



If You're NOT Flexible: 11 Ways to Save on Premium Flights

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While many of the best premium ticketing strategies require some flexibility with dates, there's many ticketing strategies you can check even if your dates are locked in.

When it comes to the Travel Lifecycle, people are usually in one of three stages: Trip Dreaming (no destination, no dates), Trip Planning (have destination, but no dates), and Trip Booking (have destination and dates, need to book tickets now!).

We recommend using FCF at the start—rather than at the end—of that Lifecycle, because you infinitely increase your opportunity for a great deal if you're thinking about tickets *while* choosing

a destination and/or dates.

BUT we know that's not always possible in reality. So if your destination and dates are etched in stone (cousin Clint's wedding in Paris on February 14, the old romantic) then we've got a list of things to try—**which often do NOT come with the otherwise common availability challenges that tend to arise when you're later in the Lifecycle and have locked yourself into dates.**

BOOK WHAT YOU CAN NOW, AND CONTINUE TO CHECK FOR BETTER SPACE

If you thought that once you booked a flight there's no chance of scoring a better deal on that trip, think again. We have and [we're upgrade open-minded. Are you?](#) Here's how [secret \(last-minute\) cheap seats](#) can vastly improve your (already-booked) flight: [The Iterative Upgrade Mindset](#).

CHECK PARTNER SPACE

You'd think an airline's own miles would offer the best value on their own flights. Well, that's not necessarily the case as we uncover with [American](#) and [United](#). And what's more—when you find the best value with miles (even if it's not being redeemed for that airline's flights), you're not just getting a better value, but often **more availability too.**

CHECK USING MILES FOR UPGRADE, NOT FREE TICKETS

I'm a huge fan of [using miles to upgrade](#), rather than using them to buy a free coach ticket (like most people do). Why you should be doing this too—including [great availability](#) oftentimes.

CHECK USING ONE-WAY MILEAGE AWARDS

Most folks buy a round-trip mileage ticket when traveling. We have another way. Actually, we have two: two one-way tickets. Divide and conquer! Because [one-way tickets](#) increase our chances of getting a First or Business Class seat at a lower award-cost level.

CHECK MIXED CLASS FARES

[Sometimes it makes sense](#) to [travel to Europe](#) in Business Class, and return in premium Economy, or vice versa. Find out [how mixed-class fares can make for a much better value](#).

ACROSS THE POND

If you travel to Europe often, heads up. You can take advantage of the fact [ECF's three u-turn strategies that can net Biz Class to Europe for less than Premium Economy](#) than the other way around, and date restrictions are often minimal.

CONSIDER THE LEG STRETCH STRATEGY (LSS)

FCF's out-of-this-world Leg Stretch Strategy (where airlines connect three continents for an *extremely* low price) to [Europe](#), [South America](#), and [South Pacific](#).

CONSIDER BUYING POINTS OR MILES

If you see a great miles or points deal and [you don't have any miles or points](#)—but you see an **FCF Sweet Redeem report with dates wide open**—it isn't the end of the line. You can buy them when they're cheap. I do it all the time. Here's also [how to buy up to 500,000](#) points with Amex.



CHECK VACATION PACKAGES

Package deals can offer amazing value. [We found a package deal on American, Delta and United to Hawaii](#) that offered a 33% saving with accommodation at a five-star hotel. And with vacation packages, finding **volumes of dates with availability of discount seats can often be easy.**

CHECK AMEX'S IAP DISCOUNT

If your dates and destination are etched in stone, why not nip a couple hundred or more extra greenbacks off the price? We'll show you [the Latest Amex IAP Discounts to Asia](#) and **exact dates are almost never an issue.**

BA AARP \$200 DISCOUNT FOR BUSINESS CLASS TRAVEL

When airlines offer a gift, take it. In this case, British Airways' \$200 AARP discount per flight, yours for a mere \$16 a year—and [available to anyone of any age](#)! **This often has great availability too.**

RELATED REPORTS

[Are You An Opportunity Traveler?](#)

[We're Upgrade Open-Minded. Are You?](#)

[The Upgrade Mindset & Contentment, Part I: How Considering the Three Cs Can Deliver](#)

Beginner's Guide: How to Play the “Buy Miles to Fly In Style” Strategy to Net Up to 86% Off Premium Travel

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A primer for new members and a reminder of the nuances for the more experienced.

