overcrowded with tourists.

There are many activities and events across the Continent during these three months, as well as the award costs and strategies that can make travel much more attractive.

Across the Alps in Italy, for example, the Carnival of Venice from February 22 to March 4, 2025. Imagine arriving in Venice after a comfortable First Class flight and stepping straight into an age-old tradition where the streets and canals come alive with costume balls and theatrical performances. It's a celebration steeped in history, as timeless as the city itself.

Or head south to the Carnival in Nice from February 15 to March 2, 2025. Here, the French Riviera glistens under winter sun with parades, floats, and celebrations that color the streets. After a smooth flight, the beauty of Nice is the perfect backdrop for one of Europe's largest carnivals.

FIRST CLASS JOURNEY TO EUROPE

First Class fares can often soar with many airlines charging a premium for this disappearing cabin. Take Air France, for example, where a nonstop flight from New York to Paris will set you back \$11,428+, and adding a stop in London bumps the fare to \$11,627+.

Meanwhile, Lufthansa offers First Class fares from New York to Frankfurt for \$7,657+, but routes to Munich climb to \$10,018+, and with a stop in London, skyrocket to \$12,698+. SWISS isn't far behind, with fares to Zurich at \$7,914+, and flights with a stop in London pushing the price to \$9,917+.

By contrast, oneworld alliance members offer more competitive First Class pricing for transatlantic routes. American Airlines, for example, offers First Class service between key U.S. cities and Europe, notably London and Rome.

Here's a breakdown of typical First Class fares on American Airlines:

- **Los Angeles to London:** Ranges from **\$5,690 to \$8,800**.
- **Miami to London:** Typically between **\$5,760 and \$7,060**.
- **New York to London:** The most affordable, with fares from **\$3,857 to \$5,780**.
- **Dallas to London:** Mid-week fares average around **\$5,970**, while peak travel days see prices rise to **\$6,470-\$7,480**.

- **Charlotte to London:** For mid-week travel, fares start at **\$5,170**, with peak season prices between **\$7,560 and \$13,400**.
- New York to Rome (service through October 25): Fares from \$6,790 to \$9,270 for nonstop service, making it a pricier but direct option.

AWARD COSTS AND STRATEGIES

But if you don't want to pay on average \$5,000+, here's a look at the award costs on American:

To/From London:

- Charlotte: Keep your eye out for the lowest cost awards are at the moment typically found close-in for 128,000 to 221,000 round-trip, otherwise go for 254,000 to 880,000 miles round-trip.
- Dallas: The lowest cost awards currently are found close-in for 144,000-230,000 round-trip, otherwise go for 254,000 to 880,000 miles round-trip.
- New York: The lowest cost awards currently found close-in and typically a handful of random days each month for 128,000 to 144,000 miles round-trip, (compare Business Class usually running 340,000 miles on Delta, and 160,000+ on United.) **Get First Class for much less than Business!**
- Los Angeles: The lowest cost awards currently found close-in for 188,000 round-trip, otherwise go for 284,000 to 880,000 miles round-trip.
- Miami: The lowest cost awards currently found close-in for 294,000 round-trip, otherwise go for 534,000 to 880,000 miles round-trip.

To/From Rome:

- New York (service through October 25): Keep your eye out for the lowest cost awards typically found close-in for 188,000 round-trip, otherwise go for 284,000 to 880,000 miles round-trip.

NO MILES? NO PROBLEM

If you're low on American miles, Amex, Capital One, and Chase members can transfer points to British Airways to get tickets to Europe for as low as 206,000 miles round-trip from the West Coast, or transfer from Amex, Capital One, and Citi to Cathay Pacific to get tickets to Europe for as low as 240,000 miles round-trip from the East Coast.

Buy American miles when on sale: With the Dallas-to-London baseline fare at \$5,970, you can buy 128,000 American Airlines miles for about \$3,130 when on sale and add taxes of about \$325 with American's loyalty program for a total of \$3,455. Using cash to buy miles will save up to \$2,515, or 42%.

TO/FROM LONDON AND NEW YORK ON AMERICAN

At time of publication, which changes by the minute, we did not find any available low-cost award seats to/from Miami-London or to/from New York-Rome.

Here's what we found:

To/From London	Outbound		Return		
	4 to 8 Days per Month	9 to 12 Days per Month	4 to 8 Days per Month	9 to 12 Days per Month	13+ Days per Month
Charlotte	Dec., Jan., Feb., March			Nov., Feb., March	Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., March
Dallas	Oct., March, April, July, Aug.		Nov., Feb., March, May, June, July	Dec., Jan., March	Dec., April
Los Angeles	March		Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb.	Nov., Dec., April	March, April
New York	Feb., March	Jan., Feb.	Oct., Dec., Jan. to April	Oct., Nov., Jan., March	Dec.

