



Staying Beyond Your Means: How to Save 60% Off Luxury Winter Holiday Hotels in Europe

October 2022

Or simply save enough to upgrade your flight to First Class

We've reported before ([here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)) about the wonderful ABA membership discount for travel within North America. That's the American Bar Association (the legal kind) membership that can offer great luxury hotel deals, at various Four Seasons, Luxury Collection, Ritz-Carlton, Savoy (Fairmont), St. Regis, Westin, and more.

[The \\$150 annual fee](#) is almost laughable considering you can make that up and more with just one night's savings. It must be the first time "inexpensive" and "lawyer" can be used in the same sentence. And you don't even have to be a lawyer or judge to join; anyone can be a member.

So today we're going to make a case for using the membership in Europe over the winter holidays and New Year's.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE BEYOND YOUR MEANS

Many of you have a per-night hotel budget of say \$300. The ABA membership discount means you can get a \$500 or \$600 per-night room for that same \$300 in some cases. I call that living beyond your means.

Take The St. Regis Rome, for example. Not too many people have a thousand-dollar-a-night budget, but many more travelers will splurge at \$500 per night, especially if it's a special occasion. "Sustained!" as we demonstrate in the chart below. The regular price per night is \$825 or \$6,454 for seven nights BEFORE the ABA membership discount, and **just \$446 per night or \$3,531 for a seven-night stay AFTER the discount is applied.**

That's a savings of \$2,923, or 45%.

Side Note: If you haven't already, examine our special report about all the different ways of thinking about a hotel upgrade: including [room upgrades](#), [view upgrades](#), and more.

The St. Regis Rome

Via Vittorio E. Orlando, 3, Rome 00185 Italy [+39 06 47091](#) 4.6 760 Reviews [Currency Calculator](#)

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Stay Dates: Tue, Nov 22, 2022 - Tue, Nov 29, 2022 | Total for Stay: 6,512.10 EUR | Room(s) held for: 14:34 | [CONTINUE](#)



1 King Bed, Superior Guest Room, Butler Service

ROOM DETAILS

Check in: Tuesday, November 22, 2022
Check out: Tuesday, November 29, 2022
Room(s): 1
Guest(s) per room: 2
[EDIT](#)

Summary of Charges

833.00	EUR Avg/night	+	681.10	EUR Taxes and fees	6,512.10	EUR Subtotal
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Superior, Guest room, 1 King

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Check in: Tuesday, November 22, 2022
Check out: Tuesday, November 29, 2022
Room(s): 1
Guest(s) per room: 2
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Room Accessibility & Bed Type

Please note Room identification required for rate eligibility upon check-in

Summary of Charges

450.00	EUR Avg/night	+	413.00	EUR Taxes and fees	3,563.00	EUR Subtotal
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STRIKE HIGH HOTEL COSTS FROM THE RECORD

Now that you've saved a lot of legal tender on your hotel room, use it to make your European vacation epic. You can upgrade your flight from Premium Economy to Business Class, or even Business to First, with all that extra \$ you saved. You can also look for better routing, or a nonstop flight. Think of it like advancing to go in Monopoly; you skip the high-price hits on the way, and score a nice bonus upon landing.

Why not use it to get really creative? With the \$2,923 you save in Rome, you can get four one-way Business Class tickets between Europe and South America. That's a wow! More on [that strategy here](#).



**SAMPLE SAVINGS
7 NIGHTS DURING THANKSGIVING,
CHRISTMAS, AND NEW YEAR'S**

Hotel	Room Type	Sample Dates	Normal Cost	ABA Member Cost	Savings
Four Seasons Trinity Square, London*	Deluxe Guest Room, King	December 28 - January 4	\$7,383	\$2,954	\$4,429 / 60%

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The Savoy (Fairmont), London*	Deluxe Guest Room, King	December 20 - December 27	\$7,527	\$3,330	\$4,197 / 56%
Prince de Galles, A Luxury Collection Hotels, Paris	Mosaic Jr. Suite, King	December 20 - December 27	\$10,709	\$5,555	\$5,154 / 48%
The St. Regis, Rome	Superior Guest Room, King	November 22 - 29	\$6,454	\$3,531	\$2,923 / 45%
The Westin Vendome, Paris	Superior Guest Room, King	December 20 - December 27	\$4,510	\$2,825	\$1,685 / 37%
The Westin Excelsior, Rome	Deluxe Guest Room, King	December 28 - January 4	\$3,943	\$2,560	\$1,383 / 35%
The Westin Palace, Milan	Classic Room, King	November 22 - 29	\$2,846	\$2,086	\$760 / 27%
The Ritz Carlton, Vienna	Deluxe Guest Room, King	November 22 - 29	\$5,352	\$4,281	\$1,071 / 20%

*Rates not available on-line need to call or email hotel directly to book using the ABA membership discount. **Rates shown in USD, rates may vary based on exchange rates.