Business and First Class fares have recently been high, even though there are many sales. Still, buying miles—most airlines offer them for sale online—can be a powerful approach to [flying premium class at up to 86% off](#).

WHEN SHOULD I BUY MILES?

In short: [When published premium fares are high](#). Maybe \$1,500+ for domestic tickets and say \$3,500+ for Business and \$4,500+ for First Class international tickets. Published international First and Business Class

fares are often at their highest when booked [inside the 50-day advance-purchase window](#), when you [don't have the minimum-stay requirement](#), or when special fares [are not offered on your route](#).

NO EXPERIENCE OR MILES NECESSARY

FCF calls it the “Buy Miles to Fly in Style” strategy, and we advise using it only when published Business and First Class fares are high. Keep an eye out for mileage-purchase sales to build up a war chest on the cheap—but only [if you fly semi-frequently and/or are flexible](#)—otherwise buy miles on a per-trip basis.

The gist is that you can buy miles for award travel without ever flying or using a credit card to earn mileage or points.

FCF has published many special reports on the airlines and credit cards that allow the purchase of miles and has been recommending this long before they became popular.

TWO WAYS TO WORK THE “BUY MILES TO FLY IN STYLE” STRATEGY

#1 Buy Miles to Build a War Chest.

The best sales are on [Air Canada](#), [Alaska](#), [American](#), [LifeMiles](#), [Lufthansa](#), and [United](#).

Potential Downside: The airline devalues its miles for the redemption you had in mind. Overnight, miles bought can lose value if [the airline raises the mileage requirement](#). It's mileage inflation. [American](#) and [United](#) changed to dynamic awards—increasing award costs—by as much as 100% to 200% and [Delta](#)—by [as much as 300%](#) on some routes.

Upside: with [American](#) and [United](#) award costs on many partner airlines are still reasonable, at times. I feel comfortable having 200,000 miles in as many accounts as possible to maximize my opportunities. But if you don't fly often or are on a tight schedule, see the points below.

#2 Buy Miles for a Specific Trip

But make sure that award space is available before committing to the purchase. American and United are less risky because you can hold space while the miles-purchase transaction transpires. With [Alaska](#) you can buy miles on the phone while making the reservation online. I recommend the Buy Miles to Fly in Style strategy only if there is a nice cluster of seats on days before and after your desired date (your insurance policy). If the trip falls through, bank the miles.



BE READY TO STRIKE

Some airlines require loyalty-program membership before you can buy miles. If you want to play this game aggressively, open accounts with [LifeMiles \(Avianca\)](#) and [Mileage Plan \(Alaska\)](#), so when miles go on sale, you've already met the waiting-period requirement.

NEED EVEN MORE MILES?

There's generally a hard limit to the number of miles you can buy. Here's how you can get around miles and points purchase limits:

[Amex allows you to buy up to 500,000 points annually \(at 2.5¢ each\), for example](#); double that if you have two accounts.

Airlines: Keep in mind that most airlines allow you to redeem miles [from your account for someone else's travel](#). Translation: Open an account for your dad, daughter, or dogcatcher, fill it with miles however you like, and then use the miles for your trip. The airline may ask you for a credit card with the account holder's name to cover the ticket taxes—that's it.

FOR EXAMPLE...

