



FCF's 2024 Crystal Ball Forecasts

January 2024

Choose right to avoid a Dickens of a travel year

As Charles Dickens put it, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness." It was the time to gaze into FCF's Windex-polished crystal ball for our take on the year ahead, and how to avoid the worst times and travel foolishness.

QUICK '23 RECAP

How did you travel in 2023? Did you grab some tasty FCF [fare offerings](#) for travel across the pond? When flash fares are unavailable, typical fares to Europe on most routes have been high, while some fares to Asia have been lower than normal.

Holiday travel saw higher than usual fares to Europe. Instead of the typical short travel window from November 20 to December 3 for Thanksgiving and December 18 to January 4 for Christmas, the window expanded for travel throughout November, December, and January, as well as a short 7–10-day travel window both to and from Europe for Easter at the end of March to mid-April, which is still valid on many routes.

We'd love to be like David Copperfield and make these higher holiday fare trends disappear in the future, but we do like the expanded travel window.

QUICK '24 YAP

It seems like airlines are increasing routes like there's no tomorrow, so you'd think they'd open up a few award seats. C'mon guys, we're watching, and we're calling you out on this.

Cathay Pacific brings back First Class on their New York-Hong Kong route to resume service on April 1. Yes, it's April Fool's Day, but don't fool around, book now.

Etihad brings back First Class on the A380 on their New York-Abu Dhabi service starting April 22. And we love the A380.

Alaska Airlines will introduce award chart changes in March, as we [reported here](#).

So, without further ado, let's crystallize some predictions for fare fans and mile meisters for destinations across the globe — a tale of many cities!



FARES

ASIA

We're seeing lesser-known carriers such as Starluxe from Los Angeles and San Francisco to Taipei enter the market. Low-cost carriers such as JAL-owned Zipair are breaking into the Asian market with Business Class fares ranging as low as \$1,763 to \$3,171 round-trip from Los Angeles to Tokyo.

Business Class fares this past September we saw fares to Asia slashed to prices we've only seen coming out of lockdown, such as \$2,662 from Los Angeles to Tokyo (thanks Zipair), \$3,593 from Dallas on Delta, and from Atlanta on American for \$3,649. Typical flash fares range from \$3,400 to \$3,700 from the West Coast, while those from the East Coast are generally \$1,200+ more.

Out of Canada in Business Class, Star Alliance flash fares currently start at around \$2,817 from Toronto to Osaka, and \$3,379 from Vancouver to Tokyo. We see flash fares from all around Canada to Asia for just a few hundred more. Here's a tip for our American readers: when fares are high to Asia, I urge you to consider this (very cool) [Canadian workaround strategy](#).

We predict we'll see some of the same lower flash fares to Asia for about \$3,500 from the West Coast and about \$4,000 from the East Coast. Fares from Canada may dip down as low as \$2,500.

First Class [fares to Asia](#) from the U.S. range from \$14,900 to \$20,100 from the West Coast and \$13,100 to \$24,886 from the East Coast. We predict fares will continue to be as high in 2024 as they were in 2023.

EUROPE

Business Class flash fares are often about \$2,500 from the East Coast and \$2,900 from the West Coast. When flash fares are not available, typical fares to Europe on most routes have been high. For example:

- **Oneworld:** On American Airlines from Philadelphia to Venice, we've recently seen flash fares for about \$2,500. When these fares are not available, you can find prices in the \$3,700 to \$6,300 range.
- **SkyTeam:** On Delta from Boston to Stockholm, recent flash fares ran about \$2,580. When these low fares are not available, expect prices in the \$2,900 to \$5,300 range.
- **Star Alliance:** We've recently seen flash fares from Miami to Milan on United for about \$2,500. When these low fares are not offered, expect prices in the \$3,200 to \$7,075 range.

We predict Business Class flash fares will dip down to the \$2,400 to \$2,900 range from the West Coast and \$1,800 to \$2,200 from the East Coast.

First Class flash fares have recently been found in the \$3,400 to \$3,900 range on Oneworld from the East Coast to Amsterdam, Barcelona, Glasgow, London, Rome, and more. Compare Oneworld's New York-to-Rome which runs \$3,484 to \$4,689, to Star Alliance, which ranges from \$6,500 to \$13,000, and SkyTeam, which ranges from \$11,000 to \$27,000. These are crazy-big differences that beg you to be a free agent, and [not a loyalty-bound traveler](#).

West Coast Oneworld fares are typically \$2,000+ more from Seattle and as much as \$3,800+ more from California. This is a great time to go where the deals are and consider a [positioning flight](#).

We predict that flash First Class fares will continue on some Oneworld routes throughout 2024.

When fares are high, [don't be in a hurry to book](#) right away if you don't have to. FYI, we don't think they'll be any higher than they are right now.

HAWAII

American, Delta, and United's lowest fares start at around \$800 on a flash basis from the West Coast, while fares from the Midwest and East Coast are much higher than usual (in the \$2,200 to \$3,200 range), while non-stop fares from the East Coast and Midwest are in the \$2,800 to \$6,200 range.

For those *looking ahead*, now is *not* the time to buy tickets on American to Hawaii. For example, when looking at Los Angeles-to-Maui departures beyond 120 days, fares jump as much as 45%, whereas United's fares are about 30% less and Delta's are 30% to 50% less. Future travelers should stick to Delta or United. On the other hand, for travel within 120 days, Delta and United fares are typically higher than American's. Again, being loyalty-free looks pretty good.

TRANSCON

If you don't want to wake up at 4 a.m. or take the red-eye to arrive at 5 a.m. or 6 a.m., you can find the lowest fares on JetBlue and United within 120 days of travel. Here's a comparison:

- **American** fares for travel within 55 days range from \$1,999 to \$3,375, and for travel 55+ days out, fares range from \$1,849 to \$2,039.
- **United** fares for travel within 120 days range from \$1,399 to \$2,375, and for travel 121+ days out, fares range from \$1,917 to \$2,375.
- **Delta** fares for travel within 120 days range from \$1,799 to \$3,039, and for travel 121+ days out, fares range from \$1,999 to \$3,039.
- **JetBlue** fares for travel within 120 days range from \$1,200 to \$1,800, and for travel 121+ days out, fares range from \$1,700 to \$2,700.

We predict these types of [transcon fares](#) will not change much throughout the year.

SOUTH AMERICA

We predict periodic flash deals in Business Class from the U.S. to Brazil and the rest of South America to continue.

Other recent South America deals are out there too. For example, [Orlando-to-Santiago](#) for \$1,912 on American Airlines. That's as close to the lowest we've seen since March 2022 when the fares were \$1,553 from the U.S. to Brazil. Look for deals like Miami-São Paulo, which dipped down to \$1,930 this time last year on Delta and Latam.