SOME ABA DEALS ONLY AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

Everyone loves the ease of booking online. That said, would you be willing to book over the phone or email if you could save 60% at the Four Seasons, London over New Years?

Take a look at this online rate of ~~7927~~ average per night:

December 28, 2022 - January
04, 2023
1 Room - 2 Adults

Deluxe Room

Room Rate

One king bed

Average Rate **GBP 927.86**

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[7 Nights](#) ^

Wednesday, 28 December
GBP 950.00

Thursday, 29 December
GBP 950.00

Friday, 30 December
GBP 950.00

Saturday, 31 December
GBP 950.00

Sunday, 01 January
GBP 910.00

Monday, 02 January
GBP 840.00

Tuesday, 03 January
GBP 945.00

Total Room Rates

GBP 6,495.00

Now take a look at this rate by contacting the hotel directly via email:

Thank you for contacting Four Seasons Hotel London at Ten Trinity Square.

We are delighted to offer you our Superior King Room and Deluxe King Room for the below requested dates. Please kindly find the ABA Corporate nightly rate.

Superior King Room (22nd Nov to 27th Nov): £390.00 per night including VAT

Superior King Room (20th Dec to 27th Dec): £390.00 per night including VAT

Deluxe King Room (28th Dec to 04th Jan): £426.00 per night including VAT

Please note the above rates are per room, per night and come with a 24-hour free cancellation policy and is inclusive of VAT only.

A discretionary Service Charge of 5% of the room rate (inclusive of applicable taxes) will be applied to all reservations. This charge is in addition to the room rate per night and is intended to cover a portion of the costs associated with our employees.

I hope you will find the above information helpful, and we can move this reservation forward. Please be advised that we are currently not holding a reservation and therefore, rates and availability are subject to change. Should you wish to reserve a room, please do not hesitate to contact us with a valid credit card to guarantee the reservation.

In the meantime, I remain at your disposal should you require any further information.

Kind Regards,

While the ABA discounts are hit or miss, to be sure, and aren't available at every hotel, I've stayed at the St. Regis Rome and it's lovely. So if the occasion is right, it is definitely worth \$446 a night, for a top hotel that normally goes for twice that.



Ways to Beat the Family Curse For Booking Multiple Seats Using Miles and Points

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We've spotted a few of these rare birds to Asia and Europe on major carriers... if you blink you might miss them.

I'm sure you've had this experience before. You go to an airline website hoping to use miles for four or more seats in a premium cabin for your family vacation and you **end up feeling like you're lost in a forest looking for Bigfoot.**

I mean, the truth is that searching for just one seat with miles can be bad enough, let alone for your whole tribe.

And then there's the cost. It's not uncommon to end up seeing prices that are 200,000 or 300,000 miles *per round-trip ticket*. For a family of four to Europe, that's close to a million miles, which at a minimum value are worth two cents each, or \$20,000. So that's obviously out of the question.

SO WHAT'S A FAMILY TO DO?

Wouldn't it be nice to get discount mileage tickets for you and your whole family? Well, despite those crazy mileage costs you normally see, you actually can. You just need to think a little more laterally.

Your family-friendly team here at FCF is the best source for finding four+-seat availability. We look at that as part of our [Sweet Redeems reporting](#).

Intriguingly, if your search doesn't have four seats available on your dates, some airlines will just return some generic "not available" response, which I find a little uncreative on their part. For example, if there are three seats, you won't see the screen say, "by the way, we have three seats available, maybe that can work for you?"