Ten Ways, in no particular order, FCF members have leveraged Buy Miles Deals:

[How Japan Airlines and Kaizen Can Get You a \\$23,300 First Class Ticket to Tokyo for \\$3,221 \(or 160,000 Miles\).](#)

[The Cheapest Business Class Round-Trip I Ever Found to Australia? Maybe This \\$2,232 One.](#)

[Spontaneous Combustion: How Etihad Can Spark an Epic Discount First Class Escape, Whether You Already Booked or Not.](#)

[Upgrade Economics 101, Part 8: A Look at Free and Low-Cost Two-Class Upgrades With American Airlines.](#)

[Hunting Season for Miles / Points: Get Business Class to Europe for 53,000 R/T or Just \\$1,567 in Cash.](#)

[Get Fresh First Class Lufthansa Opportunities at 69% Off – for Up to *Four Travelers* – All Year Long.](#)

[How Secret \(Last-Minute\) Cheap Seats Can Vastly Improve Your \(Already-Booked\) Flight: The Iterative Upgrade Mindset, Part I.](#)

[Business Class: How Anyone Can Save Up to 61% from 50+ U.S. Cities to 100+ Cities in Europe on Austrian, Lufthansa, and SWISS.](#)

[First Class: How Anyone Can Save Up to 58% from 50+ U.S. Cities to 100+ Cities in Europe.](#)

[What's the Best Way to Fly Emirates First Class After the Miles Price Hike?](#)



How to Overcome the Incredible Shrinking First Class Award Opportunities to Asia

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This report at a glance:

- Shrinking Supply of First Class Seats
- How To Win in First Class When Using Miles
- When Using Miles for First Class to Asia Works

These days, coveted First Class mileage award tickets to Asia seem to have disappeared faster than the Incredible Shrinking Man. And like that unfortunate soul, the shrinkage seems to be just as unstoppable. There are a few reasons for this.

SHRINKING SUPPLY OF SEATS

It's not just your imagination. First Class seats are actually decreasing. Currently American doesn't offer a First Class product to Asia and United has phased out First Class.

MORE TRAVELERS NOWADAYS

At the same time, the number of bank hackers (those who get credit cards just for the sign-up bonus only to cancel afterward) is increasing almost as fast as the number of First Class seats is shrinking. Serious premium travelers must now compete with college kids and otherwise, non-travelers who have newfound means to get First Class seats by hacking bank credit cards.

So, what's a traveler to do to snag First Class award tickets to Asia before they shrink into oblivion?

FCF'S SOLUTION: HOW TO WIN FIRST CLASS USING MILES

There *are* ways to secure First Class seats to Asia when using miles. You just have to know where to look, when to look and know how to find what you need.

Where to Look: Check [FCF's Sweet Redeems](#) page frequently. We have recently seen that [All Nippon Airways](#) and [Cathay Pacific](#) have First Class award availability for travel between the U.S. and Asia.

When to Look: [When flash availability surfaces](#). There are a couple of airlines that seldom have mileage award seats who have started to release seats—even when many others don't.

How to Do it: [Be flexible to get the seats](#). You may have to be open to alternative dates of travel and be ready to pounce when flash deals become available.

WHEN USING MILES FOR FIRST CLASS TO ASIA WORKS:

Unlike travel to Europe, where some airlines (American, for instance) often charge 500,000+ miles for a First Class mileage award seat, many airlines have decent First Class mileage rates for travel to Asia.

ALL NIPPON

Take All Nippon for example, an airline that charges low First Class mileage award rates between the U.S. and Asia. The Chicago-Tokyo route cost in First Class using All Nippon miles is 150,000 miles plus \$65 in taxes.

Don't have Amex miles? No problem. If you don't have enough points, you can [buy points from Amex](#) for 2.5 cents each and transfer them to its partner All Nippon Airways.

Given the baseline fare is \$21,273, and you can buy 150,000 Amex Rewards Points for about \$3,750, and taxes with All Nippon Airways loyalty program generally costs \$65 dollars, you can use cash to buy points and save up to \$17,458 or 82% on your next trip from Chicago to Tokyo.

United is a points-to-miles transfer partner with Chase. Already have a ton of United miles? If you want to use United miles (maybe because you have a lot) then the cost is actually more with United, at 220,000 miles, or if you're short on miles you can top-off up to 175,000 miles annually which are typically 1.8 cents each when on sale, save up to \$17,256 or 81%.

