



Euro-logist Needed to Unblock the Star Alliance Award Availability Crisis Across the Pond, Part 1

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Where are the premium United and Star Alliance award flight needles (Biz Class from 88,000 miles R/T) in the haystack? Find out how and where spontaneous travelers, partner-bookers, and flexible-destination travelers can win cheap awards in 2023 and into next year too.

Low-cost mileage award availability to Europe is as rare as a discounted surgeon's fee these days. With American and United, our global research team is quickly losing patience (yes, terrible pun). As for Delta, I'll go so far as to say it's insulting to even redeem Delta miles these days for premium travel, as they're

usually only worth a penny, or much less. I'd almost feel better letting them expire! Picking between humiliation and loss is not easy.

Warning: when you see airlines below like Air Canada, All Nippon, Avianca, Lufthansa, and United, keep in mind that many of the points that you already have can be transferred into these airlines mileage programs, which you can also use to fly with partners. See chart below before you dive into the availability opportunities that follow based on the power of your points.

Star Alliance Sample Award Cost Comparison

Let's first look at who offers the best deals, all other things and availability being equal...

Operating Airline	Example: From New York To:	Mileage Program & Credit Card Partners				
Air Canada	All Nippon	LifeMiles	Miles & More	United		
Amex, Capital One, Chase	Amex	Amex, Capital One, Citi	None	Chase		
Austrian	Vienna	140,000	88,000	126,000	112,000	144,000
Brussels	Brussels	120,000				150,000
LOT	Warsaw	140,000				154,000
Lufthansa	Frankfurt	120,000				161,000
SAS	Copenhagen					144,000
SWISS	Zurich					146,000
TAP	Lisbon					154,000

STAR ALLIANCE PARTNERS & LEVEL OF AVAILABILITY

In this chart below, at the top we include the points programs that can be transferred into airline mileage programs. In each row underneath, we describe the "relative availability" that the partner mileage program offers, as compared to the operating airline's mileage program. In other words, with few exceptions, the operating airline's mileage program usually offers the most mileage seats at discount levels, while partners offer either the **same** number of seats, **less** seats, or **almost none**.

Also note: in FCF's award availability surveys at the bottom of this report, we cover availability using the operating airline's miles, so you want to know which partners have the same or less seats, which this chart describes for Star Alliance airlines:

Points Transfer Partnerships		Mileage Redemption Program				
Air Canada	All Nippon	LifeMiles	Miles & More	United		
Amex, Capital One, Chase	Amex	Amex, Capital One, Citi	None	Chase		
Operate Flight Airline	United	Same				
	Austrian	Less		Almost None	Same	Less
	Brussels	Same				Almost None
	LOT			Same		Same
	Lufthansa	Less				Almost None
	SAS	Less	Almost None		Less	
	Singapore	Almost None			Almost None	
	SWISS	Less				
	TAP	Same		Almost None		Same

PAGING DOCTOR HEIMLICH: THE CHOKINGLY FEW LOW-COST AWARD ROUTES

Of 63 routes on United to Europe, we only found four routes with three or more months of availability for two or more seats in both directions. Meanwhile United typically offers close-in low-cost award availability on a handful of routes as well as a handful of routes with award seats in one direction.

We're talking like 6% of routes have seats 27% or more of the time. I smell a colonoscopy, and that's not good!

So what do you do when you're set on getting premium flights to Europe using United miles or points transferred to Star Alliance mileage programs?

LATEST FIRST CLASS TRENDS TO EUROPE FLYING UNITED & STAR ALLIANCE PARTNERS

LUFTHANSA FIRST CLASS

New York to Frankfurt and Munich; and Boston and Washington, DC, to Munich offer award seat availability for up to two travelers for summer travel in both directions.

Booking Lufthansa First Class flights through partners is almost never available, although we have seen award seats in the past within 14 days of departure using partner **Air Canada** miles and on occasion **United** miles.

No Lufthansa miles? No problem! [Save up to \\$5,828 in First Class to Europe with this strategy.](#)

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

Months in black 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...

SINGAPORE AIRLINES FIRST CLASS

There are some single-seat free award opportunities in January and February in both directions if you're keen on a winter vacation across the pond.

To / From Frankfurt	Outbound			Return		
	4 to 8 Days Per Month	9 to 12 Days Per Month	13+ Days Per Month	4 to 8 Days Per Month	9 to 12 Days Per Month	13+ Days Per Month
New York		Jan., Feb.		Oct., Nov.		Dec. to March

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Business Class to Europe

UNITED BUSINESS CLASS

As previously mentioned, United had only four routes with availability three or more months for two passengers. New York-London booking through **United** and its partners **All Nippon**, **Air Canada**, **LifeMiles**, **Lufthansa/SWISS** has seats for four or more travelers for close in travel in April, May, and again in November and February.

On other routes below to Europe, United typically offers close-in availability with a few scattered months in both directions. Below find the four routes we found.

Get Star Alliance partner connecting flights to over 60 cities all over Europe on United when booking with All Nippon and Lufthansa for the same or similar price. [More on Skipping Stones](#).

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
Chicago - London	March, April	April		March, May	May	April
Newark - Geneva	April	April		June, Sept., Nov., Dec., Feb.	April, May	
Newark - London	March, Oct., Nov.	April	April	March, June, Aug., Sept.	Sept., Oct., Jan., Feb.	April, May, Nov., Dec.
Washington, DC - London	Aug., Oct, Nov., Jan.	March, April	April	June, Aug., Sept.	June	March to May

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AUSTRIAN AIRLINES BUSINESS CLASS

On Austrian's New York-Vienna route, booking through partner **Lufthansa/SWISS** miles offers award seats for four or more travelers for travel from July to March. Booking through partners **All Nippon** and **Air Canada** offers seats for up to four or more travelers for travel in January and February. Meanwhile, **United** offers seats for up to two travelers for travel from August to February. Partner **LifeMiles** offers almost zero seats.

Not flying to Vienna? Get Star Alliance partner connecting flights to over 25 cities all over Europe on Austrian when booking with All Nippon, Lufthansa, and United for the same or similar price. [More on Skipping Stones](#).

To / From Vienna	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
Chicago	Dec.	April	Jan., Feb.	June, Nov.		April, Dec. to Feb.
Montreal	Dec.	Jan., Feb.	Jan.	May, June, Nov.	Jan., Feb.	Dec.
New York	April, July to Sept., Dec.	April, July, Oct., Dec.	Aug., Jan. to Feb.	July, Sept.	July, Oct., Dec.	April to June, Aug., Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan. to March
Washington, DC		Feb.	Jan.	April	Dec.	Jan., Feb.