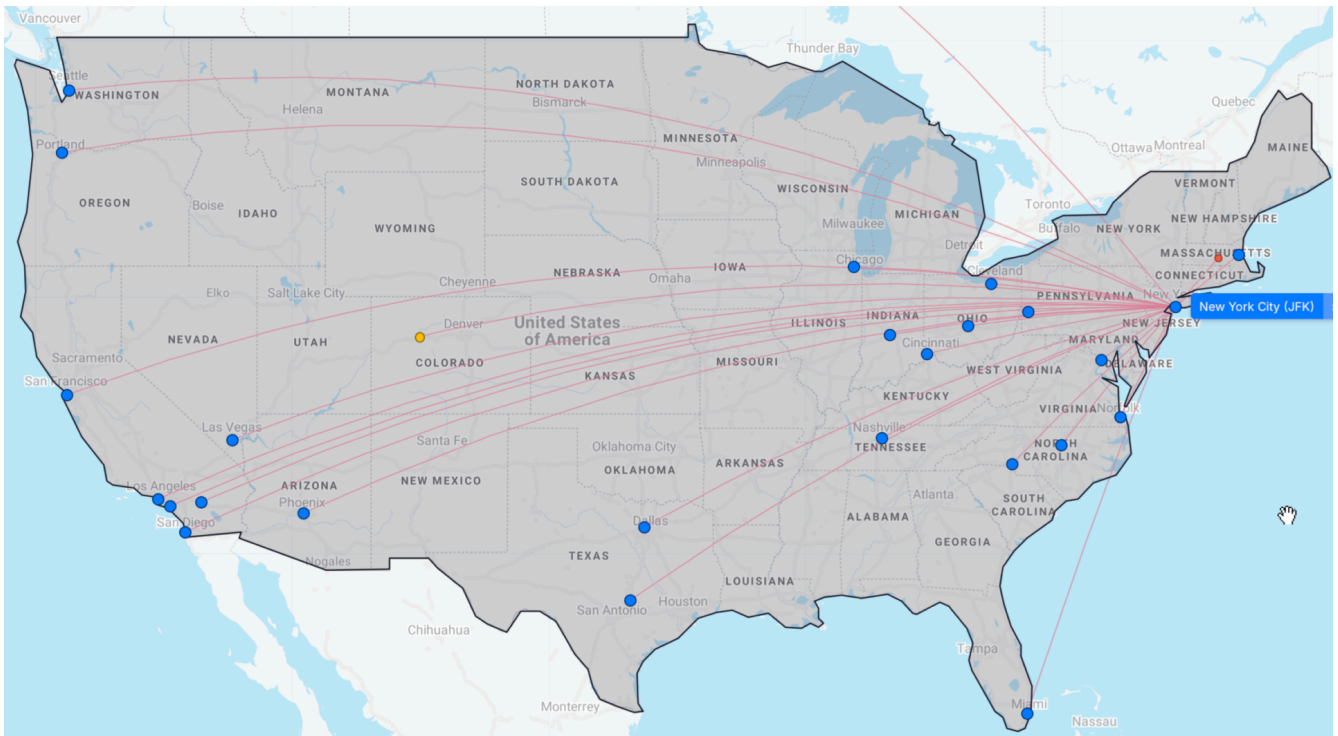
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GETTING THERE

If you're traveling internationally from a smaller U.S. city, concentrate on the long-haul flight. Say you live in Boise and are going to London via Dallas, the important seats are the ones on the long Dallas-to-London leg. Prioritize the flight segments you want to be most comfortable on even if it means flying in economy from Boise to Dallas.

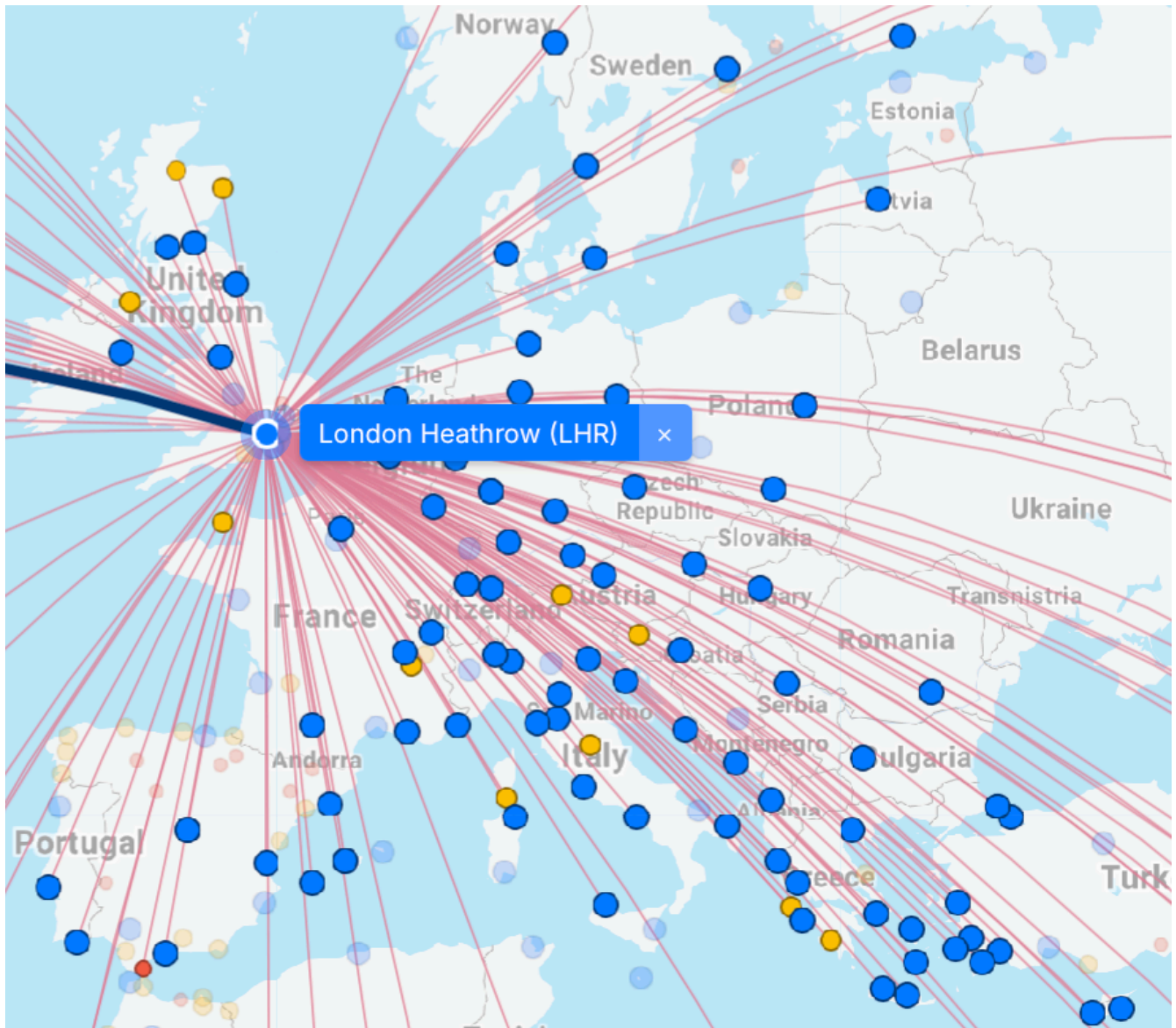
Not flying from Charlotte, Dallas, Los Angeles, or New York and/or to London? [Learn about getting free connecting flights](#) or buying a [positioning flight](#).