So to get around this roadblock, I always start with one seat, then move up to two, then three, then four. Even if I find only two seats, **it's better to get half the trip paid for with low-cost mileage tickets and pay for the remaining two tickets in cash.**

We'll share more on other family strategies soon, but this story focuses on where you can book your family for free on miles, now.

And if you don't have all the miles you need for four or more travelers, don't forget that you might be able to transfer points to the desired airline with the points you have.

BUSINESS CLASS FAMILY AVAILABILITY TREASURE MAP

Looking to fly high with four to seven travelers on discount award tickets? Voila! The following chart shows what's available at time of publication to Asia and Europe.

Months in black at least four seats available; in blue at least six; in green at least seven. Remember to use the data as a guide since availability can be volatile...

Don't see your route listed? See [this report on free connections](#) with award flights.

Operating Airline	Route	Round-trip Mileage Cost	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
American	Charlotte-Frankfurt	144,000-156,000	Jan.			Feb.		
	Charlotte-Munich		Feb.	Jan., Feb.	Jan.	Feb., March, April	March	
	New York-London	156,000	Nov., Dec., Aug.			Sept., Oct., Nov.	Feb.	Dec., Jan., Feb.
	Seattle-London		Feb.			Jan., Feb.		
Japan	Los Angeles - Tokyo	100,000	Aug., Sept.			Aug., Sept.		
	San Francisco - Tokyo		Aug.			Oct., Sept.		
Singapore	New York - Frankfurt	162,000	Oct., Dec., June	Nov., May, June	Nov., Dec., Jan. to April, May, July to Sept.	Oct., Dec.	Nov., Dec., June	Nov., Jan. to May, June, July to Sept.
	Los Angeles - Tokyo	207,000	Nov., Jan., Feb., April, May, Sept.	Feb., July	July, Aug.	July, Aug., Sept.		
	Los Angeles - Singapore	214,000	Aug.	Sept.		May, Aug., Sept.		
	New York - Singapore	223,000	Aug., Sept.			April, June, July, Sept.	July, Aug., Sept.	Aug.
United	Boston - London	120,000	Jan.			Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb. to April, June, July	Dec., Feb., March, May	Feb., May

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BUSINESS CLASS PARTNER AVAILABILITY FOR THE FAMILY

This next chart below shows routes with availability to Europe on Austrian and TAP airlines, using United miles (which you can transfer from Chase points), and on Delta, using Virgin Atlantic miles (which you can transfer from Amex, Chase, and Citi).

Operating Airline	Using Partner Miles	Route	Round-trip Mileage Cost	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
Austrian	United	Chicago - Vienna	144,000	Dec., Jan.			Nov. to March	Jan.	
		New York - Vienna		Feb., March	Jan.		March		Jan., Feb., March
		Washington, DC - Vienna		Jan., Feb., March	Jan., Feb.		Nov.	Jan.	Feb., March
Delta	Virgin Atlantic	Detroit - Amsterdam	100,000	Nov., Jan.			Jan.		
		New York - Brussels		Jan., March	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Jan., March	Jan., Feb.
		New York - Frankfurt		Jan.			March to May		
		New York - Reykjavík		Oct., April			April, May		
		New York - London	95,000-115,000	Aug.			April, May		Aug.
		Portland - Amsterdam	100,000	Nov., Feb., March	Jan.		Feb., March	Jan.	
TAP	United	Boston - Lisbon	144,000	Feb., March	Jan.		Feb., March		
		New York - Lisbon		Jan.	Feb.		Jan., March, May	Feb., March	
		Washington, DC - Lisbon		Jan., Feb.			Jan., Feb., March	Feb.	

Months in black at least four seats available; in [blue](#) at least six seats; in [green](#) at least seven seats. Remember to use the data as a guide since availability can be volatile

UNITED UPGRADE AVAILABILITY FOR THE FAMILY

Here are three routes to Europe with United mileage upgrade availability from economy to Business. (40,000 round-trip, valid with most fares, plus \$1,100 co-pay.)

Operating Airline	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
United	Boston - London	Oct., Jan.			Nov., Jan., March, April, June, July	Oct., Dec., Feb., March, April, Aug.	Oct., Feb., May
	Newark - London	Oct.			Oct., Feb., March, April	Oct.	
	Washington, DC - Frankfurt	Oct.			Dec., Jan., Feb.		