Stay tuned to FCF's [Flash Fares](#) alert room for the latest deals.

AFRICA

Recent flash fares to Nairobi from the East Coast are in the \$2,900 to \$3,600 range in Business Class for 34 hours of traveling, round-trip. Compare that to American and Delta's typical U.S. transcon Business Class fares at about \$2,500 for a flight that's a third of that distance to Africa.

Johannesburg currently offers relative value in the \$3,200 to \$3,600 range on many routes when it used to be \$5,000 to \$6,000 not too long ago, and still is on some routes. That's some big value there.

From Canada, Star Alliance Business Class flash fares are currently starting at around \$1,954 to Nairobi from Toronto and \$2,452 from Vancouver. Fares from Montreal to Johannesburg start around \$2,260 and to Cape Town from \$2,538.

We predict fares will not change much throughout the year. Stay tuned to FCF's [Flash Fares](#) alerts room for the latest deals to Africa.

Miles & Points

Mileage availability on the big three carriers is scarce at the moment. Surprisingly, Air France and KLM lowered the cost of their awards. We predict some airlines will add more low-cost award availability to stay competitive.

If [you can be flexible](#), opportunities open-up like poppies on a French field. You need to have your radar calibrated to the FCF wavelength for trends to find lucrative “[sweet redeems](#).”

Here are recent trends for mile miners, filtered by airline.

AIR FRANCE/KLM

The Flying Blue loyalty program has a dynamic award-pricing structure and has recently lowered the cost of Business Class awards on Air France to Paris and on KLM to Amsterdam to 50,000 miles each way, and in Premium Economy to 35,000 miles each way on many of its nonstop routes from the U.S.

Compare this to the New York-Paris route on American where the lowest cost award typically found is around 93,500 miles for Business Class and 72,000 miles for Premium Economy, each way; Delta’s lowest cost is typically about 230,000 for Business Class and 92,000 for Premium Economy, each way; and United is at 130,800 for Business Class and 50,000 for Premium Economy, each way. Considering that 13 of the 18 Air France routes and 11 of the 15 KLM routes we checked had low-cost free award seats over several months, this is a *très bon* opportunity.

When these low prices are not available you can find free award seats going for 94,000 to 141,500+ miles each way.

Stay tuned to FCF’s [Sweet Redeems](#) alerts room for the latest deals.

AMERICAN AIRLINES

American’s trend is to offer low-cost free award seats at the last minute for close in travel on a [variety of routes](#). Recent low-cost free award seat trends:

ASIA

Business Class routes to Asia from Dallas to Seoul, Shanghai, and Tokyo, and Los Angeles to Tokyo you can typically find a handful of days with low-cost free award seats for close in travel, outbound only.

Europe

First Class routes to London from Dallas, Los Angeles, New York, and Miami you can typically find low-cost free award seats for a handful of days for close in travel.

Business Class 86% of American routes we checked to Europe have no availability. Of the 37 routes we checked, Dallas to Madrid, Los Angeles to London, Philadelphia to Dublin, and Paris, you can typically find a handful of days with free low-cost award seats within 120 days of travel for up to four travelers.

Hawaii

No low-cost free award seats were found.

India

First Class: No low-cost free award seats from New York to Delhi.

Business Class typically has low-cost free award seats less than a handful of days, outbound only for close in travel.

South America

First Class from Miami to Buenos Aires and São Paulo typically has less than a handful of days with low-cost free award seats, outbound only for travel close in.

Business Class: Miami-to-Santiago and New York-to-Rio de Janeiro typically have a handful of days with low-cost free award seats for close in travel on the outbound flight.

South Pacific

First Class Los Angeles-to-Sydney typically has less than a handful of days with low-cost free award seats for close in travel.

Business Class: Dallas- and Los Angeles-to-Auckland typically have a handful of days with low-cost free award seats for close in travel, outbound only. We didn't find any low-cost free award seats from Los Angeles to Sydney.

Transcon

Business Class from New York to Los Angeles and San Francisco, you can typically find low-cost free award seats for close in travel, in both directions for up to four travelers.

CATHAY PACIFIC

First Class from Los Angeles to Hong Kong, has seen a long dry spell for free award seat availability for two travelers. Finally, Cathay has resumed showing availability for two travelers.

Cathay resumes First Class service on their New York-Hong Kong route on April 1 and is showing free award seat availability for two travelers.

DELTA

If you were paying attention to [FCF's favorite Delta strategy](#), there were [a couple of cheap routes with a few seats](#) recently for up to four travelers from [New York to Brussels](#), [New York to Frankfurt](#), and [New York to Zurich](#), which we think will grow later this year to many more routes.

Check FCF's [Sweet Redeems](#) alerts for flash availability using this strategy.

EMIRATES

First Class: New York to Milan, Newark to Athens, and many routes to the Middle East we are typically finding free award seats for only one traveler.

ETIHAD

First Class: Washington, DC-to-Abu Dhabi typically offers free award seats for up to two travelers using American miles for departures within 30 days of travel.

Etihad brings back its A380 service from New York to Abu Dhabi on April 22, though we have yet to find any free award seats on this route. We do predict we will see some available for departures within 30 days of travel.

LUFTHANSA

It introduced buy miles opportunities in December 2022. Since then, we've seen many buy mileage promos for as low as 1.2 cents each. This opens the door to [Lufthansa's First Class upgrade strategy to Europe costing just \\$1,480 each way](#).

First Class typically has many routes with free award seat availability so stay tuned to FCF's [Sweet Redeems](#) alert room for the latest deals.

UNITED

Recent Business Class upgrade/low-cost free award seat availability trends:

Asia

87% of United routes we checked to Asia have no upgrade/low-cost free award seat availability. Of the 24 routes we checked, upgrade/low-cost free award seats have been found on the following routes:

- Los Angeles- and Washington, DC-Tokyo had a handful of days for travel close in, in both directions.
- San Francisco-Osaka had a handful of days for travel close in, outbound only.

Europe

52% of United routes we checked to Europe have no upgrade/low-cost free award seat availability. Recent trends:

- Newark-to-Geneva and London saw a handful of days for close in travel, both directions.
- Newark-to-Berlin and Washington, DC-to-Frankfurt, and Zurich saw a handful of days fairly close in, in both directions, for up to four travelers.
- Denver-London, Frankfurt, and Munich; Newark-Madrid, Milan, and Munich; Washington, DC-Dublin, and Paris saw less than a handful of days, outbound only, for travel close in.