SAMPLE CONNECTING FLIGHTS ACROSS THE U.S TO NEW YORK/JFK



Non-stops on American to New York/JFK according to www.flightconnections.com

SAMPLE CONNECTING FLIGHTS FROM LONDON TO ALL OVER EUROPE



Non-stops on American and partners from London/LHR to all over Europe according to www.flightconnections.com

Whether you're jetting off to sip wine at a Parisian gallery or donning a mask in Venice, these miles and points opportunities are as good as they get with American. Each journey is more than just a flight — it's the beginning of an unforgettable adventure, so consider



September's Top 97 Mileage Awards & Special Fares Greatest Hits (Still Available)

September 2024

Hot Fall Deals

September arrives like a greatest hits album, packed with fare deals and award discounts that make your travel dreams soar. Some are undeniable chart-toppers, others are those feel-good earworms that stick with you, and even the quieter ones are worth humming along to for the right journey. Every note this month is a winner!

Sweet Redeems

ASIA

[Cash OR Miles > Business Class > Cathay Pacific > from Boston, Chicago & New York to Hong Kong > 2 seats](#)

[First Class: 2025 Single Seat Opportunities with Japan Airlines from Dallas to Tokyo with Miles/Points](#)

[Cash OR Miles > *First Class* > Single Seat > 2025 Travel> Handful of All Nippon Airways from Chicago to Tokyo](#)

[Cash OR Miles > *First Class* > Cathay Pacific > New York and Many Other Cities to Hong Kong & Beyond > 2+ Travelers](#)

EUROPE

[Miles / Points > First Class > Single Seat > Emirates > East Coast to Athens](#)

[Miles / Points > London > First Class > 4+ Travelers > from Charlotte and Many Other Cities](#)

[*First Class* With Cash OR Miles > Lufthansa > West Coast and Many Other Cities to Frankfurt & Beyond > 4+ Travelers](#)

[*First Class* With Cash OR Miles > Lufthansa > East Coast and Many Other Cities to Germany & Beyond > 2+ Travelers](#)

[Cheap Business Class Seats from Boston to Madrid for 68,000 Amex Points R/T](#)

[Lots of 4+ Seat Discount SWISS Business Class Miles/Points Availability from Los Angeles & San Francisco to Zurich](#)

NORTH AMERICA

[Miles > Domestic > New American Airlines Business Class New York to/from San Francisco Options / 4+ Seats](#)

Special Published Fares

AFRICA

[Money > Kilimanjaro > Winter > Biz Class > from Toronto and Montreal from \\$3,189 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Johannesburg and Cape Town > Spring > Biz Class > \\$3,485 to \\$4,026 R/T](#)

[Money > Cairo > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,799 to \\$3,210 R/T](#)

[Money > Nairobi > Winter/Spring > Biz Class from Canada > \\$2,544 to \\$3,658 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Cape Town and Johannesburg > Spring > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$3,183 to \\$3,886 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Morocco > All Year > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$2,056 to \\$3,075 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Nairobi > All Year > Biz Class > \\$3,291 to \\$3,906 R/T](#)



ASIA

[Money > Bangkok > Spring/Summer > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$3,368 to \\$4,151 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Singapore > All Year > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$3,367 to \\$3,916 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Seoul > All Year > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$3,446 to \\$4,168 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Asia > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$3,232 to \\$4,186 R/T](#)

[Money > Southeast Asia > All Year > Biz Class > from Vancouver from \\$3,343 to \\$3,512 USD R/T](#)

CARIBBEAN

[Money > The Bahamas > All Year > Biz Class > \\$638 to \\$775 R/T](#)

[Money > Puerto Rico > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$634 to \\$784 R/T](#)

[Money > Antigua > All Year > Biz Class > \\$892 to \\$1,189 R/T](#)

[Money > Bermuda > Fall > Biz Class > from New York and Boston from \\$604 to \\$784 R/T](#)

[Money > St. Maarten > All Year > Biz Class > \\$794 to \\$1,135 R/T](#)

[Money > St. Thomas > All Year > Biz Class > \\$717 to \\$1,048 R/T](#)

[Money > Saint Kitts > All Year > Biz Class > \\$885 to \\$1,182 R/T](#)

[Money > St. Lucia > Spring/Summer > Biz Class > \\$862 to \\$1,188 R/T](#)

[Money > Aruba > All Year > Biz Class > \\$753 to \\$1,186 R/T](#)

[Money > Grand Cayman > All Year > Biz Class > \\$889 to \\$1,128 R/T](#)

[Money > Bridgetown > All Year > Biz Class > \\$955 to \\$1,170 R/T](#)



EUROPE

[Money > London > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,584 to \\$3,193 R/T](#)

[Money > France > Fall/Winter > First Class > \\$4,090 to \\$5,590 R/T](#)

[Money > Amsterdam > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,714 to \\$3,051 R/T](#)

[Money > New York to Europe > All Year > Biz Class with La Compagnie > \\$2,399 to \\$2,403 R/T](#)