Months in black at least four seats available; in [blue](#) at least six seats; in [green](#) at least seven seats. Remember to use the data as a guide since availability can be volatile

ONE ROUTE WITH FIRST CLASS FAMILY AVAILABILITY

Here's the only American Airlines route with First Class availability for a family of four or more.

Operating Airline	Route	Round-trip Mileage Cost	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
American	New York - London	168,000- 249,000	Dec., Jan., Aug.			Dec., Jan., Feb., Aug.	Nov. to Jan., Aug.	

Months in black at least four seats available; in [blue](#) at least six seats; in [green](#) at least seven seats. Remember to use the data as a guide since availability can be volatile

TRANSFER POINTS PARTNERS

The chart below shows airlines with four or more award seats available, and their points transfer partners. **Partner availability can be different from the operating carrier's loyalty program. As with any deal,**

make sure you double-check availability with the mileage program you want to use, before you transfer any points to miles.

Airline With Four or More Seats Available	Carrier Points Redemption Partners	Lowest Cost Mileage Redemption Partners	Partner Points Redemption Partners
American	Citi	Cathay Pacific	Amex, Capital One, Citi
Austrian		United	Chase
Delta	Amex	Virgin Atlantic	Amex, Chase, Citi
Japan		Cathay Pacific	Amex, Capital One, Citi
Singapore	Amex	Singapore	Amex, Capital One, Chase, Citi
TAP	Capital One	United	Chase
United	Chase	All Nippon	Amex

WATERING THE FAMILY TREE

Don't write off premium travel with miles or points just because you're traveling with four or more people.



The Upgrade Mindset & Contentment, Part II: Unhappy Ticket Buyers & FCF's Theory of Relativity

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It's all about perspective...

It's human to think in relative, and not absolute, terms. We all perceive an inch on a yardstick as smaller than an inch on a ruler. A \$20 discount on a restaurant meal seems way more substantial than a \$20 discount on a new sofa, despite the fact that you're getting \$20 either way.

This is a form of cognitive bias that we fall victim to every day. There's confirmation bias, optimism bias, the halo effect... or my personal favorite, the Dunning–Kruger effect, where someone thinks they're the smartest person in the room, when in fact the opposite is the case, but they're too incompetent to realize it. (Charles Bukowski put it best: "The problem with the world is that the intelligent people are full of doubts while the stupid ones are full of confidence.")

In travel, anomalies of relativity abound. Jake hates making domestic connections, but he wouldn't hesitate to make a double or even triple connection from Monterey to the Maldives. But if he has to book a connection to Los Angeles? Heck no.

Margy wouldn't think of paying 40% more than the lowest cost in dollars or miles, and yet she's overlooking the fact the more expensive one fits perfectly with her schedule, on a nice internationally configured widebody flight, and it's to and from her favorite airports.

A trip to the Maldives can certainly be looked at in relative terms. If you don't like long-haul flights, a low \$2,400 Business Class fare is kind of irrelevant, or if it's not on your bucket list, you don't care about a great fare. But let's say you're a loyalty traveler looking to rack up miles. In that case, a \$2,400 flight to the Maldives can sound pretty great.

NO FARE IS AN ISLAND

All of which is to say: No fare is an island (Maldives or not) and you shouldn't necessarily look at fares in isolation. Most loyalty travelers go straight to their favorite airline website, thus missing the *context* of what other airlines are charging. How can you recognize a good fare if you're only looking at one airline, one route, one origin airport, or even one class of service? Without the full context, how could you say that something is expensive or inconvenient? **Those self-talk statements are relative, without relevant data.** So how does all this *relate* to booking flights?



Maldives

IT TAKES TWO KINDS

I see two kinds of travelers, those that love booking flights and those that don't. "[Opportunity](#)" travelers go where the deals are. They're the ones flying comfortably for way less. The other travelers lock themselves in on a particular flight, with a particular airline, on a particular date, thus locking themselves OUT of any potential opportunity.

Most people hate booking airline tickets. That's because they see on screen in black and white how they've committed to what amounts to a high-fare route, date, airline, and flight, and/or they think that fares should be less.

And the process itself isn't much fun either, for them. They're forced to search on a zillion websites trying to squeeze blood out of a stone. These are unhappy bookers with unrealistic expectations.