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BRUSSELS AIRLINES BUSINESS CLASS

On Brussels Airlines' New York-Brussels route booking through partners **All Nippon**, **Air Canada**, **LifeMiles**, and **Lufthansa/SWISS**, you can find award seats for up to two travelers for travel in both directions, from December to March. Partner **United** miles offers almost zero seats.

Not flying to Brussels? Get Star Alliance partner connecting flights to over 25 cities all over Europe on Brussels Airlines when booking with All Nippon and Lufthansa for the same or similar price. [More on Skipping Stones.](#)

To / From Brussels	Outbound			Return		
	4 to 8 Days Per Month	9 to 12 Days Per Month	13+ Days Per Month	4 to 8 Days Per Month	9 to 12 Days Per Month	13+ Days Per Month
New York	Nov., Dec.		Jan. to Feb.	Nov.	Nov., Dec.	Jan. to Feb.

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LOT POLISH AIRLINES BUSINESS CLASS

On LOT's New York-Warsaw route, when booking through partners **All Nippon**, **Air Canada**, **LifeMiles**, **Lufthansa/SWISS**, and **United** you can find award seats for up to two travelers for travel from August to

February. Chicago to Warsaw has up to two seats for travel in October, January, and February in both directions.

Not flying to Poland? Get Star Alliance partner connecting flights to over 25 cities all over Europe on LOT when booking with All Nippon, Lufthansa, and United for the same or similar price. [More on Skipping Stones.](#)

To / From Warsaw	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
Chicago	April, Aug., Dec.	April, July, Oct., Dec.	April, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb.	April, Aug.	Oct.	June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov. to Feb.
New York	April, July, Aug., Sept. to Nov., Dec., March	Oct., Nov.	April, Jan., Feb.	April, May, June, Oct., Nov., Dec., March	June, Sept., Jan.	Jan., Feb.

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LUFTHANSA BUSINESS CLASS

We've found award seats available [using Lufthansa miles](#) on a number of Lufthansa's routes including from Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, San Francisco, as well as the Washington, DC-Frankfurt and Boston, Chicago, Miami, and Washington, DC-Munich routes. Partners **All Nippon**, **Air Canada** and **LifeMiles** only have a handful of seats for close-in departure. **United** offered even less.

Not flying to Frankfurt or Munich? Get Star Alliance partner connecting flights to over 25 cities all over Europe on Lufthansa when booking through All Nippon and United for the same or similar price. [More on Skipping Stones.](#)

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
Chicago - Frankfurt	May		April, July to March		May, June, July	April., May, July, Aug. to March
Houston - Frankfurt	Sept.	April, July	Aug., Oct.	May to July, Oct., Feb.	Sept.	April, Aug., Sept.

Route	Outbound			Return		
	4 to 8 Days Per Month	9 to 12 Days Per Month	13+ Days Per Month	4 to 8 Days Per Month	9 to 12 Days Per Month	13+ Days Per Month
Los Angeles - Frankfurt	April, Dec.	Jan.	Jan., Feb., March	Nov., Dec.	April, Jan.	Feb., March
Miami - Frankfurt	April, Sept., Dec., Jan., March	Feb.	Feb.	April, July, Aug., Sept., Nov.	May	June, Aug., Sept., Jan. to March
New York - Frankfurt	May	Sept.	April, July, Aug., Oct. to March	June., July, Aug., Sept.	Oct.	April, Nov. to March
San Francisco - Frankfurt	July, Aug., Oct.	April	Nov. to March	May	Aug., Nov.	April, Nov. to March
Washington, DC - Frankfurt	May, June	April, Sept.	July, Aug., Oct. to March	May to July, Sept.	May	April, Aug., Oct. to March
Boston - Munich	June, Sept., Feb., March	April, July, Aug., Oct., Dec., Jan.	April, July, Oct.	May to Aug., Nov.	June, July, Sept., March	April, Aug., Sept., Oct., Dec. to Feb.
Chicago - Munich	May	Sept.	April, July, Oct. to March	May	May, June, July	April, July, Oct. to March
Miami - Munich	April, Jan., March	Feb.		April, Nov., Dec.	April	Jan. to March
Washington, DC - Munich		May, June	May, July to March	April	June, July, Oct.	May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Nov. to March

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SINGAPORE AIRLINES BUSINESS CLASS

Booking through **Singapore's** Kris Flyer program, New York-Frankfurt is wide open from April to March for four or more travelers. Houston to Manchester has award seat availability for four or more travelers for travel in January and February both directions, and up to two-seat availability in August and from October to March in both directions.

Booking Singapore flights through partners is almost never available, although we have seen award seats on Singapore's New York-Frankfurt route in the past using partner **Air Canada** miles. [More on Skipping Stones.](#)

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
Houston - Manchester	April, Aug., Dec., Jan., Feb.	Oct., Nov., Dec., Feb.		July, Feb., March	April to June, July, Aug., Sept., Feb.	May, Aug., Oct. to Jan.
New York - Frankfurt	April to June	April, March	April, May, June, July to Feb.	March		April to March

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SWISS BUSINESS CLASS

Booking through [SWISS' Miles&More program](#), the New York-Zurich route has wide open award seats for four or more travelers in both directions for travel in July, August, and October to March.

New York to Geneva has wide open award seats for four or more travelers for travel in both directions from April to March; Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, Montreal, and San Francisco to Zurich offer seats for four or more travelers in both directions.

Booking through partners **All Nippon, Air Canada, and LifeMiles** offers a handful of seats for four or more travelers for travel in April and May, both directions, and on the return from October to January. Partner **United** offers almost zero seats.

Not flying to Geneva or Zurich? Get Star Alliance partner connecting flights to over 20 cities all over Europe on SWISS when booking with All Nippon for the same or similar price. [More on Skipping Stones](#).

Route	Outbound			Return		
	4 to 8 Days Per Month	9 to 12 Days Per Month	13+ Days Per Month	4 to 8 Days Per Month	9 to 12 Days Per Month	13+ Days Per Month
New York - Geneva			April to March			April to March
Boston - Zurich	April, July, Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.	Jan. to March	May, June to Aug., Nov.	June, Sept.	April, July to Sept., Oct., Dec. to March
Chicago - Zurich	Aug., Sept., Oct.	May	May, Sept., Nov.	Sept., Jan., Feb., March	July, Sept., Dec.	May, June, July, Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.