[Money > Italy > All Year > First Class > \\$4,070 to \\$5,522 R/T](#)

[Money > Spain > Fall/Winter > First Class > \\$3,820 to \\$5,401 R/T](#)

[Money > Dublin > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$2,431 to \\$3,148 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Greece > Fall/Spring > Biz Class > \\$2,788 to \\$3,048 R/T](#)

[Money > Frankfurt > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,507 to \\$3,106 R/T](#)

[Money > Helsinki > Fall/Winter > First Class > \\$4,059 to \\$5,630 R/T](#)

[Money > Oslo > Fall/Winter > First Class > \\$4,081 to \\$5,522 R/T](#)

[Money > Scotland > Fall/Winter > First Class > \\$4,207 to \\$5,508 R/T](#)

[Money > Rome > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,715 to \\$3,024 R/T](#)

[Money > United Kingdom > Fall/Winter > Biz Class from Canada > \\$2,314 to \\$2,738 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Germany > Fall > First Class > \\$4,081 to \\$5,580 R/TT](#)

[Money > Madrid > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,569 to \\$3,215 R/T](#)

[Money > Stockholm > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,432 to \\$3,027 R/T](#)

[Money > United Kingdom > Fall/Winter > First Class > \\$4,092 to \\$5,740 R/T](#)

[Money > Amsterdam > Fall/Winter > First Class > \\$4,057 to \\$5,707 R/T](#)

[Money > Amsterdam > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$2,191 to \\$2,663 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Brussels > Fall/Winter > First Class > \\$4,083 to \\$5,572 R/T](#)

[Money > Switzerland > Fall/Winter > First Class > \\$4,017 to \\$5,569 R/T](#)

[Money > Croatia > Summer > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$2,271 to \\$3,163 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Lisbon > Fall > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$2,401 to \\$2,784 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Stockholm > Fall/Winter > First Class > \\$4,086 to \\$5,228 R/T](#)

[Money > Vienna > Fall/Winter > First Class > \\$4,089 to \\$5,727 R/T](#)

[Money > Prague > Fall/Winter > First Class > \\$4,070 to \\$5,708 R/T](#)

[Money > Dublin > Spring/Summer > Biz Class > \\$2,497 to \\$3,208 R/T](#)

[Money > Lisbon > Fall > Biz Class > \\$2,462 to \\$3,010 R/T](#)

[Money > Berlin > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,427 to \\$3,065 R/T](#)

[Money > Europe > All Year > Biz Class with Scandinavian - SAS > \\$2,700 to \\$3,108 R/T](#)

[Money > Barcelona > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,649 to \\$3,210 R/T](#)

[Money > Milan > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,612 to \\$3,217 R/T](#)

[Money > Europe > Fall/Winter > Biz Class with TAP Portugal > \\$1,985 to \\$2,758 R/T](#)

[Money > Paris > Spring/Summer > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$2,191 to \\$2,335 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Prague > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,495 to \\$3,217 R/T](#)

[Money > Copenhagen > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,622 to \\$3,155 R/T](#)

[Money > Greece > Spring/Summer > First Class > \\$4,046 to \\$5,549 R/T](#)

[Money > London > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,546 to \\$2,930 R/T](#)

[Money > Budapest > Fall/Winter > First Class > \\$4,078 to \\$5,717 R/T](#)

[Money > Budapest > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,725 to \\$3,047 R/T](#)

[Money > Los Angeles to Europe > Spring/Summer > Biz Class > \\$2,708 to \\$3,060 R/T](#)

[Money > Europe to U.S. > All Year > Premium Economy > \\$629 to \\$919 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Copenhagen > Fall/Winter > First Class > \\$4,012 to \\$5,512 R/T](#)

HAWAII

[Money > Maui > Fall > Biz Class > \\$1,080 to \\$1,429 R/T](#)

[Money > Honolulu > All Year > Biz Class > \\$956 to \\$1,548 R/T](#)

[Money > Kauai > Fall > Biz Class > \\$990 to \\$1,383 R/T](#)

[Money > Kona > Winter > Biz Class > \\$1,036 to \\$1,400 R/T](#)

INDIA

[Money > Kolkata > Spring > Biz Class > from Chicago and Philadelphia from \\$3,154 to \\$3,822 R/T](#)

[Money > New Delhi > Spring/Summer > Biz Class > \\$2,690 to \\$3,902 R/T](#)

[Money > India > All Year > Biz Class > from Toronto and Vancouver from \\$2,410 to \\$3,234 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Bengaluru > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,693 to \\$3,640 R/T](#)

[Money > Mumbai > Spring/Summer > Biz Class > \\$2,683 to \\$3,799 R/T](#)



MEXICO

[Money > Cancun > All Year > Biz Class > \\$688 to \\$913 R/T](#)

[Money > Cabo San Lucas > Winter > Biz Class > \\$668 to \\$920 R/T](#)

MIDDLE EAST

[Money > Istanbul > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,698 to \\$2,949 R/T](#)

NORTH AMERICA

[Money > Domestic Transcon > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$718 to \\$1,249 R/T](#)

SOUTH AMERICA

[Money > Santiago > All Year > Biz Class > \\$1,931 to \\$3,188 R/T](#)

[Money > Sao Paulo and Rio De Janeiro > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,482 to \\$3,103 R/T](#)

[Money > Buenos Aires > All Year > Biz Class > from Miami and New York from \\$2,648 to \\$3,069 R/T](#)

SOUTH PACIFIC

[Money > Tahiti > Spring/Summer > Biz Class > from Los Angeles and Las Vegas from \\$3,425 to \\$4,262 R/T](#)

[Money > New Zealand > All Year > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$4,047 to \\$6,979 USD R/T](#)

A photograph of a person sitting at a table in a Cathay Pacific First Class cabin, enjoying a meal. The cabin features large windows, comfortable seating, and a white tablecloth with various dishes and glasses. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

FCF Asia Trend Watch: Save 88% on First Class and 72% on Business Class with Cathay Pacific

September 2024

How and when to avoid \$30,127 fares - for up to TWO travelers in First Class to Hong Kong and beyond

Imagine you've been navigating the maze of airline awards, searching for that one perfect opportunity — like a prospector panning for gold in a fast-moving stream. Then, just when you're about to set the search aside, it appears: Cathay Pacific First Class seats for TWO travelers, New York to Hong Kong. It's a moment of triumph, like stumbling upon a secret passage in a treasure hunt — but here's the twist: this treasure is only available for travel in July 2025 outbound, and in April, July, or August on the return.