Here's a plan: start with a deal, have a bucket list of five or 10 destinations, don't lock yourself into one airline, and reap the benefits of Opportunity Travel. We have a bunch of readers that do just this, and let me tell you, they usually have a smile on their faces when they're booking.

IT'S ALL ABOUT PERSPECTIVE: 3 WAYS TO FLIP YOUR COGNITIVE-BIASED TRAVEL MIND

1. The 3Cs. Last month we covered the [3Cs of premium air travel](#): Cost, Comfort, and Convenience – where cost is dollars, miles, or points, comfort is the class of service and seat quality, and convenience are the dates, times, number of stops, routing, layover times and so on. Most people are aiming to optimize all three on a journey and are generally disappointed. I sing this song: "[two out of three ain't bad](#)" – aim for two of those three Cs. You should be happy paying a little more if you get a nice seat on the exact dates you want. Or, for a nice low price, you might have to put up with leaving a day or so earlier or later, and so on. I think you'll find that this opens up possibilities, rather than closing them down.

2. Already have a trip in mind? Be an Opportunity Traveler. Beating cognitive biases means opening your mind and being flexible. Sometimes, it means being a little adventurous. Don't see a deal to Copenhagen in FCF's [Rare Fares](#)? Why not look at some nearby cities? European cities are often relatively close to each other, and travel from one to another is cheap over there. Hey, there's a deal to Amsterdam. Grab it and catch a short flight or the train over to Denmark. Can't find a great deal to Singapore but Ho Chi Minh City is available for a discount price in Business Class? Go to HCM – a fantastic destination – and then jump a shuttle to Singapore. They're only two hours apart. That right there is being an [Opportunity Traveler](#). Go get 'em.

3. Don't have a trip in mind but would take one if the price was right? Don't Book Backwards. The conventional wisdom when booking travel is to dream of somewhere you want to go (maybe you were inspired by a magazine article or a friend's story), THEN you plan (most folks visit 38 websites during this phase, according to surveys) and THEN you book. I say, flip that script. So when I book, I rate the premium cabin aspect of my trip as highly important. ("If I have to fly coach, I'm not going," many say.) I start there and build around it. This means finding a great flying experience and retrofitting it back to a range of destinations I have

in the back of my mind (but never in the back of the plane). In this way, you're turning the funnel upside down with the largest number of premium travel opportunities at the start of the process. [More about booking backwards here.](#)



The Genius Ticketing Ploy That Gets You International Business Class Flights for Less Than Coach

**Use FCF's two-trips-on-one-ticket to win any contest at
your next BBQ boast competition**

One of FCF's favorite ticketing maneuvers is the Leg Stretch Strategy (LSS), because it can often get you Business Class 3-for-1s. We discovered it many years ago and have covered it a number of times to all parts of the globe. But it's been 11 months since we've put it under the microscope, so it's time to pull on those leg warmers and get physical with a healthy Leg Stretch.

SAY FETCH FOR THE LEG STRETCH

It's the most counterintuitive travel strategy I can think of. Probably for two reasons:

#1: The fare isn't aimed at Americans, yet Americans can really make hay with huge savings. I'm talking about long-haul flights (a bunch of them) in **Business Class, sometimes for the price of coach** and sometimes even less.

#2: It's booking two different trips on one ticket – which is just not on anyone's radar.

Let's recap what the Leg Stretch Strategy is. In the example below, it will take you from Europe to South America, via stops in the U.S. (both directions), and back to Europe. We've also done Leg Stretch strategies involving [Asia](#) and the Middle East.

But here's the thing, if you were to break up those segments into separate trips, namely Europe to the U.S; and the U.S. to South America, you'd pay WAY more than if you combine them into one ticket.

Didn't know you could? Well, you can.

THIS MONTH'S LEG STRETCH

Europe-USA-South America-USA-Europe – all on one ticket

So you might be pondering: When would I do such a trip? These destinations are so different (and pretty far apart).

The genius of the strategy is that you can stretch the ticket over a year. You might have business in Europe in January and July, and a vacation in Brazil in March. That's fine. **The U.S. “stopover” between Europe and South America is simply when you're hanging out at home.**

Since this fare is aimed ostensibly at non-Americans, the LSS starts in Europe, so you'll have to get yourself there and back home at the beginning and end of the strategy (unless you let the good times roll and book another LSS again). But believe me, with the amount you save, it's worth it to just find a round-trip, or two one-way flights for those legs ([paying in miles is often best for one-ways](#).) You're still going to end up way ahead.