Hawaii

No low-cost free award seats were found.

South Pacific

- San Francisco-Papeete saw a handful of days with upgrade/low-cost free award seats in both directions for travel close in.
- San Francisco to Brisbane and Sydney had a decent number of seats for up to four travelers, in both directions, for travel up to three months out.
- Los Angeles-Melbourne and Sydney routes saw less than a handful of days, outbound only, for travel close in.
- San Francisco-Christchurch saw less than a handful of days, both directions, for travel close in.
- Los Angeles-Auckland and Brisbane, San Francisco-Melbourne, and Houston-Sydney routes, we did not find any upgrade/low-cost free award seats.

Transcon

- Newark-Los Angeles saw less than a handful of days, outbound only for travel close in.
- Newark-San Francisco, no low-cost free award seats were found.

AWARD AVAILABILITY

We predict airlines will continue to be stingy with discount mileage awards and [Opportunity Travelers](#) will be at a distinct advantage, especially for the first half of the year.

Economists are forecasting a more turbulent second half of the year for 2024 and we foresee more low-cost free mileage award seats as a result, given that demand for paid-by-cash Business and First Class tickets typically soften as the economy gets jittery.

Spontaneous travelers will continue to reap rewards with our [upgrade two-step](#) and close in upgrade strategies. For those [who already booked](#) tickets up to 12 months ago, this is a great way to [improve your situation](#), i.e., *upgrade*.

Close in deals will be everywhere – stay in the know with FCF's [Sweet Redeems](#).

HOW TO WIN IN 2024

First thing, read all the above! Put it on your fridge. Study, revise. Aside from that...

- Be [flexible](#) if at all possible. Airlines are hammering [flyers who want specific dates](#), seats, and airlines.
- As hinted at above, [bags-packed](#) travelers win the game, and that looks even more likely to happen in 2024.
- We're predicting [buy-mile bonuses](#) to continue, be more prevalent, and even more lucrative.
- Learn to be [upgrade open minded](#), with the zen practice of FCF's [The Upgrade Mindset](#). Breathe deeply, and you'll really fly.
- See a great deal that's not from your burg? [All is not lost](#).
- Ever considered [flipping cabins](#)? I'm talking about flying in one cabin class one way, and a different cabin class the other. Why not?
- Did you know you can [hold a great fare](#) without committing to it? For how long depends on the airline, but it can save you big time.
- Book cheap [round-the-world tickets](#) now with [miles or with cash](#).
- Flying solo in '24? [You need to know this](#).
- [Flying in a family pack](#)? You don't have to be hamstrung by your loved ones trying to secure seats.
- Our [Delta-Virgin strategy](#) still rocks, and 2024 is the year you will reap its rewards.
- Spanish flyer Iberia is still a champion for [getting you to Europe in a premium cabin for less](#). Olé!

That's it for our prognostications. Now let's get 2024 off to a flying start with some actual travel. What's the first destination on your bucket list? If you can't find a premium cabin deal there, go to number two, then three, and so on. By the way, [The longer your bucket list](#), the better your odds of winning. Because after all, there are more than just a few great places in the world to visit, right?

See you up front.



And you can stay there too - with the help of FCF's 2024 intel



January's Top 52 Mileage Awards & Special Fares Greatest Hits (Still Available)

January 2024

Mr. Upgrade's Deals of the Month

Jumpin' Jupiters, Batman, it's January already! Check out our big stack of great deals below to burgs all around the world. Just the thing to get you moving (and keep you warm). Why not kick off the new year with a trip planned, you'll thank me for it.

Special Published Fares

AFRICA

[From Canada > Money > Nairobi > All Year > Biz Class > from \\$1,934 to \\$3,615 USD R/T](#)

ASIA

[Money > Bangkok > All Year > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$3,253 to \\$4,124 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Singapore > All Year > Biz Class > from Vancouver and Montreal from \\$3,379 to \\$3,874 R/T](#)

[Money > Seoul > All Year > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$3,356 to \\$4,131 USD R/T](#)

[Money > Hong Kong > Fall > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$3,434 to \\$3,870 USD R/T](#)

CARIBBEAN

[Money > Grand Cayman > All Year > Biz Class > \\$762 to \\$1,112 R/T](#)

[Money > Sint Maarten > Spring/Fall > Biz Class > \\$796 to \\$1,101 R/T](#)

EUROPE

[Money > Barcelona > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,259 to \\$3,189 R/T](#)

[Money > Munich > Spring > Biz Class > \\$2,587 to \\$3,195 R/T](#)

[Money > from Los Angeles to Europe > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,451 to \\$3,207 R/T](#)

[Money > Manchester UK > Winter/Spring > Nonstop Biz Class > from Houston, New York, and Orlando from \\$1,948 to \\$3,049 R/T](#)

[Money > Scotland > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,369 to \\$2,982 R/T](#)

[Money > *from Europe* to U.S. > All Year > Biz Class > \\$1,524 to \\$2,256 USD R/T](#)

[Money > London > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$2,259 to \\$3,154 R/T](#)

[Money > Amsterdam > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,452 to \\$3,179 R/T](#)

[Money > Mallorca > All Year > Biz Class > from New York, Orlando, and Chicago from \\$2,545 to \\$3,122 R/T](#)

[Money > Lisbon > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,736 to \\$3,053 R/T](#)

[Money > Frankfurt > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,490 to \\$3,142 R/T](#)

[Money > Geneva > Spring/Fall > Biz Class > \\$2,523 to \\$3,139 R/T](#)

[Money > Berlin > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$2,505 to \\$3,208 R/T](#)

[Money > Madrid > All Year > First Class > \\$3,513 to \\$5,658 R/T](#)

[Money > Florence > Spring > Biz Class > from New York and Los Angeles from \\$2,758 to \\$3,149 R/T](#)

[Money > Zurich > Spring/Fall > Biz Class > \\$2,535 to \\$3,141 R/T](#)

[Money > Seville > All Year > Biz Class > from New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles from \\$2,529 to \\$3,203 R/T](#)

[Money > Rome > All Year > First Class > \\$3,478 to \\$5,180 R/T](#)

[Money > Barcelona > All Year > First Class > \\$3,511 to \\$5,555 R/T](#)

[Money > Valencia > All Year > Biz Class > from New York, Phoenix, and Los Angeles from \\$2,449 to \\$3,126 R/T](#)

[Money > Greece > Summer/Fall > Biz Class > from New York from \\$2,443 to \\$2,604 R/T](#)

[Money > Rome > Spring > Biz Class > \\$2,323 to \\$3,141 R/T](#)