Air Canada is a points-to-miles transfer partner with Amex, Capital One, Chase or buy Air Canada miles when on sale: You can buy 220,000 Air Canada miles as low as 1.3 cents each for about \$2,987 when they go on sale. Add taxes with Air Canada's loyalty program, which generally costs \$65 dollars, for a total of \$3,052. We recommend that you only buy miles if you are confident there is availability you can work with or fly enough that, should availability shift, you can use the miles on a future trip.

LifeMiles is a points-to-miles transfer partner with Amex, Capital One, Citi or buy LifeMiles when on sale: You can buy 180,000 LifeMiles miles for as low as 1.4 cents each for about \$2,475 when they go on sale. Add taxes with the LifeMiles loyalty program, which generally costs \$65 dollars, for a total of \$2,540. LifeMiles typically has less award space than All Nippon so we recommend that you only buy miles if you are confident there is availability you can work with or fly enough that, should availability shift, you can use the miles on a future trip.



CATHAY PACIFIC

Another airline that recently surprised us with First Class mileage award seats between the U.S. and Asia is Cathay Pacific. We have recently seen [a handful of days with two seats](#), which is very rare.

Cathay Pacific goes for 250,000 miles plus \$133 in taxes. Don't have miles? No problem. Cathay Pacific is a points-to-miles transfer partner with Amex, Capital One, and Citi. If you don't have enough points, you can [buy points from Amex](#) for 2.5 cents each and transfer them to its partner Cathay Pacific and save up to \$14,890 or 70%.

American is a points-to-miles transfer partner with Citi, or buy American miles when on sale: Given the baseline fare is \$20,061, and you can buy up to 150,000 American Airlines miles for about \$3,668 when on sale, if you need to top-off, and taxes with American Airlines loyalty program generally costs \$67 dollars, you can use cash to buy miles and save up to \$16,326 or 81% on your next trip from Los Angeles to Hong Kong. We recommend that you only buy miles if you are confident there is availability you can work with or fly enough that, should availability shift, you can use the miles on a future trip.



So, if you long for First Class using miles with either of these airlines, you have to be [very flexible](#) and check [FCF's flash deal alerts](#), which will keep you posted on availability. Stay tuned—and be ready to pounce when these flash deals arrive.

Armed with such insider knowledge, you can say goodbye to the incredibly shrinking First Class award opportunities to Asia and travel **much more** comfortably.

RELATED REPORTS:

[Are You An Opportunity Traveler?](#)

[The Art of Skipping Stones & What We Can All Learn from the Boise to Budapest Premium Traveler](#)

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[Why One-Way Awards Can Make or Break a 50% to 90% Off Business or First Class Deal](#)



Best Ways of Booking First Class to Europe Now

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SPECIAL REPORT AT A GLANCE:

- Bad News: First Class fares are high.
- Good News: Low-fare Lufthansa and SWISS routes exist, from \$6,000.
- Great News: Low-fare routes exist, from \$3,717 (\$3,360 if you have BA Chase card).
- More Great News: Low-fare routes exist, from \$2,777, using miles to upgrade to First Class.
- What to do when First Class fares are \$5,000+?
- What to do when First Class fares are \$8,000+?
- Amex's International Airline Program (IAP) can save up to 20% on First Class fares.

Lufthansa and SWISS have historically had high First Class fares and never seemed to budge. It was only recently when Lufthansa and SWISS offered fares in the \$6,000 to \$7,000 range. British Airways, however, has been offering fares in the low \$4,000 to \$5,000 intermittently for a while.

THE BAD NEWS

Air France fares are high and will likely remain high. Most of the lowest Lufthansa, and SWISS fares are gone. On many routes, a First Class seat on these airlines now costs \$7,533 to \$16,300.