Don't let that dim the sparkle. Award seats are like fireflies, availability blinking in and out. When they pop up, you need to be ready to catch them — because in this game of travel, even one open day can make all the difference. Think of it like chiseling away at a block of marble until you've sculpted the perfect trip. Especially when it comes to Asia, where securing award seats can feel as elusive as finding that fabled needle in a haystack.

If you strike gold on just [one leg of the journey](#), simply pair it with a Business Class seat for the other direction. After all, those who treat travel like an evolving puzzle — [always tweaking and refining their itineraries](#) — have the greatest success in [elevating their experience](#).

This isn't just a booking though — it's a race to the finish line. After all, First Class tickets can top \$30,127, and Business Class might set you back \$9,441 per person for a round-trip. So, snagging an award seat at a fraction of the price is like taking home a gold medal without even breaking a sweat.

And if Hong Kong isn't on your radar? No problem. A [positioning flight](#) can put you right where the action is. Asia's got plenty to offer, and the timing couldn't be better with events like these:

[Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix](#) on April 4 to 6 in Suzuka, Japan. Racing enthusiasts can use these long-haul over-the-water flights as a jumping-off point for an experience like fireworks on New Year's Eve. The whine of finely tuned engines screaming down straightaways, the roar of the crowd, the precision of each pit stop — it's the ultimate rush.

[Bali Kite Festival](#) throughout July on the beaches of Bali, giant kites soar through the skies, their colorful tails dancing in the wind. This festival isn't just about fun.

Sample connecting flights from Hong Kong to all over Asia



HERE'S A LOOK AT CATHAY PACIFIC'S FIRST CLASS TWO-SEAT AVAILABILITY:

To/From New York-Hong Kong	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
April	Feb. to April	July, Aug.	March, April	May	June, July	

Months in black have at least one seat available; in blue, at least two seats. Remember to use the data as a guide since availability can be volatile...

Here's a look at Cathay Pacific's Business Class TK seat availability

To/From Hong Kong	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	March, April		March, July, Aug.	Feb., April, May	March, May	June, July
Chicago	Feb., April	Feb.	March, July, Aug.	Feb., April, May	March	March to May, June, July
Los Angeles	Jan., Feb., May		March, April, July, Aug.	Jan., Feb., April		March, April, May to July
New York		Aug.	July, Aug.	March, April, May		May, June, July
San Francisco		May	April, July, Aug.	March	March, April	April, May to July

Months in black have at least one seat available; in blue, at least two seats. Remember to use the data as a guide since availability can be volatile...

NO MILES? NO PROBLEM

Cathay Pacific's New York-Hong Kong route goes for 160,000 miles in First Class or 84,000 miles in Business Class from the West Coast and 110,000 miles from the East Coast, plus \$80 in taxes each way. Cathay Pacific is a points-to-miles transfer partner with Amex, Capital One, and Citi. You can [buy up to 500,000 points annually from Amex](#) for 2.5 cents each and transfer them to Cathay Pacific.

New York-Hong Kong First Class fares go for \$30,127+ which means you save up to \$21,967, or 73%, with miles. Business Class fares go for \$9,441+ for a savings with miles of up to \$6,611, or 70%.

Buy Cathay partner American Airlines miles when on sale: On Cathay's New York-Hong Kong route, the First Class baseline fare goes for \$30,127. You can buy up to 150,000 American Airlines miles if you need to top-off for about \$3,668 when they're on sale for about 2.4 cents each, and save up to \$26,485, or 88%, on your next trip to Hong Kong. Note that taxes with the American Airlines loyalty program generally cost \$67.

Or you can buy 110,000 miles for about \$2,690, and save about \$6,751, or 72% for Business Class.

We recommend that you only buy miles if you are confident there is availability that works for you unless you fly frequently and know you will use the miles eventually. Should availability shift, you can use those miles on a

future trip.

And the best part? You didn't pay a fortune for them. By transferring your Amex points to Cathay Pacific, you've unlocked a luxurious experience at a fraction of the price. Remember, sometimes all it takes is one day with available award seats. When opportunity knocks in the form of open award seats, be ready to jump.

[Don't book backwards](#), and I'll see you up front.



Unlocking Paradise: How a South Pacific Stopover Turns Your Trip Into a Two-Part Tropical Escape

September 2024

FCF's stopover loophole strategy kills two birds with one stone to the South Pacific

If the South Pacific is calling your name, why not add Fiji to your itinerary for **FREE** —or as little as \$362? Or, **add** Australia or New Zealand to your Fiji trip for about the same, or **less than free**.

Consider this: a round-trip Business Class ticket to a South Pacific destination like New Zealand or Australia could set you back \$4,060 to \$7,060, and a separate trip to Fiji could cost another \$5,710 to \$8,010. That's a staggering \$9,770 to \$15,070 for two trips! But by combining them into one seamless adventure, you could pay just \$4,044 to \$5,380, saving yourself up to \$11,026.

Here's why a stop in Fiji is not only affordable but irresistible.