FCF'S CONTINENTAL DIVIDE AND CONQUER STRATEGY *SAMPLE* ITINERARY...



A quick summary of the sample itinerary:

LSS Ticket Segment #1: Amsterdam to New York. Stay at home as long as you'd like before your trip to South America — as long as you complete the entire itinerary within 12 months.

LSS Ticket Segment #2: New York to São Paulo. Stay and have an awesome time in Brazil (or hop around from there to other South American hot spots).

LSS Ticket Segment #3: São Paulo to New York. Go home and relax.

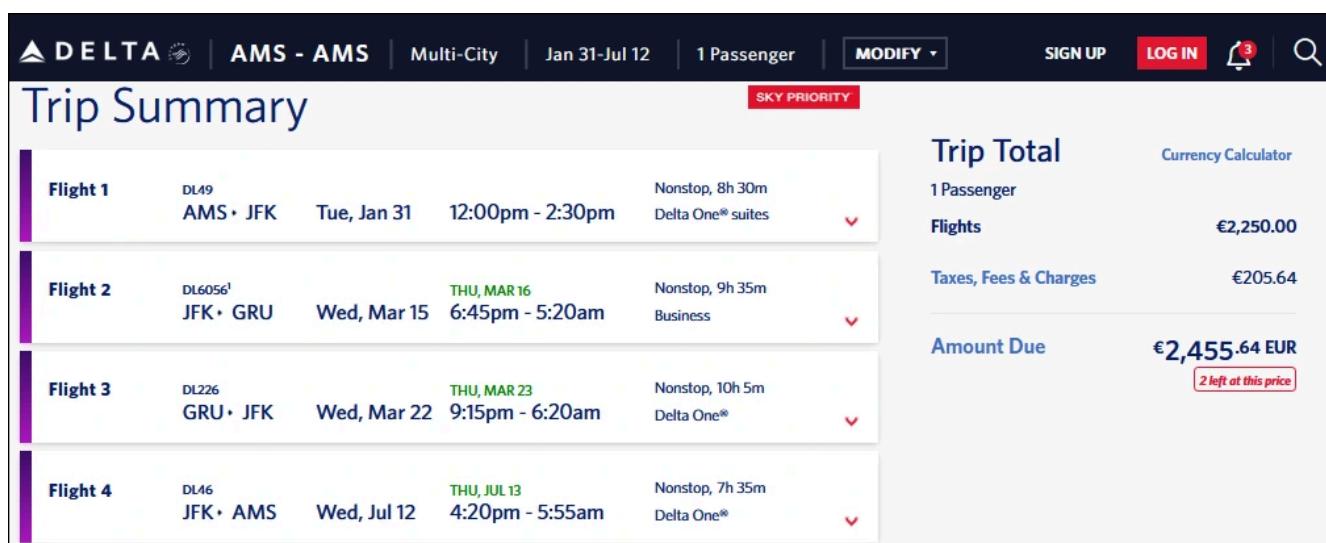
LSS Ticket Segment #4: New York to Amsterdam, London, Paris, or any other European destination (the final leg of the Leg Stretch) that has a low LSS fare and is on your bucket list... The world is your oyster. Then at the end you find another one-way fare back to the U.S. OR you start another LSS and just keep living the dream.

This strategy works best for travelers with a homebase in or near Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Miami, Minneapolis, New York, and Washington, DC.—or travelers willing to buy separate tickets to those cities.

SO WHAT DOES THIS COST AND WHAT DO YOU SAVE?

If you were to divide this Leg Stretch into separate trips in coach, it would cost **around \$2,943** for nonstops on Delta, at time of publication. But if you were to combine them all into one LSS Business Class ticket, it would cost (drumroll, please) **\$2,380**. That's Business for \$500+ *less* than the price of coach.