[Money > Paris > All Year > First Class > \\$4,025 to \\$5,603 R/T](#)

[Money > Stockholm > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,430 to \\$3,211 R/T](#)

[Money > London > All Year > First Class > \\$3,744 to \\$5,701 R/T](#)

[Money > Milan > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$2,312 to \\$3,165 R/T](#)

[Money > Paris > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,192 to \\$3,219 R/T](#)

[Money > Dublin > Spring > Biz Class > \\$2,088 to \\$3,015 R/T](#)

[Money > Milan > All Year > First Class > \\$4,124 to \\$5,625 R/T](#)

[Money > Amsterdam > All Year > First Class > \\$3,952 to \\$5,349 R/T](#)

INDIA

[Money > New Delhi > All Year > Biz Class > \\$3,121 to \\$3,828 R/T](#)

[Money > Sri Lanka > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$3,230 to \\$4,184 R/T](#)

MEXICO

[Money > Cozumel > All Year > Biz Class > \\$639 to \\$888 R/T](#)

[Money > Cabo San Lucas > All Year > Biz Class > from \\$666 to \\$924 R/T](#)

[Money > Acapulco > Summer > Biz Class > \\$794 to \\$894 R/T](#)

MIDDLE EAST

[Money > Amman and Dubai > All Year > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$2,100 to \\$3,031 USD R/T](#)

SOUTH AMERICA

[Money > Sao Paulo > All Year > Biz Class > from New York, Miami, and Los Angeles from \\$2,587 to \\$3,046 R/T](#)

SOUTH PACIFIC

[Money > Tahiti > All Year > Biz Class > from Los Angeles and Las Vegas from \\$3,193 to \\$4,260 R/T](#)

Sweet Redeems

EUROPE

[Cash OR Miles > First Class > Lufthansa > Boston and Many Other Cities to Frankfurt & Beyond > 2+ Travelers](#)

[Cash OR Miles > First Class > Lufthansa > Washington, DC and Many Other Cities to Munich & Beyond > 4+ Seats](#)

MIDDLE EAST

[Miles / Points > Scads of Single Seat > Emirates > *First Class* from Orlando to Dubai](#)

[Cash OR Miles > Fall Travel > Middle East > Qatar Airways Business Class From the East Coast / 2+ Seats](#)

Upgrades

EUROPE

[Miles & Cash > Winter > United Upgrade Opportunities from Upper Mid-West to Germany > 4+ Seats](#)

[Miles & Cash > Close In > United Upgrade Opportunities from New York to Switzerland > 2+ Seats](#)

[Miles & Cash > Close In > United Upgrade Opportunities from California to The U.K. > 2+ Seats](#)



Spring Vacation Package Deals to Hawaii: Save Up to \$3,015 / 29%

January 2025

Package savings lands two free Business Class tickets *while staying at the Fairmont, Maui*

Fares to Hawaii right now are average from the West Coast but if you are flying non-stop from Chicago, Dallas, Houston, or New York fares are through the roof. We're talking in the \$2,800 to \$4,800 range. Which might make it worthwhile to consider a [positioning flight](#) to catch one of these deals.

Right now is a great time to consider a flight+hotel deal to Hawaii. Sandy beaches, cool drinks, turquoise waters, dramatic volcanoes. What's not to love? Especially when you can get there with a crazy-great Business Class deal. That's how you start the vacation before you even arrive.

Let's wade into the warm waters of this opportunity.



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NEED A VACATION? TIKI A LOOK AT THIS.

In many instances, package deals “ying” while the market “yangs.” That’s because they’re negotiated well ahead of time. As you can imagine, that may or may not work in your favor. Right now, it does.

FCF’s team always takes a keen interest in Hawaii (we’re only human) and has found great package deals traveling on American, Delta, and United. We found the best deals recently with Business Class flights using Orbitz. When we priced the same package using United Vacations, it was almost the same cost but the flights were in *coach*.

Just take a look at the San Francisco-Maui deal on United Airlines for two people. The \$3,015 savings when booking a flight-hotel package (vs. booking flights and accommodations separately for this same trip) is **MORE** than the cost of **two Business Class tickets at \$3,002**. That’s two Business Class tickets to Maui for free.

SAN FRANCISCO TO MAUI IN BUSINESS CLASS ON UNITED

San Francisco ↔ Kahului				\$3,002
Round trip · First Class · 2 passengers				Lowest total price
	Thu, 18 Apr · 16:35 – 19:19 United	5 hrs 44 min SFO–OGG	Non-stop	▼
	Tue, 23 Apr · 22:55 – 07:00* ¹ United	5 hrs 5 min OGG–SFO	Non-stop	▼

Then There's the Resort




Fairmont Kea Lani, Maui

1. Your Search
[Edit](#)

Thu, Apr 18 2024 to Tue, Apr 23 2024
(5 nights) -2 Adults, 0 Children 1 Room

2. Your Room
[Edit](#)

Fairmont Suite 1 King \$1227 USD
A deposit of 3253.41 is *per night
due by 01/12/24 in order to
guarantee your reservation.

TOTAL:
\$7531.92 USD

A PACKAGE THAT SAVES YOU \$3,015

Now, let's take a look at five-night vacation packages to Hawaii where you'll be enjoying palm tree-swaying luxury and volcanic value. For example, hula your way in Business Class from San Francisco to Maui and stay at the Fairmont Kea Lani. If you were to separate airfare and accommodation for two travelers, you'd pay a total of \$10,533 for five nights. However, if you combine the flight and hotel into a package deal, you'd only pay \$7,518, for a savings of \$3,015, or 29%. The chart below details a range of packages to Maui and Kona from a range of U.S. cities on the big three carriers. And all with multi-thousands of dollars in savings.

Thu, Apr 18 - Tue, Apr 23 (5 nights, 1 room)

Fairmont Kea Lani Maui
 Fairmont Suite (1 King Bed)
 Check-in on Apr 18
 Fully refundable property before Thu, Mar 28
4.7/5 Exceptional! (998 reviews)
[Cleanliness information](#)
[More details](#)

Price Details
 Starting price per traveler \$5,265.84
 Number of travelers x2
 Subtotal \$10,531.67
 Package savings ① **-\$3,013.42**
 You saved \$3,013.42

Flights
 Roundtrip, 2 travelers (2 adults)

San Francisco to Maui
 4:35pm - 7:19pm (5h 44m, nonstop)
 United • Thu, Apr 18
 4:35pm - San Francisco
 San Francisco Intl. (SFO)
 5h 44m flight
 United 1749
 Boeing 737 MAX 8
 First Class (P)
 7:19pm - Maui
 Kahului Airport (OGG)
Fare: Business

Maui to San Francisco
 10:45pm - 6:50am ⁺¹ (5h 5m, nonstop)
 United • Tue, Apr 23
 10:45pm - Maui
 Kahului Airport (OGG)
 5h 5m flight
 United 1639
 Boeing 737 MAX 8
 First Class (P)
 6:50am - San Francisco
 San Francisco Intl. (SFO)
Fare: Business

Pay now ① **\$7,224.70**
 Pay at property ① \$293.55
 Total **\$7,518.25**
 Rates are quoted in USD

SAMPLE UNPUBLISHED DISCOUNT BUSINESS CLASS FARES

Samples are for a five-night stay in the spring. See examples in the chart below for more Business Class vacation packages with accommodations at 5-star properties using Orbitz.