THE GOOD NEWS

You can still find these lower First Class fares in the \$6,000 to \$7,000 range on a few routes with Lufthansa (via Frankfurt or Munich) and SWISS (via Geneva or Zurich):

Boston to Athens, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Prague, and many more.

Chicago to Dublin, Edinburgh, London, and Manchester


Miami to London and Madrid

New York to Bristol, Edinburgh, Florence, London, Milan, Naples, Rome, and Malta

Washington, DC to Bristol, Edinburgh, and London

GREAT NEWS LOW-FARE ROUTES EXIST FROM \$3,717 (\$3,360 IF YOU HAVE BA CHASE CARD)

Now it's BA's turn to be the go-to airline as their fares are now even lower. BA now offers First Class fares to Europe (via London) starting at \$3,717. Get a [10% discount for using a British Airways Visa Card](#) and the fare drops to as low as \$3,360. (Sample screenshot below.)



Review your flights

New York (John F Kennedy) To London (Heathrow)

6 hours 45 minutes

08:05 JFK — 19:50 LHR

Thu 11 Jan Thu 11 Jan

Terminal 8 Terminal 5

Operated By: British Airways

First

3 x 32kg checked bags included

London (Heathrow) To New York (John F Kennedy)

8 hours 5 minutes

08:20 LHR — 11:25 JFK


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Terminal 5 Terminal 8

Operated By: British Airways

First

3 x 32kg checked bags included

 **Apply an eVoucher**

Use a promotional code or eVoucher

Flights	\$3,733.60
Promo code	-\$373.36
Promo code: CHASEBA10 (-\$373.36) Remove code	
Total	\$3,360.24

Recent FCF First Class fare alert showing more routes on [British Airways](#).

To find out how to get a 72-hour hold, for just \$10 (If the booking is completed the hold fee will be waived) on a BA First Class ticket, see FCF's report on [Hold This, Dear: A Way to Have Your Deal and Fly It Too](#).

MORE GREAT NEWS USING MILES TO UPGRADE TO FIRST CLASS FOR AS LOW AS \$2,777 + MILES

American and British Airways allow you to upgrade low Business Class fares using miles. For more details see below.

- Upgrading on American: From Business to First Class takes 50,000 miles round-trip plus \$1,100 co-pay.
- [Upgrading on British Airways](#): From Business to First Class takes 36,000 to 45,000 miles during off-peak and 40,000 to 50,000 miles during peak season round-trip.

BRITISH AIRWAYS

Outbound - Tue 02 Apr 2024

✈ 07:55 2 Apr
John F Kennedy (NY) (New York)

19:35 2 Apr
Heathrow (London)

BA0178
British Airways
First

Inbound - Thu 11 Apr 2024

✈ 11:40 11 Apr
Heathrow (London)

14:25 11 Apr
John F Kennedy (NY) (New York)

BA0173
British Airways
First

Price

	Avios per person	Price per person	Taxes, fees and carrier charges* per person	Total price
1 Adult	38000	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,277.30	\$ 2,777.30
Total 38000 Avios + \$ 2,777.30				

WHAT TO DO WHEN FIRST CLASS FARES ARE \$5,000+ USING BA MILES FOR FIRST CLASS

When BA fares are high, use your hard-earned miles for First Class to London and beyond. BA typically has good award availability.

[Work-around for BA's high taxes](#). If you book First Class round-trip, you'll pay about \$2,060 in taxes. But if you book two one-ways, you'd only pay around \$1,544 in taxes to net a savings of about \$516.

USING LUFTHANSA MILES FOR FIRST CLASS

There are two award types you can book using Lufthansa miles. The airline offers a [First Flex award](#) (fewer miles, more cash) and [First Flex Plus](#) award (more miles, less cash). Depending on your itinerary, there are benefits to each.

No Miles? No Problem!

Lufthansa has introduced a [buy-miles option](#) for its Miles & More loyalty program. Lufthansa's [Flex award](#) ticket taxes can be high around \$1,700+. But the round-trip cost of a [First Flex Plus](#) ticket between the U.S. and Europe on Lufthansa is 230,000 miles (115,000 each way) and only \$200 in taxes.