Route	Outbound			Return		
	4 to 8 Days Per Month	9 to 12 Days Per Month	13+ Days Per Month	4 to 8 Days Per Month	9 to 12 Days Per Month	13+ Days Per Month
Los Angeles - Zurich	April, Nov.	Nov., Dec. to March	Feb.	April, Dec.	Dec., Jan., March	Feb.
Miami - Zurich	April, July, Oct., Feb., March	Feb.		May, June, Sept.	April, Aug.	Jan. to March
Montreal - Zurich	May, July, Oct.	July	April, Nov. to March	Aug., Oct.	May	April, Nov. to March
New York - Zurich	March, May, June, Sept.	Oct., March	April, July, Aug., Oct., Nov. to Feb., March	March		April to March
San Francisco - Zurich	Dec., Jan.	April, Dec., Jan., Feb., March		April, Nov., March	April, Dec. to Feb.	April

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TAP AIR PORTUGAL BUSINESS CLASS

Booking the airline's New York-Lisbon route through partners **All Nippon**, **Air Canada**, and **United** offers free award seats for four or more travelers for travel from November to February. Most other routes (see below) offer four or more seats for travel in January and February. Partners **LifeMiles** and **Lufthansa/SWISS** offer almost no seats.

Not flying to Lisbon? Get Star Alliance partner connecting flights to over 25 cities all over Europe on TAP when booking with All Nippon and United for the same or similar price. [More on Skipping Stones.](#)

To / From Lisbon	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	Dec.	Nov.	Jan., Feb.	Nov.	Jan.	Dec., Jan., Feb.
Chicago	Jan., Feb.			Jan.	Feb.	
Miami	Jan., Feb.			Dec.		Jan., Feb.

To / From Lisbon	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
Montreal	Jan., Feb.			Dec., Jan.		Feb.
New York	Nov., Dec.	Nov.	Jan., Feb.	Nov., Dec.		Jan., Feb.
Toronto	Nov.		Jan., Feb.		Dec.	Jan., Feb.
Washington, DC	Nov.		Jan., Feb.			Jan., Feb.

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WORKAROUND MAGIC

Low-cost award availability may be rare, but not impossible. Savvy travelers who know how to scour the haystack can find those previous cost-saving needles.

Keep these tips in mind: [Be flexible](#) and fly on the few dates that actually have Business or First Class award seats. Don't lock yourself into a time and place that doesn't have great award availability. Book based on a great opportunity, instead. And keep your eyes on the charts so you can find the best ways to put your miles to work for you.

Then stretch out in your premium seat and enjoy the flight in upgraded comfort all the way across the pond.

Related Links

[Retirees, Business Owners, Premium and Other Flexible Travelers: Keep Your Bags Packed](#)

[Mining for Miles Availability: 10 Common Mistakes Most Travelers Make](#)

[Don't See Your Origin and/or Destination in an FCF Headline? This Report Was Made For You.](#)

[United Partner Power 101: Hidden Opportunities and Mileage Availability Comparison](#)



Upgrade Economics 101, Part 4

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Live your best travel life with miles-buying economics.

Good morning class. Suspiciously, there seems to be more of you here today. Have any of you shared your notes on [last month's lecture](#) about getting to Tahiti in Business Class for only 10,000 more miles each way than if you flew in coach? Or was it the previous lecture on [simple, no-brainer upgrades](#) to a better class for less? Or it could have been the *Hula Loophole* Hawaiian junket we highlighted in the very [first Upgrade Economics 101 lecture](#), which focused on value-per-mile.

I won't do a roll call, but please remember, this is course-only intel.

Now that that's out of the way, let's move on. Today we're going to look at the economics of buying miles when they're on sale, a longtime Professor Upgrade favorite. I use this strategy all the time, and it's key to allowing me to live my best travel life. It will be for you too.



APRIL'S UPGRADE ECONOMICS EXAMPLE #1 FLY IN BUSINESS CLASS TO EUROPE ON IBERIA INSTEAD OF ECONOMY FOR JUST \$183 MORE R/T

Economy class from New York to Madrid in July goes for about \$1,042 while Business Class costs 68,000 Iberia miles for the round-trip. Amex often runs points-to-miles transfer bonus promotions, and they frequently offer up to a 40% bonus with British Airways, [which are transferable to Iberia](#). So the cost of [buying those miles at 2.5 cents](#) each comes to \$1,225, after the 40% bonus.

This means you can **upgrade from economy class to Business Class for just \$183** round-trip, or \$92 each way. That's just \$6-per-flight hour.

If you don't have any BA or Iberia Avios miles, here's how to get them:

- Iberia is an Amex and Chase transfer partner (or via Capital One's British Airways partnership).
- You can buy up to 500,000 Iberia or British Airways Avios miles annually [via Amex at 2.5 cents each](#).
- Amex and Iberia or British Airways often have offers with up to a 40% transfer bonus.

- You must be a member of Iberia Plus for 90 days to “[Combine my Avios](#).”
- There is no limit to how many or how often you can transfer Avios.
- Transfers are usually instant.
- [Details here on transferring British Airways Avios to Iberia](#)

COMPARING ECONOMY CLASS WITH CASH VERSUS PURCHASING MILES VIA IBERIA FOR BUSINESS CLASS

Operating Airline	Sample Route	Class	Cost R/T	
Iberia	New York - Madrid	Economy	Regular Published Fare	\$1,042
		Business	Cost to Buy Amex Miles (With 40% Transfer Bonus)	\$1,225
One-Class Upgrade Cost		\$183		
Upgrade Cost Each Way		\$92		
Upgrade Per Flight Hour		\$6		

Strategy Tool Links:

[Spanish Fly: One of the Cheapest Ways to Get to Europe in Business Class With Miles, Points, or Dollars](#)

[Spanish Fly Part 2: How to Get Even More Value From Iberia's Cheap Business Class Strategy to Europe](#)

[How to Buy American Express Membership Rewards Points](#)

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

APRIL'S UPGRADE ECONOMICS EXAMPLE #2 FLY IN BUSINESS CLASS ON JAPAN AIRLINES *INSTEAD OF PREMIUM ECONOMY FOR \$234 LESS R/T*

That's right, "less." Flying from New York to Tokyo in Premium Economy costs \$2,450 on Japan Airlines. However, you can buy 120,000 American miles at around 1.8 cents each when on sale, which costs \$2,216 (including award taxes) and fly Japan Airlines in Business Class for \$234 *less* round-trip. And if you compare that to a regular published Business Class Fare, you'll save \$6,814 round-trip.