Airline	Route	Air Only (Lowest Advance Fare 2 people)	Hotel Price	Air Ticket + Hotel Booked Separate	Orbitz Package Price (Non- stop Air + 5 Nights Hotel)	Hotel	Savings	
American	Dallas - Kahului	\$11,822.00	\$8,841.22	\$14,965.12	\$20,663.22	Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea	\$5,698.10	27.58%
		\$11,124.00	\$8,157.08	\$14,454.49	\$19,281.08		\$4,826.59	25.03%
	Dallas - Honolulu	\$11,424.00	\$7,207.47	\$13,497.57	\$18,631.47	Four Seasons Resort Oahu at Ko Olina	\$5,133.90	27.55%
	Los Angeles - Honolulu	\$2,535.00	\$4,318.00	\$5,408.00	\$6,853.00	Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort	\$1,445.00	21.09%
	Dallas - Honolulu	\$8,724.00	\$1,771.00	\$8,138.00	\$10,495.00	Hilton Vacation Club The Modern Honolulu	\$2,357.00	22.46%

Airline	Route	Air Only (Lowest Advance Fare 2 people)	Hotel Price	Air Ticket + Hotel Booked Separate	Orbitz Package Price (Non- stop Air + 5 Nights Hotel)	Hotel	Savings	
	Dallas - Kahului	\$12,438.00	\$4,718.17	\$1,1033.68	\$17,156.17	Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa	\$6,122.49	35.69%
		\$12,438.00	\$5,012.20	\$13,759.58	\$17,450.20	The Westin Ka'Anapali Ocean Resort Villas	\$3,690.62	21.15%

Airline	Route	Air Only (Lowest Advance Fare 2 people)	Hotel Price	Air Ticket + Hotel Booked Separate	Orbitz Package Price (Non- stop Air + 5 Nights Hotel)	Hotel	Savings	
Delta	Seattle - Kahului	\$2,283.00	\$7,968.00	\$8,010.00	\$10,251.00	Grand Wailea, A Waldorf Astoria Resort	\$2,241.00	21.86%
	Los Angeles - Honolulu	\$3,731.00	\$3,827.00	\$5,385.00	\$7,558.00	Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort	\$2,173.00	28.75%
	Minneapolis - Honolulu	\$10,519.00	\$3,782.00	\$10,413.00	\$14,301.00		\$3,888.00	27.19%
	Salt Lake City - Honolulu	\$4,919.00	\$3,790.00	\$6,505.00	\$8,709.00		\$2,204.00	25.31%
	Minneapolis - Honolulu	\$10,119.00	\$2,362.30	\$9,156.00	\$12,481.30	Hilton Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa	\$3,325.30	26.64%
	New York - Honolulu	\$9,519.00	\$2,375.00	\$9,227.00	\$11,894.00		\$2,667.00	22.42%
	Seattle - Honolulu	\$4,283.00	\$2,386.50	\$5,257.50	\$6,669.50		\$1,412.00	21.17%
	Seattle - Kailua-Kona	\$5,043.00	\$3,934.06	\$7,039.28	\$8,977.06	Hilton Waikoloa Village	\$1,937.78	21.59%
	Los Angeles - Kailua-Kona	\$5,183.00	\$4,183.20	\$7,405.08	\$9,366.20		\$1,961.12	20.94%
	Minneapolis - Honolulu	\$10,119.00	\$2,271.91	\$9,366.92	\$12,390.91	Hyatt Centric Waikiki Beach	\$3,023.99	24.40%

Airline	Route	Air Only (Lowest Advance Fare 2 people)	Hotel Price	Air Ticket + Hotel Booked Separate	Orbitz Package Price (Non-stop Air + 5 Nights Hotel)	Hotel	Savings	
	Seattle - Honolulu	\$5,793.00	\$2,893.61	\$6,824.37	\$8,686.61	Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa	\$1,862.24	21.44%
	Seattle - Kahului	\$5,536.00	\$6,655.42	\$9,260.16	\$12,191.42	Wailea Beach Resort - Marriott, Maui	\$2,931.26	24.04%

Airline	Route	Air Only (Lowest Advance Fare 2 people)	Hotel Price	Air Ticket + Hotel Booked Separate	Orbitz Package Price (Non-stop Air + 5 Nights Hotel)	Hotel	Savings	
United	Los Angeles - Honolulu	\$5,963.00	\$3,740.98	\$7,042.92	\$9,703.98	Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort	\$2,661.06	27.42%
		\$5,963.00	\$4,350.00	\$7,636.00	\$10,313.00		\$2,677.00	25.96%
	Newark - Honolulu	\$9,291.00	\$3,495.18	\$1,0068.36	\$12,786.18		\$2,717.82	21.26%
	Denver - Honolulu	\$8,031.00	\$3,276.95	\$8,914.04	\$11,307.95		\$2,393.91	21.17%
	Los Angeles - Kauai	\$5,967.00	\$3,774.02	\$7,056.38	\$9,741.02	Hilton Vacation Club The Point at Poipu Kauai	\$2,684.64	27.56%
	San Francisco - Honolulu	\$6,095.00	\$2,400.12	\$6,504.34	\$8,495.12	Hilton Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa	\$1,990.78	23.43%
		\$2,607.00	\$4,759.00	\$5,969.00	\$7,366.00	Ka La'i Waikiki Beach, LXR Hotels & Resorts	\$1,397.00	18.97%
	Los Angeles - Honolulu	\$5,963.00	\$2,811.00	\$6,351.00	\$8,774.00	Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa	\$2,423.00	27.62%
	Houston - Honolulu	\$7,309.00	\$2,811.00	\$8,105.00	\$10,120.00		\$2,015.00	19.91%

Take note: Just because it's a package deal, it's not foolproof. We've looked carefully for value with these examples, and it takes some research to compare prices on flights and at hotels, such as Hilton vs. Fairmont.