EASY FLIGHT CONNECTIONS

Fiji is more than just a tropical paradise—it's a perfectly convenient stopover with direct flights to major North American hubs like Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Vancouver. This ease of travel makes adding a few days or more in Fiji to your itinerary a breeze. You get the tropical break without complicating your travel plans.

EXTEND THE TRAVEL BLISS

Think of a stop in Fiji as hitting the pause button on reality before or after visiting cities like Auckland, Sydney, or Melbourne for either business or pleasure. Instead of diving right in or plunging straight back into the daily grind, imagine basking on white-sand beaches, snorkeling in clear turquoise waters, and soaking up the tropical sun. It's the perfect pre- or post-trip relaxing interlude.

EMBRACE 'FIJI TIME'

In Fiji, life operates on what the locals call "Fiji time," where everything moves at a relaxed pace, encouraging you to savor every moment. Whether you're sipping a tropical drink by the pool or drifting along in a boat, the unhurried rhythm of life offers the perfect contrast to the fast-paced lifestyle in those big cities.

THE STOPOVER LOOPHOLE STRATEGY (SLS) UNVEILED

In the world of air travel, a stopover is a layover lasting more than four hours, often stretching into days or weeks oftentimes for **LESS** or little to no additional cost. With SLS, you're not just traveling from point A to point B—you're turning a layover into a multi-destination feast.

- **Get Two for One:** Add a side trip to your trip and it's almost like the airline is rewarding you for taking a vacation. You're moving from one destination to another while sampling additional flavors along the way.
- **Book Side Trips at Nearly the Same Cost:** Why settle for just one destination when you can experience two (or more) for nearly the same price? It's like ordering a main course and discovering that appetizers and dessert are already included.
- **Save on Extended Travel:** Even if there's a slight price increase, it's still a steal compared to booking multiple separate round-trip flights. Turn a single trip into a multi-stop adventure while stretching your travel budget.

IDEAL FOR EVERY TRAVELER

This strategy is perfect for:

- **Leisure Travelers:** If flexibility is your game, adding an extra destination is a delightful way to enhance your trip. If Fiji has always been on your bucket list, the SLS serves it up as the perfect side dish to your South Pacific adventure.




- **Business Travelers on a Budget:** SLS lets you sneak in a mini-vacation while on a work trip, transforming your business travel into a memorable escape without breaking the bank.

THE SLS IN ACTION

Let’s say you’re flying to Auckland, Brisbane, Christchurch, Melbourne, Sydney, or Wellington. Instead of settling for a standard layover, the SLS gives you the option to savor a few days in Fiji—either on your way there or on your return. Whether you choose to soak up the sun and tropical flavors before reaching your destination or unwind afterwards, this stopover transforms your journey into the ultimate travel indulgence.

UNLOCKING A TWO-FOR-ONE SOUTH PACIFIC ADVENTURE WITH THE STOPOVER LOOPHOLE STRATEGY (SLS)

Instead of a straightforward round-trip from Los Angeles to Auckland, New Zealand, costing \$5,315, add in the sun-soaked haven of Fiji, and the price is just \$76 more, \$5,391.

Los Angeles ↔ Auckland				
Round trip · Business Class · 1 passenger				
	Tue, Apr 1 · 11:55 PM – 12:40 PM ⁺² Fiji Airways	16 hr 45 min LAX–AKL	1 stop 2 hr 45 min NAN	3,358 kg CO2e -7% emissions ⓘ
	Tue, May 13 · 1:05 PM – 12:55 PM Fiji Airways	18 hr 50 min AKL–LAX	1 stop 5 hr 35 min NAN	3,139 kg CO2e -18% emissions ⓘ
	Book with Fiji Airways Airline			\$5,315

Los Angeles > Auckland > Nadi > Los Angeles \$5,391

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Travel dates
1 Apr - 20 May

Passenger
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Los Angeles to Auckland - Tue, 1 Apr 2025

23:55

LAX
Terminal B

12:40

AKL
Terminal I

+2 days
1 stop

Duration 18h 45min
Operated by Fiji Airways
Business
[See itinerary details](#)

Change flight

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Auckland to Nadi - Tue, 13 May 2025

13:05

AKL
Terminal I

16:05

NAN

nonstop

Duration 3h 0min
Operated by Fiji Airways
Business
[See itinerary details](#)

Change flight

1 seat left

Nadi to Los Angeles - Tue, 20 May 2025

21:40

NAN

12:55

LAX
Terminal B

nonstop

Duration 10h 15min
Operated by Fiji Airways
Business
[See itinerary details](#)

Change flight

1 seat left

Total price: USD 5,391.50

THE MAGIC OF MULTIPLE DESTINATIONS

Instead of a typical point-to-point round-trip, the SLS includes a slight detour that actually saves you money when compared to taking two separate trips. Here are some sample Fiji Airways itineraries with a stop in Fiji outbound.

From/To	Normal Business Class Fare Round-Trip	New Business Class Fare with Side-Trip in Fiji Outbound	Savings / Cost to Add Side-Trip to Fiji
Los Angeles-Auckland, New Zealand	\$5,315	\$5,175	-\$140
Los Angeles-Christchurch, New Zealand	\$5,300	\$5,379	\$79
San Francisco-Christchurch, New Zealand	\$5,300	\$5,380	\$80
Vancouver-Brisbane, Australia	\$5,040	\$4,895	-\$145
Vancouver-Melbourne, Australia	\$4,620	\$4,495	-\$125
Vancouver-Auckland, New Zealand	\$4,060	\$4,121	\$61

A350 Business Class

From/To	Normal Business Class Fare Round-Trip	New Business Class Fare with Side-Trip in Fiji on the Return	Savings / Cost to Add Side-Trip to Fiji
Los Angeles-Christchurch, New Zealand	\$5,300	\$5,259	-\$41
Los Angeles-Auckland, New Zealand	\$5,315	\$5,391	\$76
San Francisco-Christchurch, New Zealand	\$5,300	\$5,380	\$80
San Francisco-Wellington, New Zealand	\$4,775	\$5,137	\$362
Vancouver-Wellington, New Zealand	\$4,240	\$4,044	-\$196
Vancouver-Brisbane, Australia	\$5,040	\$4,934	-\$106
Vancouver-Auckland, New Zealand	\$4,060	\$4,154	\$94
Vancouver-Sydney, Australia	\$4,675	\$4,938	\$263
Vancouver-Melbourne, Australia	\$4,620	\$4,925	\$305

FIJI AIRWAYS SEATS

A350 Business Class



Fiji Airways A350 offers Business Class fully lie-flat leather seats in a 1-2-1 seat configuration with direct aisle access, a seat pitch of 60-62 inches, and a 17-inch personal entertainment screen.