COMPARING PREMIUM ECONOMY & BUSINESS ON JAPAN AIRLINES

Operating Airline	Sample Route	Class	Cost R/T	
Japan Airlines	New York - Tokyo	Premium Economy	Regular Published Fare	\$2,450
		Business	Cost to Buy AAdvantage Miles (Including Taxes, When on Sale)	\$2,216
			Regular Published fare	\$9,030
Upgrade Cost		\$234 Less		

Strategy Tool Links:

[Positioning Flights: FCF's Mindset on Getting Where the Getting is Good](#)

[How Anyone Can Get a \\$25,100 Japan Airlines First Class Ticket to Asia for \\$2,880 R/T](#)

APRIL'S UPGRADE ECONOMICS EXAMPLE #3 FLY IN FIRST CLASS ON LUFTHANSA INSTEAD OF BUSINESS CLASS FOR \$583 LESS R/T

Once again, class, you can pay less for flying in First Class than you would in Business Class – an upgrade anyway you look at it. You've heard me mention this back in [December](#) and again last month [here](#).

The round-trip cost of a First Class Flex award ticket between the U.S. and Europe on Lufthansa is 182,000 miles (91,000 each way). So the cost of buying those miles during their most recent sale, plus taxes on tickets between the U.S. and Europe, is about \$1,337 if you book two one-ways (if booked as a round-trip, you'll pay an additional \$636-ish in taxes.) This comes to a total cost of \$4,202.

Considering that published Business Class round-trip fares from Chicago to Frankfurt go for \$4,785+, you can easily save around \$583 round-trip. And if you compare that to a regular published First Class Fare, you'll save \$5,634 round-trip.

We really like the Lufthansa deal not only because it's cheap but because there's [decent availability on many routes](#). And on top of that, Lufthansa's First Class experience is *wunderbar* – that means “awesome.” Look at that! German 101 thrown in for free.

COMPARING BUSINESS CLASS & FIRST ON LUFTHANSA

Operating Airline	Sample Route	Class	Cost R/T	
Lufthansa	Chicago - Frankfurt	Business	Regular Published Fare	\$4,785
		First	Cost to Buy Lufthansa Miles (Including Taxes, When on Sale)	\$4,202
			Regular Published fare	\$9,836
Upgrade Cost		\$583 Less		

Strategy Tools Links:

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

[New Lufthansa First Class Ticketing Strategy to Europe from \\$1,722 Each Way](#)

Class Dismissed!

There you have it, another month of upgrade economics to supercharge your upgrade mindset and keep your wallets happy. If you're interested in some further reading, here are some selections from our vast upgrade library:

Relevant Reads:

[Opportunity Travel: How to Stretch Your Budget Into a Higher Class of Service](#)

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

[Stop "Booking Backwards": Use FCF's Forward-Thinking Deals to Book Dream Trips Every Time](#)

[Bargain Basement. How to Choose Between a Flash Low-Cash Fare and a Discount Mileage Deal?](#)

[How to Buy American Express Membership Rewards Points](#)

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

We're [Upgrade Open-Minded](#), are you?



Clever students this month will get a stamp



What to Do When Summer Fares to Europe are Grimmer than a Grimms' Fairy Tale

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Business Class fare trends to Europe on major carriers are rose-briar painful – in the \$3,100 to \$6,300 range — but those who are willing to fly lesser-known carriers or have destination-flexibility can still save

With summer only a few months away, Europe is as hot as a witch's cauldron. This demand has helped drive fares higher than Jack's beanstalk. It's not uncommon to see \$3,100 to \$4,200 fares from the East Coast and \$3,500 to \$5,500 from the West Coast. For example, the New York-Venice route is often \$6,300+ on Delta.



Is Europe your fairy-tale destination?

**Needles in the Haystack:
*On Smaller Airlines***

London used to have the highest fares. However, we recently saw fares to London starting around [\\$2,200, which can still be found on JetBlue from Boston, \\$2,449 to \\$2,905 from New York and many other U.S. departure cities](#). Otherwise, fares to London on major airlines have now crept up to around \$2,900 from the East Coast and \$3,500 from the West Coast.

Even typical carriers with low fares such as Aer Lingus, SAS, TAP, and Turkish aren't as low as in years past from the West Coast, with current fares ranging from around \$3,100 to \$3,800. However, from the East Coast some good fares can be found for travel this fall and winter in the [\\$1,855 to \\$2,700 range on TAP](#), a United partner. Turkish is also offering some low fares to [Athens from Los Angeles and Washington, DC](#), for around \$2,900.

**Needles in the Haystack:
*On Major Airlines***

If you have to buy a Business Class ticket in cash because there's no mileage availability and you're not willing to fly a lesser-known airline, below are some of the best fares we found from the West Coast, Midwest, and East Coast **on major airlines**. In the chart below for example, fares this spring from the East Coast to [Geneva](#) are as low as \$2,326 on SWISS and United, and \$2,419 from Los Angeles on United and [Lufthansa's Dallas to Riga for \\$2,354](#), which is pretty good.

**Premium Fare Needles in the Haystack
on Major Airlines Under \$3,000 This Summer
(and a Few Spring Specials)**

Airline	Route	Special Fare	Normal Fare	Travel Months
SWISS, United	New York - Geneva	\$2,326	\$3,022	May
	Seattle - Geneva	\$2,409	\$3,609	
	Atlanta, Detroit, Minneapolis, Raleigh - Geneva	\$2,414	\$2,865 - \$3,540	
United	Los Angeles - Geneva	\$2,419	\$3,528	August to February
	Boston - London	\$2,488	\$3,186	
Iberia	Dallas, Miami - Geneva	\$2,556	\$3,129	May
American, British Airways	Charlotte - Geneva	\$2,701	\$3,127	
American, British Airways, Iberia	Dallas - Berlin	\$2,727	\$3,182	May, July, August
	Miami - Berlin	\$2,781	\$3,229	May
American, British Airways	Charlotte - Berlin	\$2,782	\$3,281	April to July
American, Iberia	San Francisco - Berlin	\$2,789	\$3,229	April to August
American, British Airways	Chicago - Berlin	\$2,790	\$3,190	July
Air Canada	Toronto - Dublin	\$2,807	\$3,636	July, August
Air Canada, Air France	Toronto - Cork	\$2,813	\$3,768	
American, British Airways	Denver - Berlin	\$2,813	\$3,229	May to August
Delta	Boston - Dublin	\$2,909	\$4,619	July, August

WISHES GRANTED: SOME ROUTES WITH LOW FARES EXIST TO EXOTIC DESTINATIONS OTHER THAN EUROPE

If the European idea strikes you as a tale of woe for now, consider the destinations below to save or pay just a little more.