You'll need to do that too if you'd like to consider this strategy. But I say it's a small price to pay to get two free Business Class tickets to an island paradise.

Aloha, and I'll see you up front.



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Forget about loyalty when it comes to low fares

Fight! Fight! Fight!

Check out how bruisingly high typical Business Class fares to Europe have been: American Airlines' Dallas-Frankfurt flight goes for around \$3,552 to \$6,700; Delta's Atlanta-Paris pond hopper costs between \$3,635 and \$5,588; and United's Houston-Frankfurt trip goes for \$4,520 to \$7,700. That's three black eyes for anyone pulling out their wallet.

Similarly, high West Coast fares on American Airlines for Los Angeles-Paris cost between \$4,478 and \$6,200; on Delta for Los Angeles-Munich they go for \$4,846 to \$6,796; and on United for Los Angeles-Zurich prices

range from \$5,604 to \$6,741. Gut punches, all of them.

Bob and weave!

Meanwhile, the Europe-via-Business Class schoolyard in the sky is getting angsty. Star Alliance and Oneworld have been swinging at each other with flash-fare fisticuffs. SkyTeam is lagging behind but it's only a matter of time before they too fully join in the flash-fare fray. We say, bring it on!

We've started seeing flash fares under \$3,000 from all over the U.S. to all over Europe, some as low as \$2,451 on routes such as Los Angeles to Milan on the three major airlines, American, Delta, and United.

Judges have Oneworld clearly on top with the lowest First Class fares and three times more Business Class flash fare routes than Star Alliance, and 10 times more than SkyTeam from their own hub cities in the \$2,400-\$2,700 range.

Uppercut! Jab! Straight right!

United is trying to stand up to bullying behavior by offering more routes with flash fares from non-hub cities.

Clinch!

These are reasons to [leave your loyalties behind](#). Airlines won't blink an eye while they whack you in yours, so keep your guard up.



The alliances are going at it. Fight! Fight! Fight!

So what do these flash fares look like? We've highlighted some of these great flash fare trends below. Be sure to visit the [FCF newsroom](#) for more details on routes, airlines, and travel dates.

Champion Oneworld Business Class flash fares from *hub* cities

Fares under \$2,400 from New York to Barcelona, Madrid, Milan, Seville, Rome, and Valencia

Fares of \$2,401 to \$2,700 from Los Angeles to Milan and Stockholm **Charlotte** to Milan **Chicago** to Paris **Dallas** to Paris **Miami** to Berlin, Cork, Dublin, Paris, and Prague **New York** to Athens, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Belfast, Budapest, Copenhagen, Granada, Krakow, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Malta, Mykonos, Prague, Rome, Santorini, Seville, Thessaloniki, Valencia, and Warsaw **Philadelphia** to Prague **Phoenix** to Cork, Dublin, Madrid, Malaga, Paris, Prague, Seville, and Zurich

Fares between \$2,701 and \$3,000 from Los Angeles to Cork, Dublin, Malaga, and Valencia **Chicago** to Amsterdam, Budapest, Copenhagen, Granada, Lisbon, Prague, Seville, Valencia **Dallas** to Budapest, Copenhagen, Prague, and Vienna **Miami** to London **New York** to Bergen, Cork, Dublin, Frankfurt, Geneva, Hamburg, Marseille, Oslo, Paris **Phoenix** to Amsterdam, and Valencia **Raleigh** to Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, Copenhagen, Cork, Dublin, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Lisbon, Lyon, Madrid, Milan, Munich, Nice, Rome, Venice, and Zurich

Prizewinning Star Alliance Business Class flash fares from *hub* cities

Fares under \$2,400 from Houston to Manchester **New York** to Barcelona, Madrid, Milan, and Rome

Fares of \$2,401 to \$2,700 from Chicago to Paris **New York** to Athens, Barcelona, Budapest, Frankfurt, Geneva, London, Malta, Seville, Thessaloniki, Valencia, and Warsaw **Los Angeles** to Milan and Stockholm

Fares between \$2,701 and \$3,000 from **Chicago** to Amsterdam, Bergen, Berlin, Bucharest, Copenhagen, Dubrovnik, Hamburg, Krakow, Lisbon, Paris, Prague, Seville, Valencia, Vienna, and Zagreb **Houston** to Amsterdam and Paris **Los Angeles** to Bucharest, Copenhagen, Dublin, Lisbon, Milan, Valencia, and Zagreb **New York** to Amsterdam, Belfast, Bergen, Berlin, Copenhagen, Dubrovnik, Glasgow, Hamburg, Krakow, Lisbon, London, Marseille, Mykonos, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Riga, Santorini, Vienna, and Zagreb **Washington, DC**, to Amsterdam and London

Sorry, Star Alliance loyalty members, no low fares are offered from Denver or San Francisco hubs. Denver fares start around \$3,200 to Paris and from \$4,900 to Frankfurt. Meanwhile, San Francisco to London goes for \$3,250 and to Zurich from around \$4,091.

Last place SkyTeam Business Class flash fares from hub Cities

Fares under \$2,400 from New York to Barcelona, Madrid, Milan, Naples

Fares of \$2,401 to \$2,700 from Boston to Geneva and London **Cincinnati** to Geneva and Munich **New York** to Bilbao, Geneva, Krakow, London, Malaga, Seville, Valencia, and Warsaw

Fares between \$2,701 and \$3,000 from **Cincinnati** to Amsterdam, Dublin, Frankfurt, Milan, Rome, and Venice **Detroit** to Berlin and Geneva **Los Angeles** to Copenhagen, Lisbon, and Milan **New York** to Amsterdam, Barcelona, Bergen, Berlin, Budapest, Bucharest, Edinburgh, Frankfurt, Krakow, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Oslo, Stockholm, Valencia, and Warsaw **Seattle** to Barcelona, Dublin, and Lisbon

Sorry, SkyTeam loyalty members. No low fares are offered from hubs like Atlanta, which go for \$3,400 to London and from \$4,102 to Munich, and from Minneapolis to Frankfurt for \$4,115, or from Salt Lake City to Amsterdam from \$3,853 and to London from \$4,079.

Ali Shuffle Fares

Here are some flash fare routes from departure cities all around the U.S., filtered by alliance.