A330 Business Class



Fiji Airways offers A330 Business Class angled lie-flat seats in a 2-2-2 configuration with a seat pitch of 60 inches, seat width of 21 inches, and 15.4-inch personal entertainment screens.

737-800 BUSINESS CLASS

Fiji Airways' 737-800 Business Class seating is a 2-2 configuration and has a seat pitch of 48 inches, an 18-inch recline, and in-seat video.

TO/FROM THE U.S. AND CANADA

Los Angeles-Nadi typically offers the A350 lie-flat seat daily. San Francisco and Vancouver-Nadi service with the A350 lie-flat seat varies by route and day of week.

TO/FROM NADI-AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Lie-flat seats are offered from Nadi-Auckland on flights 410 and 411, Nadi-Melbourne on flights 934 and 935, and Nadi-Sydney on flights 910 and 911.

Nadi-Brisbane, Christchurch, and Wellington offer service on the A330 and 737-800, which are angle lie-flat seats.

Be sure to check the aircraft when booking your ticket. Aircraft are swapped out often, and subject to change.

STRATEGICALLY POSITIONED FOR THE WIN

Not flying from Los Angeles, San Francisco, or Vancouver, or to Auckland, Brisbane, Christchurch, Melbourne, Sydney, or Wellington? Take a [positioning flight](#), which might require an extra step, but it puts you in the ideal spot to make the most of your South Pacific adventure. You may have to make a connection anyway depending on where you start.

FINAL THOUGHT

Stopping in Fiji isn't just a detour; it's an enhancement to your adventure. It allows you to savor your journey a little longer, ensuring that when you finally return home, the warmth of the South Pacific still lingers in your soul to be remembered always.



In June we told you about the [Sidestep Hustle](#) to Europe and in July we told you about the [Sidestep Hustle](#) to Asia.

Business Class fares these days are a bit of a roller coaster. One moment you're spotting a great deal, and the next, it's spiking again, leaving you frustrated. So, we started thinking — what if we looked at this from a different angle? Instead of settling for those sky-high fares, why not broaden your scope and consider flying from or into a different city? Often, a nearby alternative offers a much lower price, easily covering the cost of a quick hop to get there, and still saving you money.

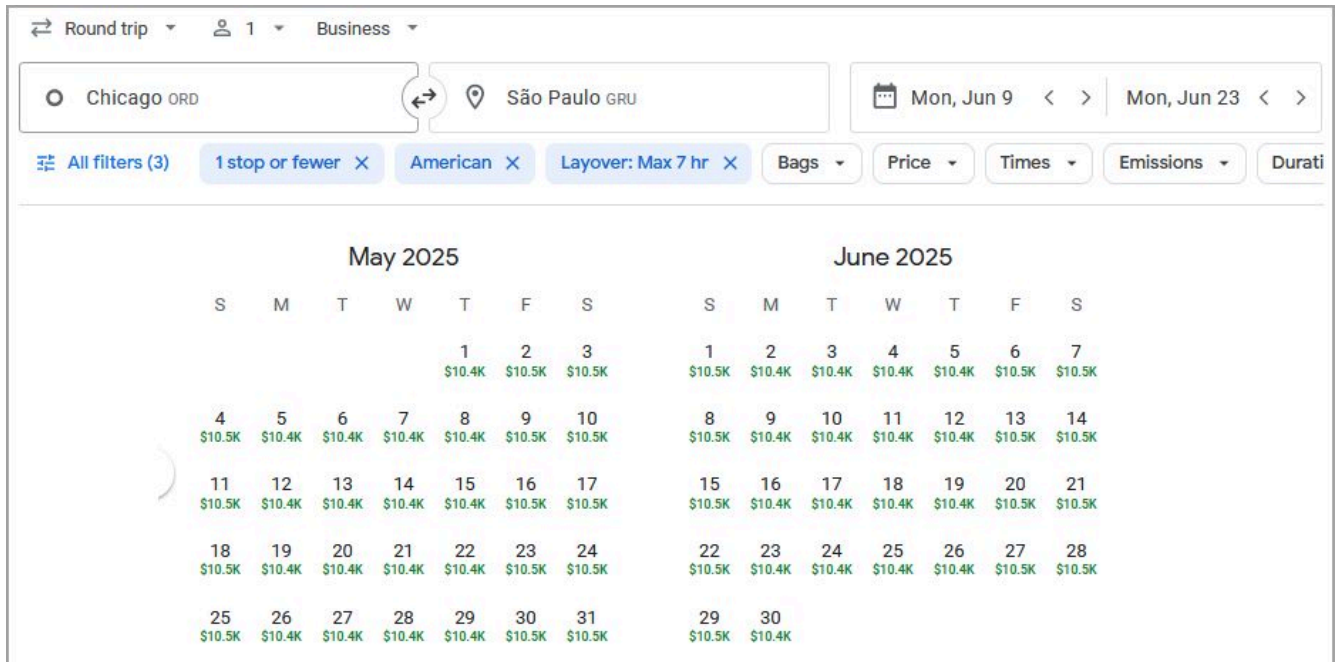
This “Sidestep Hustle” is a handy hack when fares are high out of a major U.S. city like Chicago, Houston, or Washington, DC. Let's look at some examples.