Africa

[Nairobi](#) from Calgary, Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver for \$2,625 to \$3,400.

[Johannesburg](#) \$3,500 from Washington, DC, and \$3,900 from Miami on Qatar Qsuites via Doha.

South America

[Rio de Janeiro](#) from Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver for \$1,838 to \$3,111.

Will your 2023 travel fairy tale have a storybook ending or plop right into a witch's cauldron? The choice is yours. Be creative with your booking strategy, check out FCF's positioning flight strategy, and consider other exotic destinations.

Keep your eyes on those needles in the haystack, because they are out there waiting to be found!

OTHER RELEVANT READS

[Knock off hundreds of dollars \(and sometimes even thousands\)](#) on lots of premium fares on 26 airlines, thanks to Amex's International Airline Program (IAP).

[How to Leverage FCF's Special Fare Finder](#)

[Hold This, Dear: A Way to Have Your Deal and Fly It Too](#)

[Buy the Dip, Upgrade Your Trip](#)

[Seeing Rollercoaster Fares? Have FCF's 2-Step Plan in Your Pocket](#)

[If You're NOT Flexible: 11 Ways to Save on Premium Flights](#)



Welcome to Part III of our Lufthansa buy-miles series for Business Class (available to anyone)...

We love to talk about Lufthansa right now. Back in [December](#), we told you about their lucrative new buy-miles sale called Bundle&Go (you can sign up in five minutes if you haven't already). And then [last month a sale reappeared](#) as we extolled the virtues of using miles for Lufthansa's free connections from all over the U.S. to all over Europe.

When the miles are on sale you can purchase a maximum of 100,000 per transaction and up to 250,000 miles annually. The most recent sale costs 1.5 cents per mile. That's great value as you'll see in a moment. Check out FCF's [unlimited buy-miles strategy](#) if you need more than the annual limit.

And now we're going back to the well, or *Brunnen*, as Germans might say, on Lufthansa's Business Class to see how [Bundle&Go](#) helps unlock the wider world.

Big call. Let's get to it.

DON'T LIVE IN A LUFTHANSA U.S. HUB? NO PROBLEM!

~ GET FREE CONNECTING FLIGHTS TO LUFTHANSA'S HUBS WITHIN THE U.S. ~

Lufthansa offers awards that allow for partner travel between its U.S. hubs and countless other U.S. cities, so you can get free domestic connecting flights with United.

Sample routes [United](#) flies to Lufthansa's U.S. hubs:

Chicago To/From: Boston, Dallas, Denver, Ft. Lauderdale, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, and Raleigh

Houston To/From: Atlanta, Columbus, Denver, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, Nashville, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle, and Tulsa

Los Angeles To/From: Boston, Chicago, Denver, Las Vegas, Orlando, Phoenix, San Francisco, and Seattle

Newark To/From: Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, Phoenix, and San Francisco

San Francisco To/From: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, Phoenix, San Diego, Seattle, Tampa, and Toronto

Washington, DC To/From: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, Phoenix, and Seattle

**Connecting flights may not always offer a Business Class cabin*

NOT FLYING TO GERMANY? NO PROBLEM!

~ GET FREE CONNECTING FLIGHTS WITHIN EUROPE FROM FRANKFURT, GENEVA, MUNICH, VIENNA, AND ZURICH ~

Fly almost anywhere in Europe on one ticket: Again, Lufthansa offers awards that allow connections on flights both it and its partners operate. So feel free to tack on the following destinations as long as they're available beyond Austrian's, Lufthansa's, and SWISS's hubs, with their many other partners: Aegean Airlines, Air Dolomiti, Air Malta, Brussels Airlines, Croatia Airlines, Eurowings, LOT Polish Airlines, Luxair, Olympic Air, Scandinavian Airlines, TAP Portugal, and Turkish Airlines.

Remember the typical [Boise to Budapest connections allowance](#).

*Sample destinations you can get free connections on
Austrian Airlines, **Lufthansa**, and **SWISS** to all over Europe:*

Frankfurt To/From: 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

Geneva To/From: Athens, Brussels, Catania, Copenhagen, Corfu, Dublin, Florence, Frankfurt, Gothenburg, Hamburg, Kos, Lisbon, London, Malaga, Manchester, Milan, Munich, Mykonos, Nice, Palma, Paris, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Valencia, Vienna, and Zürich.

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

Vienna To/From: Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Basel, Berlin, Budapest, Brussels, Cologne, Copenhagen, Dubrovnik, Edinburgh, Florence, Geneva, Hamburg, Lisbon, London, Lyon, Manchester, Marseille, Milan, Munich, Mykonos, Naples, Oslo, Palermo, Palma, Paris, Prague, Rome, Santorini, Split, Stockholm, Valencia, Venice, Vienna, Warsaw, Zagreb, and Zürich.

Zurich To/From: Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Berlin, Bucharest, Florence, Lisbon, Milan, Naples, Nice, Oslo, Paris, Rome, Stockholm, Vienna, and Valencia.

**Flights within Europe may be in economy.*



**SAMPLE ITINERARY WITH CONNECTING FLIGHTS:
DENVER TO DUBROVNIK
FLY BUSINESS CLASS FOR JUST 56,000 MILES**

Select Outbound Flight

April 2023

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<			
15.04.2023	16.04.2023	17.04.2023	18.04.2023
Not available	From: 56,000 M	Not available	Not available

[Open fare conditions](#)

Business Flex

Denver, CO

DEN 16:10 → DBV 18:10 +1 day

Dubrovnik, Croatia

Duration: 18h00

DEN - MUC **LH 481**
Operated by: Lufthansa
Airbus A350-900

MUC - FRA **LH 105**
Operated by: Lufthansa
Airbus A321

FRA - DBV **4Y 900**
Operated by: Ew Discover
Airbus A320 (Sharklets)

Oneway for
56,000 Miles
+ 920.20 USD taxes, fees and airline surcharges

THE TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF LUFTHANSA MILEAGE AWARDS

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

THE TWO PRINCIPLES TO KEEP IN MIND:

Principle #1: There's no limit to the number of miles you can buy with [FCF's unlimited buy-miles strategy](#), so **it doesn't matter that it costs more in miles to pay less in total cash with Business Flex Plus awards**. That said, you should always run the numbers on your particular itinerary.