Amsterdam - New York - São Paulo - New York - Amsterdam **The Equivalent of Two Round-Trips** on Delta in Business Class for \$2,380 USD Normally \$2,943+ in coach or \$6,620 in Business



The screenshot shows a Delta Trip Summary page. At the top, it displays flight details: AMS - AMS, Multi-City, Jan 31-Jul 12, 1 Passenger, and a 'MODIFY' button. Below this is a 'SKY PRIORITY' button. The main section is titled 'Trip Summary' and lists four flights:

Flight	Flight Number	From	To	Date	Time	Duration	Class
Flight 1	DL49	AMS	JFK	Tue, Jan 31	12:00pm - 2:30pm	Nonstop, 8h 30m	Delta One® suites
Flight 2	DL6056 ¹	JFK	GRU	Wed, Mar 15	THU, MAR 16 6:45pm - 5:20am	Nonstop, 9h 35m	Business
Flight 3	DL226	GRU	JFK	Wed, Mar 22	THU, MAR 23 9:15pm - 6:20am	Nonstop, 10h 5m	Delta One®
Flight 4	DL46	JFK	AMS	Wed, Jul 12	THU, JUL 13 4:20pm - 5:55am	Nonstop, 7h 35m	Delta One®

On the right, the 'Trip Total' is shown in EUR: 1 Passenger (€2,250.00), Flights (€205.64), Taxes, Fees & Charges (€205.64), and a total of €2,455.64 EUR. A note indicates '2 left at this price'.

COMPARING THE LEG STRETCH WITH ROUND-TRIP TICKETS IN BUSINESS CLASS

Now let's compare it to a Business Class trip where those destinations are broken down into separate trips. In Business Class, it would cost

GET CREATIVE, SWITCH IT UP

For just a bit more, instead of traveling back to Amsterdam, travel to London, Paris, etc. Here's an example to London:
on Delta in Business Class for \$2,510 USD

▲ DELTA | AMS - LHR | Multi-City | Jan 31-Jul 12 | 1 Passenger | MODIFY | SIGN UP | LOG IN | 3 | SEARCH

Trip Summary

						SKY PRIORITY
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Flight 3	DL226 GRU → JFK	Wed, Mar 22	THU, MAR 23 9:15pm - 6:20am	Nonstop, 10h 5m Delta One®	▼	
Flight 4	DL5996 ² JFK → LHR	Wed, Jul 12	WED, JUL 12 8:15am - 8:00pm	Nonstop, 6h 45m Upper Class	▼	

Trip Total

1 Passenger	Currency Calculator
Flights	€2,384.00
Taxes, Fees & Charges	€205.64
Amount Due	€2,589.64 EUR
<small>2 left at this price</small>	

END GAME: KEEP THE LSS PARTY PUMPING, OR SLEEP IT OFF AT HOME?

At the end of your Leg Stretch adventure, you have two options. You can embark on ANOTHER Leg Stretch ticket, or just get a ticket that ends at home. Let's break this down.

Option #1: Book Another LSS Ticket: Remember, in Europe you're already at the starting point of *another* LSS. Since you can control the timing of that final flight from the U.S. to complete an LSS, you can make it work with your next multi-continent ticket. The savings you'd net over more trips like this are astronomical.

Option #2: Head Home: If you're a one-and-done LSSer, you can buy a round-trip ticket to/from the starting point and return destinations, or even two one-way tickets.

SAMPLE DELTA LSS FARES

While they change all the time, when we played with the dates we found the following at time of publication:

Start Your LSS Ticket In:	Your U.S. Stop (Both Coming and Going)	Your South American Destination:	Fare for Four Legs (In Effect, Two Round-Trips)	Total Normal Cost For Two Round-Trips in Business Class	Savings
Zurich	Houston	Rio de Janeiro	\$2,730	\$14,679	\$11,949 / 81%
Munich	Houston	Rio de Janeiro	\$3,044	\$14,460	\$11,416 / 79%
Frankfurt	Chicago	Rio de Janeiro	\$2,942	\$13,512	\$10,570 / 78%

Start Your LSS Ticket In:	Your U.S. Stop (Both Coming and Going)	Your South American Destination:	Fare for Four Legs (In Effect, Two Round-Trips)	Total Normal Cost For Two Round-Trips in Business Class	Savings
Vienna	Washington, DC	Sao Paulo	\$2,907	\$13,425	\$10,518 / 78%
Amsterdam	Minneapolis	Sao Paulo	\$2,431	\$8,439	\$6,008 / 71%
Milan	Atlanta	Sao Paulo	\$2,517	\$7,570	\$5,053 / 67%
Amsterdam	New York	Sao Paulo	\$2,380	\$6,620	\$4,240 / 64%
Rome	Boston	Sao Paulo	\$2,495	\$6,952	\$4,457 / 64%
Paris	Miami	Santiago	\$3,025	\$8,150	\$5,125 / 63%
London	New York	Rio de Janeiro	\$2,885	\$6,185	\$3,300 / 53%