If you're very flexible, book within two weeks of departure to find lower award taxes using partner [Air Canada miles](#) or partner [United miles](#).

For example, if you have the miles, you might find award space on short notice using Air Canada and United miles. If you don't have the miles, get them using Air Canada points-to-miles transfer from Amex, Capital One or Chase or United points-to-miles transfer from Chase. The benefit: The award taxes when using Air Canada miles runs around \$250 and \$150 when using United miles.

Recent Sweet Redeems alerts:

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

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

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

[Cash OR Miles > First Class > Lufthansa > Boston and Many Other Cities to Munich & Beyond > 4+ Travelers](#)

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

[Cash OR Miles > First Class > Lufthansa > New York and Many Other Cities to Munich & Beyond > 4+ Travelers](#)

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WHAT TO DO WHEN FIRST CLASS FARES ARE \$8,000+

If the First Class fare is over \$8,000, consider buying and redeeming miles for your ticket.

For example, New York to Milan non-stop in [First Class on Emirates](#) starts at \$16,300 round-trip. Emirates is a points-to-miles transfer partner of Amex Rewards, and you can buy 204,000 Amex Rewards points for about \$5,100 and transfer them to Emirates to buy the ticket. You'll incur \$250+ on award taxes with Emirates, but you're still saving \$11,200.

For more details see FCF's special report on [How to Buy American Express Membership Rewards Points](#).

AMEX'S INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE PROGRAM (IAP) CAN SAVE UP TO 20% ON FIRST CLASS FARES

In our research, [the IAP program](#) offers a fare discount of 5% to 20%—on Air France, Emirates, Etihad, Lufthansa, Singapore, and SWISS—on many published First Class fares, depending on airline, advance-purchase, and route.

HOW TO BOOK AND DETAILS:

- Call 800-525-3355 for Platinum Travel Service or 800-553-9497 for Business Platinum Travel Service.
- There's a \$39 booking fee per ticket.
- You can buy up to eight tickets.
- Valid for First Class, Business Class, and Premium Economy.
- Bonus: Earn 5x Membership Reward points by paying with an Amex card.
- Yes, you still earn award miles.

RELATED REPORTS

[Six Plays to Consider When There's Only One Mileage Seat Available](#)

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How to Buy American Express Membership Rewards Points

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Business and First Class fares can be expensive. Buying miles or points can be a much better approach to flying premium class, much of the time.

This report focuses on the American Express Membership Rewards loyalty program, because it offers a gigantic advantage: A very high ceiling—up to 500,000—on the number of points you can buy annually.

Points can be transferred to 18 different airline loyalty programs. You only need an American Express Card that offers Membership Rewards as part of the deal, of course, but you never even have to use it after that.

SEE AMEX'S RULES FOR YOURSELF

Screenshot taken from [this page](#):

Buy points

You can't buy and bank points for future rewards, but you may be able to buy them when you're in the process of using points and you don't have enough. The charge for the points you buy will appear on your Card Account.

Conditions for buying points:

- 1,000 points for \$25
- A minimum of 1,000 points at a time and only multiples of 1,000 (for example, you'd buy 2,000 points instead of 1,750)
- Up to 100,000 or 500,000 points each calendar year, depending on your Card

Corporate Card Members can't buy points. Check the '**Compare Products**' section of these Terms and Conditions to see whether you can buy points, and how many points you can buy each year.