Principle #2: In general, you want to go with Lufthansa's [Flex Plus award](#) because the total cash outlay (after buying miles and paying the taxes) usually works out to less total cash spent — **unless** your itinerary requires flying with an airline **other than** Austrian, Lufthansa, or SWISS — **like United** — in which case you **MUST** use a Business Flex award.

SAMPLE BUSINESS FLEX AWARD OPPORTUNITY

On routes that include a **United domestic connection** to an Austrian, Lufthansa, or SWISS hub

For example, the round-trip cost of a **Business Flex** ticket between the U.S. and Europe on Lufthansa is 112,000 miles (56,000 each way). The cost to buy those miles is \$1,763. Then add in the taxes on tickets between the U.S. and Europe, which are about \$1,337 if you book two one-ways (if booked as a round-trip, you'll pay an additional \$636-ish in taxes, who knows why!). **This gives you a total cost of \$3,100.**

Considering that published Business Class round-trip fares from Denver to Dubrovnik in the aforementioned example go for \$6,300+, **your savings can easily be \$3,200 (51%) round-trip.**

Sample Austrian, Lufthansa and SWISS Route	Regular Published Fare	Flex Mileage Cost R/T	Cost to Buy Miles	Approximate Taxes When Booked as Two One-ways	Total Cost Including Taxes	Savings	
Ft. Lauderdale - Paris	\$5,502	112,000	\$1,763	\$1,337	\$3,100	\$2,402	44%
Monterey - Munich	\$5,436					\$2,336	43%
Portland - Berlin	\$5,220					\$2,120	41%
Jackson Hole - Florence	\$5,193					\$2,093	40%
San Diego - Amsterdam	\$5,098					\$1,998	39%
Rapid City - Rome	\$5,097					\$1,997	39%
St. Luis - Stuttgart	\$5,086					\$1,986	39%
San Antonio - Barcelona	\$4,907					\$1,807	37%
Vail - Milan	\$4,852					\$1,752	36%
Louisville - Lisbon	\$4,827					\$1,727	36%
Nashville - Nice	\$4,705					\$1,605	34%
New Orleans - Rome	\$4,659					\$1,559	33%
Pittsburgh - Prague	\$4,437					\$1,337	30%
Miami - Munich	\$4,372					\$1,272	29%

SAMPLE BUSINESS FLEX PLUS AWARD SAVINGS

On Miles & More member routes that **ONLY** include flights operated by Austrian, Lufthansa, and SWISS

For example, the round-trip cost of a **Business Flex Plus** ticket between the U.S. and Europe on Lufthansa and two of its Miles & More member airlines is 156,000 miles (78,000 each way). So the cost of buying those miles during this sale, including taxes on tickets between the U.S. and Europe of about \$86, comes to a total cost of \$2,541.

Considering that published Business Class round-trip fares from Houston to Madrid in the aforementioned example go for \$6,436+ round-trip, **your savings can easily be \$3,895 (61%)**.

Sample Austrian, Lufthansa and SWISS Route	Regular Published Fare	Flex Plus Mileage Cost R/T	Cost to Buy Miles	Approximate Taxes When Booked as Two One-ways	Total Cost Including Taxes	Savings	
Houston - Madrid	\$6,436	156,000	\$2,455	\$86	\$2,541	\$3,895	61%
Denver - Dubrovnik	\$6,300					\$3,759	60%
San Francisco - Edinburgh	\$5,894					\$3,353	57%
Atlanta - Dresden	\$5,744					\$3,203	56%
Los Angeles - Zagreb	\$5,621					\$3,080	55%
Atlanta - Athens	\$5,473					\$2,932	54%
San Francisco - Zurich	\$5,309					\$2,768	52%
Chicago - Frankfurt	\$5,183					\$2,642	51%
Washington, DC - Vienna	\$5,166					\$2,625	51%
Miami - Munich	\$4,971					\$2,430	49%
New York - Venice	\$4,879					\$2,338	48%
New York - Cagliari	\$4,680					\$2,139	46%
Washington, DC - Barcelona	\$4,617					\$2,076	45%
New York - Geneva	\$3,475					\$934	27%

BEST LONG-HAUL ROUTES TO FIND BUSINESS CLASS AWARD AVAILABILITY

To fly in Business, remember the [opportunity travel mindset](#), the [positioning flight strategy](#), the [Boise to Budapest connections allowance](#), and why to avoid [Booking Backwards](#), too. These allow you to have the proper perspective on these long-haul “bridge flight” opportunities — which is where Business Class comfort matters most.

If you want to know where Austrian, Lufthansa, and SWISS's seats are, go here to find [the best award seat availability](#) at the time of publication, which will certainly change over time.

So now's the time to think about jumping on Lufthansa's next buy-miles sale (or use it now for less savings) as well as convenient connections all over the U.S. and Europe to unlock great Business Class flights to Europe.

Auf Wiedersehen!



Don't "book backwards" and save \$5,131 at the St. Regis in Rome, \$794 at the Westin Palace in Milan, among other deals

Travel sites are awash with "\$100 off this" and "\$75 off that," so we love to bring you a report that turns the dial all the way up to "\$5,925 off."

How? Simple. All you have to do is become a member of the American Bar Association (ABA). That's the legal one, not the Old Fashioned one. You don't have to be a lawyer or a judge to [join](#), and the annual cost is

just \$150 (Mr. Upgrade has been a member for years). Membership in this organization, which is generally known for things other than travel discounts, gets you some amazing travel savings.


From one perspective, adding up all the savings is enough to offset the cost of two Business Class flights to Europe down to \$810!

**EXAMPLE MAGNIFICO DEAL:
FOUR NIGHTS EACH AT THE ST. REGIS ROME AND THE WESTIN PALACE,
MILAN**

Here’s what we found. In October, a four-night stay at the amazing St. Regis Rome costs \$1,889 per night for a total of \$7,563. A four-night stay at The Westin Palace, Milan costs \$536 per night for a total of \$2,147. Add them together for a grand total of \$9,710. However, because you’re a savvy travel saver, you’ve already [joined the ABA](#) (or definitely might now) and the price with that membership for this eight-night sojourn is just \$3,785.