Oneworld flash fares from departure cities around the U.S. for under \$3,000

Atlanta to Paris **Boston** to Amsterdam, Belfast, Berlin, Copenhagen, Cork, Dubrovnik, Florence, Granada, Hamburg, Lisbon, London, Lyon, Malta, Marseille, Milan, Mykonos, Naples, Nice, Oslo, Paris, Porto, Prague, Riga, Rome, Seville, Stockholm, Valencia, and Venice **Cincinnati** to Amsterdam, Barcelona, Dublin, Florence, Frankfurt, Lisbon, Madrid, Milan, Munich, Naples, Rome, and Zurich **Orlando** to Barcelona, Cork, Dublin, London, Madrid, Paris, Rome, Valencia, and Zurich **Portland** to Frankfurt **Seattle** to Barcelona **Washington, DC**, to London

Star Alliance flash fares from departure cities around the U.S. for under \$3,000

Atlanta to Geneva **Boston** to Amsterdam, Belfast, Bergen, Berlin, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Florence, Glasgow, Hamburg, Krakow, Lisbon, London, Malta, Marseille, Milan, Mykonos, Naples, Nice, Oslo, Paris,

Porto, Prague, Riga, Rome, Seville, Stockholm, Valencia, Vienna, and Zagreb **Charlotte** to Milan **Dallas** to Budapest, Copenhagen, Paris, Prague, Salzburg, and Vienna **Detroit** to Dublin **Miami** to Berlin, Bucharest, Budapest, Dublin, London, Paris, and Prague **Minneapolis** to Dublin and Munich **Orlando** to Barcelona, Berlin, Copenhagen, Dublin, Lisbon, London, Lyon, Madrid, Paris, and Zurich **Phoenix** to Amsterdam, Dublin, Paris, and Zurich **Portland** to Dublin **Raleigh** to Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, Copenhagen, Dublin, Frankfurt, Lisbon, Madrid, Milan, Munich, Nice, and Zurich **Seattle** to Dublin and Lisbon

SkyTeam flash fares from departure cities around the U.S. for under \$3,000

Charlotte to Milan **Chicago** to Berlin, Budapest, Copenhagen, Lisbon, Paris, and Prague **Dallas** to Paris and Prague **Miami** to Amsterdam, Dublin, London, Paris, and Prague **Orlando** to Munich **Phoenix** to Amsterdam, Dublin, Geneva, Madrid, and Zurich **Raleigh** to Amsterdam, Dublin, Frankfurt, Milan, Munich, Nice, Venice, and Zurich **Washington, DC**, to London

Below-the-belt First Class fares

Oneworld First Class fares from New York to Barcelona go for \$3,512 while on Star Alliance, they go for \$10,639 and \$11,306 on SkyTeam. New York to Madrid goes for \$3,513 on Oneworld, from \$10,640 on Star Alliance, and from \$11,307 on SkyTeam. New York to Milan goes for \$3,523 on Oneworld, from \$6,541 on Star Alliance, and from \$11,319 on SkyTeam. New York to Rome on Oneworld goes for \$3,534, from \$6,563 on Star Alliance, and \$11,321 on SkyTeam. New York to Malta on Oneworld goes for \$3,664 and from \$6,670 on Star Alliance. And New York to Athens on Oneworld goes for \$3,699, from \$10,251 on Star Alliance, and from \$11,319 on SkyTeam.

Are you feeling like a punching bag? If you recently [paid too much for an upcoming trip](#), consider changing your ticket with the process we outline in our “[don't book backwards](#)” report.

[Not seeing fares to or from your destination?](#) With a wide array of flash fares available, there are [plenty of jumping off points](#) to choose from if it's [something you can live with](#). You can also liven up your footwork by [holding your stance](#) or using [positioning flights](#) to avoid high-fare routes.

Here are some [hot-off-the-press](#) knockout deals:

[Money > Barcelona > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,259 to \\$3,189 R/T](#)

[Money > Munich > Spring > Biz Class > \\$2,595 to \\$3,195 R/T](#)

[Money > from Los Angeles to Europe > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$2,451 to \\$3,207 R/T](#)

[Money > Manchester UK > Winter/Spring > Nonstop Biz Class > from Houston, New York, and Orlando from \\$1,948 to \\$3,049 R/T](#)

[Money > Scotland > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,369 to \\$2,982 R/T](#)

[Money > London > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$2,259 to \\$3,154 R/T](#)

[Money > Amsterdam > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,452 to \\$3,179 R/T](#)

[Money > Mallorca > All Year > Biz Class > from New York, Orlando, and Chicago from \\$2,545 to \\$3,122 R/T](#)

[Money > Lisbon > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,736 to \\$3,053 R/T](#)



European Readers Rejoice: The Stopover Loophole Flexes Your Value Muscle

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**Our hot-yoga Stopover Loophole Strategy is even more
lucrative for European-based travelers, netting,
essentially, a 2+-for-1**

To our beloved European readers, it's time to lean in and get limber because our legendary Stopover Loophole Strategy also works for you, offering outrageous savings for a trip to and from Brazil, via two famed U.S. cities.

THE STOPOVER LOOPHOLE STRATEGY AT-A-GLANCE

For Euro readers or American Euro-based readers, the Stopover Loophole Strategy allows you to extend one trip with multiple stopovers and *stretch* your budget to unimaginable value.

It involves booking round-trip itineraries between two destinations with free stopovers.

In today's example, that second destination is the U.S., where stopovers are free, and you can spend some time doing what you want to do. So essentially, it's A to B via C (free stopover), and if you want, even B back to A via C (another free stopover) — all on the same airline ticket.

It means you can use the Stopover Loophole Strategy to fly in Business Class for LESS than what you would pay in Premium Economy if you bought the tickets separately.

THE STOPOVER LOOPHOLE STRATEGY: AN EXAMPLE

Let's look at an example of this strategy with Lucas, an Amsterdam-based florist. Lucas had planned a vacation in Brazil and was thinking of stopping in the U.S. to catch New York's Macy's Flower Show. Chicago was vaguely on his bucket list too, but he figured that would be too expensive.

Well, Lucas, you can do it all!