KEY POINTERS

- **The cards that get you into the program:** Amex Platinum, Amex Business Platinum, Amex Business Gold, among many others. For a complete list go [here](#).
- **How to buy points:** Call the number on the back of your card and when prompted, say, "Membership Rewards points" and you'll be connected to a representative. (You cannot buy points online.)
- **When you can buy points:** Only when you are going to transfer them immediately to a Membership Rewards partner airline. In other words, you can't just stock up on points. All you need to do is tell the representative that you want to buy X number of points to be transferred to Y airline partner.
- **The buying limit:** It depends on the card you have. Amex EveryDay, Amex Platinum Card, and Amex Centurion have the 500,000-point ceiling. To find out the ceiling offered by the other cards, go [here](#).
- **The cost to buy points:** 2.5¢ per point, but you must buy them in increments of 1,000 points (\$25).
- **Before transferring points:** Check and see if the airline is offering a sale on miles. At times, that's a cheaper way to go.
- **Before buying points for a specific trip:** Make sure that award space is available. Also, have a cluster of dates, not just one, as that ups your chances of finding space. Also, factor in the point transfer time, which can be posted instantly or take 48+ hours.



List of [Transfer Airlines](#) with Amex Rewards from Points to Miles

Aer Lingus, AeroMexico, Air Canada, Air France/KLM, All Nippon Airways, Avianca (LifeMiles), British Airways, Cathay Pacific (shown as Asia Miles), Delta, Emirates, Etihad Airways, Hawaiian Airlines, Iberia, JetBlue, Qantas, Qatar, Singapore, and Virgin Atlantic.

RELATED REPORT:

[How to Get Around Buying Miles Maximum Limits](#)



October's Top 54 Mileage Awards & Special Fares Greatest Hits (Still Available)

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Mr Upgrade's Deals of the Month

Happy Halloween readers! Check out our scarily great fare and miles deals that our upgrade trick'n'treatin' team have found.

Special Published Fares

ASIA

[Money > Bangkok > All Year > Biz Class > \\$3,562 to \\$4,214 R/T](#)

[Cash > Seoul > All Year > Biz Class > from Canada from \\$3,258 to \\$4,122 USD R/T](#)

CARIBBEAN

[Cash > St. Thomas > All Year > Biz Class > \\$722 to \\$1,134 R/T](#)

[Money > Grand Cayman > All Year > Biz Class > \\$770 to \\$1,138 R/T](#)



EUROPE

[Money > Paris > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,606 to \\$3,197 R/T](#)

[Money > Madrid > All Year > First Class > \\$4,362 to \\$5,663 R/T](#)

[Money > Amsterdam > All Year > First Class > \\$4,409 to \\$5,360 R/T](#)

[Money > London > All Year > First Class > \\$3,732 to \\$5,686 R/T](#)

[Money > Rome > All Year > First Class > \\$4,143 to \\$4,984 R/T](#)

[Money > Amsterdam > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,548 to \\$3,141 R/T](#)

[Money > Lisbon > All Year > First Class > \\$4,376 to \\$5,677 R/T](#)

[Money > London > Fall > Biz Class > \\$2,225 to \\$3,219 R/T](#)

[Money > Europe > All Year > Biz Class with TAP from \\$1,911 to \\$2,477 R/T](#)

[Money > Paris > All Year > First Class > \\$4,206 to \\$5,607 R/T](#)

[Money > Lisbon > Winter > Biz Class > \\$2,721 to \\$3,127 R/T](#)

[Money > Zurich > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,581 to \\$3,128 R/T](#)

[Money > Madrid > All Year > Biz Class > \\$2,710 to \\$3,115 R/T](#)

[Money > Rome > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$2,446 to \\$3,130 R/T](#)

[Money > Frankfurt > All Year > First Class > from New York and Atlanta from \\$4,455 to \\$5,236 R/T](#)

[Cash > Frankfurt > Winter/Spring > Biz Class > \\$2,483 to \\$3,204 R/T](#)

HAWAII

[Money > Honolulu > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > \\$939 to \\$1,450 R/T](#)

[Money > Maui > Fall/Winter > Biz Class > from Seattle, Los Angeles, and San Francisco from \\$1,008 to \\$1,227 R/T](#)

MEXICO

[Money > Cabo San Lucas > All Year > Biz Class > \\$710 to \\$914 R/T](#)

[Cash > Cancun > All Year > Biz Class > \\$674 to \\$898 R/T](#)

MIDDLE EAST

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