Can you believe that? That’s a \$5,925 (61%) savings just for joining a \$150 club. You could **take those savings and apply them towards your two Business Class tickets** departing New York to Rome and returning from Milan for \$6,734. Couple those flights with your hotel savings and you just got two Business Class tickets for \$810.

St. Regis Rome Example...




The St. Regis Rome
Via Vittorio E. Orlando, 3, Rome 00185 Italy


Dates
Wed, Oct 18, 2023 – Sun, Oct 22, 2023

Rooms & Guests
1 Room : 1 Adult

Standard Rates
Most Flexible
From 1,731 EUR Avg./night




1 King Bed, Superior Guest Room

Member Flexible Rate 
Rate Details

1,731 EUR Avg./night
6,927 EUR Total per room
Taxes and all fees included

Flexible Rate
Rate Details

1,767 EUR Avg./night
7,068 EUR Total per room
Taxes and all fees included




The St. Regis Rome
Via Vittorio E. Orlando, 3, Rome 00185 Italy

Dates
Wed, Oct 18, 2023 – Sun, Oct 22, 2023

Rooms & Guests
1 Room : 1 Adult

Special Rates
American Bar Assoc. Rate
From 557 EUR Avg./night



Superior, Guest room, 1 King

American Bar Assoc. Rate
Rate Details

557 EUR Avg./night
2,228 EUR Total per room
Taxes and all fees included

...and The Westin Palace, Milan

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WESTIN
HOTELS & RESORTS

The Westin Palace, Milan

Piazza della Repubblica 20, Milan 20124 Italy

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HOTELS & RESORTS

The Westin Palace, Milan

Piazza della Repubblica 20, Milan 20124 Italy

Dates

Sun, Oct 22, 2023 – Thu, Oct 26, 2023

Rooms & Guests

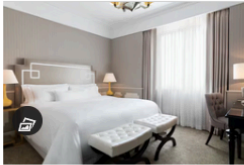
1 Room : 1 Adult

Standard Rates

Most Flexible

From 491 EUR Avg./night

1 King Bed, Classic Room



Member Flexible Rate

Rate Details

491 EUR Avg./night

1,967 EUR Total per room

Taxes and all fees included

Flexible Rate

Rate Details

501 EUR Avg./night

2,006 EUR Total per room

Taxes and all fees included

Dates

Sun, Oct 22, 2023 – Thu, Oct 26, 2023

Rooms & Guests

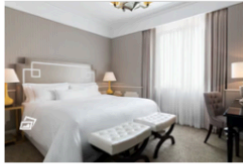
1 Room : 1 Adult

Special Rates

American Bar Assoc. Rate

From 310 EUR Avg./night

Classic, Guest room, 1 King



American Bar Assoc. Rate

Rate Details

310 EUR Avg./night

1,240 EUR Total per room

Taxes and all fees included



This double helping of Italian gets our upgrade medallion.

We love the ABA membership at FCF and have reported on it many times in the past ([here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).) It also offers great luxury accommodation discounts in North America at top-end places like the Four Seasons, Luxury Collection, Ritz-Carlton, Savoy (Fairmont) St. Regis, and Westin properties, among others.

Another FCF special report details the different ways to think about hotel upgrades, including [room upgrades](#), [view upgrades](#), and more. A \$5,925 savings? Well that's *definitely* an upgrade.

See below for where you can reap savings in Europe right now, including London and Paris, from 31% to 68% for a four-night stay at a few other hotels using your ABA discount.

BAR FREQUENTER SCORES A COCKTAIL OF SAVINGS ON EUROPEAN HOTELS

Hotel	Room Type	Sample Dates	Normal Cost*	ABA Member Cost*	Savings
The St. Regis Rome	Superior Guest Room, King	Oct. 18 - Oct. 22	\$7,559	\$2,431	\$5,128 / 68%

Hotel	Room Type	Sample Dates	Normal Cost*	ABA Member Cost*	Savings
The Savoy, A Fairmont Hotel, London*	Deluxe, King	May 5 - May 9	\$6,739	\$2,966	\$3,773 / 56%
Prince de Galles, A Luxury Collection Hotel, Paris	Art Deco Room, King	May 5 - May 9	\$5,006	\$3,309	\$1,697 / 34%
The Westin Paris - Vendome	Deluxe, Queen	May 5 - May 9	\$3,199	\$2,159	\$1,040 / 33%
The Westin Palace, Milan	Classic Room, King	Oct. 22 - Oct. 26	\$1,967	\$1,353	\$614 / 31%

*Email or call to book.

Bad and Good News About the ABA Strategy

Bad News First: ABA rates are not available on all dates and hotels, and some dates have better deals than others. So we just highlighted the great savings to give you an idea of how good it MIGHT be, while keeping in mind that the ABA strategy doesn't always work. For reference, I typically use it three to five times a year.

Good News: When it does work, it works really well. With Marriott.com (St. Regis), it only takes about 17 seconds to get a rate. Add another few minutes if you search for a bunch of different dates.


In other words, if you're familiar with the [booking backwards strategy](#) and if you were going to Rome and want a high-end hotel, you would choose the dates of your trip to the Eternal City based on when the ABA rate was available at such a steep discount. If you start with specific dates, your savings may not be as high. So whether it's the first week or the second week of July (unless you're going to a fixed event like a wedding), you should choose your travel dates based on when you can net huge savings. Why not?

Watchouts*

*At the Fairmont, Four Seasons, Jumeirah, Mandarin Oriental, Savoy, and Shangri-La hotels, these ABA rates are not available online. You'll need to call or email the hotel directly to book using the ABA membership discount.

**Rates shown above are in USD, and may vary based on exchange rates.

Save your cash and enjoy more and better travel experiences in the future.



April's Top 64 Mileage Awards & Special Fares Greatest Hits (Still Available)

April 2023

April Award & Fare Finds

It's the countdown with the upgrade mindset: 64 catchy fare and miles deals that will rock your travel world. As Casey Kasem used to say, "keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars!"