SIDESTEP HUSTLE #1

ALTERNATE U.S. DEPARTURE CITY

A typical Business Class fare on American Airlines from Chicago to São Paulo is \$10,428. Instead, you could sidestep to Indianapolis and fly from there to São Paulo in Business Class on American for only \$3,913. Indianapolis is just 177 miles from Chicago, a short trip that saves you \$6,515, or 62%, on the international flight. You could use a short “[positioning flight](#)” or even a car trip to get to Indianapolis. Either way, you’re well ahead. Screenshots follow.

Chicago to São Paulo for \$10,428 on American








Indianapolis to São Paulo for \$3,913 on American

DEPART

Indianapolis, IN to Sao Paulo, Brazil






Monday, June 9, 2025 to Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Flight	Depart	Arrive	Travel time
 2730 American Airlines  	6:58 PM IND	9:50 PM MIA	2h 52m
Stop: Miami (MIA)			
 995 American Airlines 	11:10 PM MIA	8:20 AM GRU	8h 10m

RETURN

Sao Paulo, Brazil to Indianapolis, IN

Monday, June 23, 2025 to Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Flight	Depart	Arrive	Travel time
 962 American Airlines 	10:20 PM GRU	6:40 AM DFW	10h 20m
Stop: Dallas/ Fort Worth (DFW)			
 2456 American Airlines  	10:04 AM DFW	1:12 PM IND	2h 8m

Your trip total

\$3,913.10

Includes taxes, charges and carrier-imposed fees

Passenger

Trip IND / GRU	\$3,816.00
Taxes	\$97.10
Carrier-imposed fees	\$0.00
Total (all passengers)	\$3,913.10

ONEWORLD ALLIANCE EXAMPLES

To	Flying From	High Fare	Instead Fly From	Lower Fare	Savings	
Santiago	Atlanta	\$6,630	Nashville	\$4,080	\$2,550	38%
		\$6,380	Greenville, SC		\$2,300	36%
São Paulo	Chicago	\$10,428	Indianapolis	\$3,913	\$6,515	62%
Rio de Janeiro	Houston	\$11,788	San Antonio	\$3,990	\$7,798	66%
			Austin	\$3,930	\$7,858	67%
\$9,120		Austin		\$3,752	\$5,368	59%
			\$10,587			
\$10,747		Austin		\$3,770	\$6,817	64%
		Washington, DC (IAD)	\$10,747	Baltimore	\$4,010	\$6,737
Philadelphia	\$3,770			\$6,977	65%	

SKYTEAM ALLIANCE EXAMPLES

To	Flying From	High Fare	Instead Fly From	Lower Fare	Savings	
São Paulo	Chicago	\$5,717	Indianapolis	\$3,947	\$1,770	31%
	Detroit	\$5,313	Toronto	\$2,831	\$2,482	47%
Santiago		\$5,248		\$2,510	\$2,738	52%
Rio de Janeiro	Houston	\$11,348	Austin	\$4,148	\$7,200	63%
			San Antonio			
Santiago		\$8,132	Dallas	\$4,052	\$4,080	50%

STAR ALLIANCE EXAMPLES

To	Flying From	High Fare	Instead Fly From	Lower Fare	Savings	
Buenos Aires	Houston	\$8,569	Austin	\$3,950	\$4,619	54%
Rio de Janeiro		\$11,313			\$3,930	\$7,383
				\$3,990	\$7,323	
Santiago		\$8,118	San Antonio	\$3,890	\$4,228	52%
			Austin	\$3,880	\$4,238	
São Paulo		\$5,740	San Antonio	\$3,750	\$1,990	35%
			Austin	\$3,728	\$2,012	
	Washington, DC		Baltimore	\$3,977	\$1,726	

SIDESTEP HUSTLE #2 ALTERNATE AIRLINE

Here's another move for mastering The Hustle: sometimes the best deals hide outside your go-to airline or alliance. Too often, frequent flyers — especially those with elite status — stick to their favorite airline's website and overlook incredible flight deals elsewhere. Take the Houston-Santiago route below as an example. It's the exact same trip, but by making a Sidestep Hustle from American to United, you can save a staggering \$5,207, or 50%.

To	Flying From	Flying on	High Fare	Instead Fly On	Lower Fare	Savings	
Buenos Aires	Atlanta	American	\$5,740	Delta, United	\$3,914	\$1,826	32%
São Paulo			\$5,183		\$3,498	\$1,685	33%
Santiago	Charlotte	Delta	\$5,872	American, United	\$4,052	\$1,820	31%
São Paulo	Chicago	American	\$10,447	United	\$5,240	\$5,207	50%
Buenos Aires	Las Vegas	Delta	\$5,249	American	\$4,434	\$815	16%
Santiago			\$5,702	American, United	\$4,169	\$1,533	27%
Buenos Aires			\$6,254	American	\$4,534	\$1,720	28%

To	Flying From	Flying on	High Fare	Instead Fly On	Lower Fare	Savings	
São Paulo	Minneapolis	American	\$5,813	Delta	\$3,632	\$2,181	38%
Santiago	Raleigh	Delta	\$5,622	American, United	\$3,972	\$1,650	29%
Buenos Aires	Seattle		\$5,679	American	\$4,684	\$995	18%
São Paulo	Washington, DC	American	\$10,447	United	\$5,703	\$4,744	45%

The Sidestep Hustle is for savvy travelers looking to sidestep the steep fares to South America. With these kinds of tricks, you'll find yourself exploring South America for a fraction of the usual cost. So, next time you're headed south, throw in a little Sidestep Hustle and let the savings take flight.