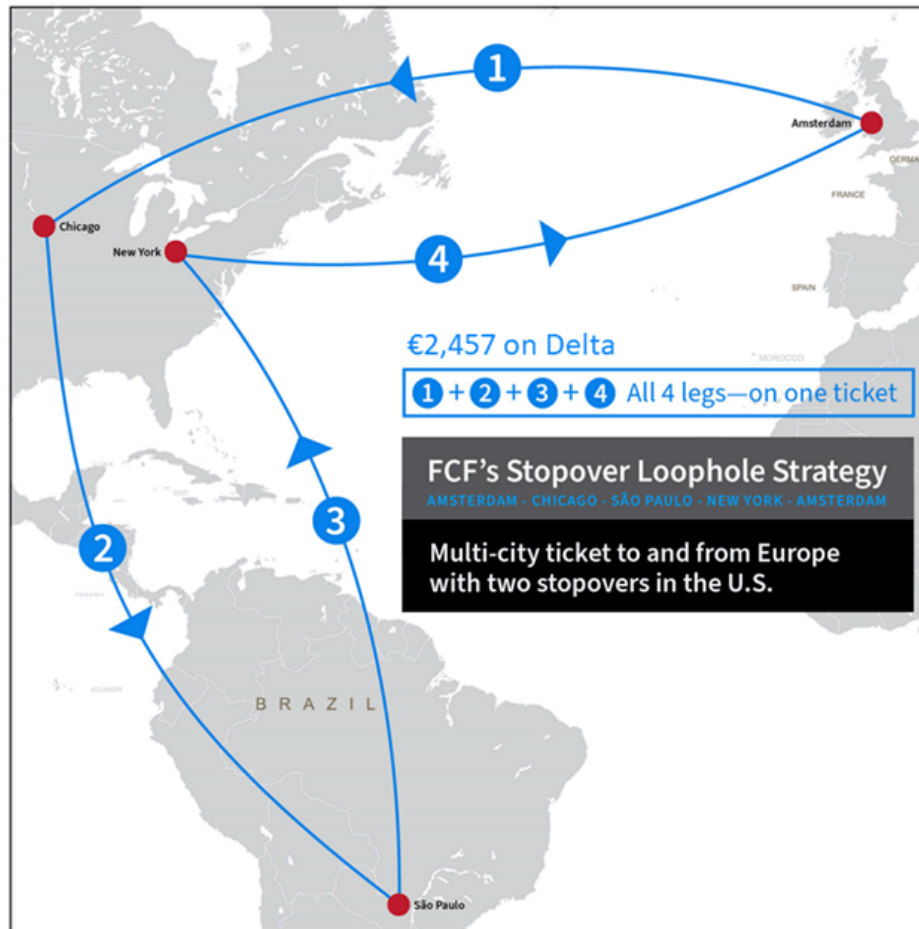
If he were to break up each trip into single Business Class tickets, as most do, he'd pay a gargantuan price. But the Stopover Loophole allows him to combine all those destinations — yes, even Chicago — onto *one ticket* and save thousands, all while flying in Business Class comfort for LESS than, similar to, or nearly what he would pay in Premium Economy. That's a dream trip.

If Lucas chooses, he can get really creative with his itinerary. He could disappear into the Amazon for six months, or hole up in New York and catch the big city vibe. He has a friend in Brooklyn, so why not? Fares have many different rules, so he has to make sure to check them, but in this case, he just has to complete the entire trip within 12 months of his last stopover.

Let's get specific.

A STOPOVER LOOPHOLE THAT COMBINES AMSTERDAM > CHICAGO > SÃO PAULO > NEW YORK

Lucas is sold on the Stopover Loophole. Here's how it looks.



LUCAS' STOPOVER LOOPHOLE

1. Amsterdam to Chicago (the first stopover).
2. Chicago to São Paulo (your vacation or business destination; use São Paulo as a taking-off point for the rest of Brazil or South America).
3. São Paulo to New York (the second stopover).
4. New York to Amsterdam.

Lucas can do all that starting at just €2,457 in Business Class on Delta. Screenshot below.

Amazingly, all of that is on one Business Class ticket. You can also substitute Rio de Janeiro for São Paulo or Santiago for a similar price or just a bit more.

DELTA AMS - AMS Multi-City Apr 12-Jul 15 1 Passenger					
Flight 1	DL9382 ¹	AMS • ORD	Fri, Apr 12	12:35pm - 2:20pm	Nonstop, 8h 45m Business
Flight 2	DL1477, DL105	ORD GRU	Mon, May 20	3:35pm - 5:40am	1 stop, 12h 5m Delta One®
Flight 3	DL226	GRU JFK	Wed, Jun 12	8:45pm - 5:45am	Nonstop, 10h 0m Delta One®
Flight 4	DL46	JFK AMS	Mon, Jul 15	4:45pm - 6:10am	Nonstop, 7h 25m Delta One® Suites

Trip Total		Currency Calculator
1 Passenger		
Flights	€2,248.00	
Taxes, Fees & Charges	€209.03	
Amount Due	€2,457.03 EUR	
Currency Calculator		
From Amount	To Amount	
2,457.03	2690.89	
From Currency	To Currency	
Euro (EUR)	US Dollar (USD)	

SAVINGS ANALYSIS

Now let's compare this to a standard Business Class trip where those destinations are broken down into separate trips. In Business Class, it would cost around €4,713 at the time of publication. Again, combining them into one SLS Business Class ticket costs just €2,457. That's a savings of **€2,256, or 48%**. You could enjoy a lot of South American adventuring for that!

While Amsterdam had some of the best fares we found, other European cities can still save you big dollars.

You can substitute many U.S. cities for Chicago or New York, often for a similar price, or for a little more.

Here are some other sample Stopover Loophole options that start in Europe, along with the huge savings they offer.

SAMPLE SLS FARES ON DELTA AIR LINES

Amsterdam – Chicago – São Paulo – New York – Amsterdam
The Equivalent of Two Roundtrips
on Delta in Business Class for €2,457 EUR

Europe > U.S. > South America > U.S. > Europe

Start Your SLS Ticket In:	Your First U.S. Stop	Your South American Destination:	Your Second U.S. Stop	SLS Fare for Four Legs in Business Class (in Effect, Two Roundtrips)	Regular Fare for Two Roundtrips in Business Class	Savings
Zurich	Atlanta	Rio de Janeiro	Orlando	€2,577	€7,451	€4,874 / 65%
			Miami	€2,540	€7,188	€4,648 / 65%
Milan	Washington, DC	São Paulo	Detroit	€2,532	€5,795	€3,263 / 56%
	Chicago		Boston	€2,556	€5,586	€3,030 / 54%
Copenhagen	Washington, DC		Detroit	€2,684	€5,584	€2,900 / 52%

Start Your SLS Ticket In:	Your First U.S. Stop	Your South American Destination:	Your Second U.S. Stop	SLS Fare for Four Legs in Business Class (in Effect, Two Roundtrips)	Regular Fare for Two Roundtrips in Business Class	Savings
Rome	Chicago		New York	€2,585	€5,033	€2,448 / 49%
Amsterdam				€2,457	€4,713	€2,256 / 48%
Frankfurt	New York		Detroit	€2,612	€4,823	€2,211 / 46%

The Stopover Loophole is one of our favorite strategies, and now it makes perfect sense for our European readers. That's because, for them, a point-to-point vacation can suddenly become so much more, for so much less.