Special Published Fares

AFRICA

[Casablanca Biz Class from Canada from \\$2,237 to \\$3,270 USD R/T](#)

[Nairobi Biz Class from \\$3,315 to \\$3,871 R/T](#)

[Kenya Biz Class from Canada from \\$2,625 to \\$3,400 USD R/T](#)

[Johannesburg Biz Class from Washington DC and Miami from \\$3,501 to \\$3,901 R/T](#)

[Morocco Biz Class from Canada from \\$2,491 to \\$3,193 USD R/T](#)

[Senegal Biz Class from \\$2,544 to \\$3,998 R/T](#)

[Cairo Biz Class from \\$2,479 to \\$3,206 R/T](#)



ASIA

[South Korea Biz Class from Canada from \\$3,152 to 3,741 USD R/T](#)

[Osaka Biz Class from Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego from \\$3,452 to \\$3,526 R/T](#)

[Philippines Biz Class from Los Angeles, New York, and Washington DC from \\$3,634 to \\$3,859 R/T](#)

[Bangkok Biz Class from \\$3,636 to \\$4,210 R/T](#)

[Osaka and Tokyo Biz Class from Canada from \\$2,817 to \\$3,795 USD R/T](#)

CARRIBEAN

[Grand Cayman Biz Class from \\$760 to \\$1,181 R/T](#)

[Dominican Republic Biz Class from New York and Boston from \\$675 to \\$741 R/T](#)

[Antigua Biz Class from New York and Los Angeles from \\$994 to \\$1,088 R/T](#)

[Sint Maarten Biz Class from \\$957 to \\$1,176 R/T](#)

[East & West Coast to Aruba Biz Class from \\$1,019 to \\$1,183 R/T](#)

[East Coast to St. Thomas Biz Class from \\$1,006 to \\$1,184 R/T](#)

[St. Croix Biz Class from \\$1,014 to \\$1,179 R/T](#)

EUROPE

[London Biz Class from \\$2,229 to \\$3,092 R/T](#)

[Stockholm Biz Class from \\$2,425 to \\$3,029 R/T](#)

[Biz Class from Europe to U.S. from \\$1,553 to \\$1,956 R/T](#)

[Dublin Biz Class from \\$2,793 to \\$3,205 R/T](#)

[Europe Biz Class with TAP from \\$1,855 R/T](#)

[East & West Coast Departures: Geneva and Zurich Biz Class from \\$2,403 to \\$2,551 R/T](#)

[Athens Biz Class from Washington DC, Los Angeles, and New York from \\$2,488 to \\$3,008 R/T](#)

[Baltics Biz Class from \\$2,351 to \\$2,912 R/T](#)

HAWAII

[Hawaii Biz Class from Vancouver from \\$944 to \\$1,233 USD R/T](#)

[Maui Biz Class from \\$1,136 to \\$1,523 R/T](#)

[West Coast to Honolulu Biz Class from \\$1,136 to \\$1,401 R/T](#)

[Kona Biz Class from \\$1,119 to \\$1,473 R/T](#)



INDIA

[New Delhi Biz Class from \\$3,205 to \\$3,806 R/T](#)

[Mumbai Biz Class from \\$3,296 to \\$3,801 R/T](#)

MEXICO

[Cabo San Lucas Biz Class from \\$735 to \\$854 R/T](#)

[Acapulco Biz Class from \\$795 to \\$901 R/T](#)

[Cozumel Biz Class from \\$660 to \\$919 R/T](#)

[Cancun Biz Class from \\$644 to \\$873 R/T](#)

MID-SOUTH PACIFIC

[Tahiti Biz Class from \\$2,878 to \\$4,146 R/T](#)

MIDDLE EAST

[Doha and Dubai Biz Class from Canada from \\$2,319 to \\$3,330 USD R/T](#)

[Dubai Biz Class from \\$2,871 to \\$3,628 R/T](#)

[Abu Dhabi Biz Class from \\$3,265 to \\$3,823 R/T](#)

[Tel Aviv Biz Class from \\$3,005 to \\$3,625 R/T](#)

[Doha Premium Economy from New York from \\$1,179 R/T](#)

NORTH AMERICA

[New Domestic Coast-to-Coast Business Class Fares from \\$697 R/T](#)

SOUTH AMERICA

[Santiago Biz Class from \\$2,605 to \\$3,010 R/T](#)

[Brazil Biz Class from \\$1,930 to \\$3,198 R/T](#)

[Brazil Biz Class from Canada from \\$2,103 to \\$2,367 USD R/T](#)

[Rio de Janeiro Biz Class from Canada from \\$1,752 to \\$3,111 USD R/T](#)

[Sao Paulo Biz Class from \\$2,514 to \\$3,198 R/T](#)

[Buenos Aires Biz Class from Miami and Atlanta from \\$2,576 to \\$2,763 R/T](#)

[Hot: Lima Biz Class from \\$1,150 to \\$1,551 R/T / from East & West Coast](#)

[Rio Biz Class from Boston and Washington DC from \\$2,400 to \\$2,990 R/T](#)

Burn Miles Easy & Cheaply

ASIA

[Handful of 2024 All Nippon Airways *First Class* On Miles & Points from Chicago to Tokyo](#)

[Handful of 2024 Singapore Airlines Business Class Seats from Los Angeles to Singapore](#)

EUROPE

[Good Single Seat Emirates First Class Opportunities from Newark to Athens with Miles / Points](#)

[Scads of Lufthansa First Class Two-Seat Availability from Washington, DC and Many Other Cities to Munich and Beyond with Miles \(or 68% Off with Cash\)](#)

[Lufthansa First Class Opportunities from Boston and Many Other Cities to Munich with Miles – 2+ Seats](#)

[Wide Open American Business Class Opportunities from New York and Many Other Cities to London with Miles / Points – 4+ Seats](#)

[Handful of Close In Lufthansa First Class Opportunities from Chicago and Many Other Cities to Munich and Beyond with Miles \(or 42% Off with Cash\)](#)

[Handful of Single Seat *A380 First Class* Opportunities to Europe with Emirates \(Amex Partner\) from New York to Milan for 2024 Travel](#)

[Europe on Miles / Points: Scads of Singapore Business Class Opportunities from Houston to Manchester UK / 4+ Seats](#)

[Close In United Business Class Upgrade Opportunities from Chicago, New York, and Many Other U.S. Cities to London / 4+ Seats](#)

MIDDLE EAST

[Scads of Single Seat Emirates First Class from San Francisco to Dubai with Miles / Points](#)

[Single Seat Emirates First Class Opportunities from Boston to Dubai with Miles / Points](#)

NORTH AMERICA

[American Business Class Opportunities Between New York and San Francisco With Miles / 4+ Seats](#)