HOW TO BOOK

You have several options but booking through a travel agent is best because an agent has easy access to inventory information. You can also use [Delta's](#) website or your favorite online booking engines such as Google Flights, Expedia, Orbitz, or Kayak, and use the multi-city search feature.

N.B. One thing to note is that these fares change all the time. We find these fares to be unusually volatile, so play with the dates a day or two (or twenty) before and after each of the segments, and more than likely you'll find fares in the same range as we did.

google.com/flights multi-city screenshot below:

Google

Multi-city Business

Rome FCO → New York (Wed, Feb 1)

New York → São Paulo GRU (Tue, Feb 7)

São Paulo GRU → New York (Mon, Feb 13)

New York → Rome FCO (Wed, Feb 22)

Add flight

MORE LSS INSIGHTS IN FCF'S EXTENSIVE RESEARCH, WE'VE DISCOVERED THE FOLLOWING LSS TRENDS RECENTLY:

Lowest Cost European Destination Cities: Amsterdam, Frankfurt, London, Milan, Munich, Paris, Rome, Vienna, and Zurich.

Lowest Cost South American Destination Cities: Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, and São Paulo.

Lowest Cost U.S. Stopover (your home): Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Miami, Minneapolis, New York, and Washington, DC.

Airlines LSS works best with right now: Delta, as you can see above. While American was [great in the past for combining Asia and South America](#), its fares for Europe and South America are considerably more at time of this publication. But even in the \$3,800 to \$4,200 range, they still can represent solid savings. We have not seen any low prices using this strategy on United recently, but have [found them in the past](#). So once again, don't give up because these fares change constantly.

FLIP THE TRIP

If you start your Leg Stretch Strategy trip In South America, (making it South America>U.S.>Europe>U.S.>South America), you can still typically save 40% or more versus buying those same trips separately. In this case, you'd be beginning and ending the LSS in South America instead of Europe. It costs a little more than starting and ending in Europe, at the moment, but if you have things to do in South America, it's still hugely beneficial, pricewise. Here's an example:

SAMPLE LEG STRETCH STRATEGY STARTING IN SOUTH AMERICA

South America - U.S. - Europe - U.S. - South America

Start Your LSS Ticket In:	Your U.S. Stop (Both Coming and Going)	Your European Destination:	Fare for Four Legs (in effect, two round-trips)	Total Two Round-Trips in Business Class	Savings
Sao Paulo	New York	London	\$3,764	\$6,551	\$2,787 / 43%



Take Off Your Shoes: Japan Reopens its Doors and FCF Opens Up 88% First Class Savings

October 2022

Japan is open for Business (and First), so let's get there without paying the usual sumo-sized prices, with—or without—miles or points

You probably heard: Starting [October 11](#), Japan is reopening its borders to tourism with fewer restrictions. Ironically, Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida made this announcement in *New York* where he was attending a UN General Assembly meeting.

All returnees and entrants to Japan are required to provide either a valid vaccination certificate (three doses), or a certificate of a negative test within 72 hours prior to departure from the country of origin.

While this is great news, it's tempered a little by the fact that fares to Tokyo are sumo-sized right now. First Class nonstop flights range from \$19,400 to \$24,400 and Business Class nonstops range between \$7,200 and \$12,900. But that's nothing new for this destination.

So, while enjoying a teriyaki chicken takeaway feast, our intrepid team got to work surveying nonstop availability using miles and points and found free award availability in First Class on All Nippon Airways and Japan Airlines, and in Business Class on All Nippon Airways, Japan Airlines, and Singapore Airlines. United has free award availability and upgrades to Business Class.

And of course, we went straight to the top and looked at **First Class availability**. October dates are in 2022 while September are 2023. In other words, you can go now or in a year.

Airline	To Tokyo From	Round-trip Mileage Cost	Outbound		Return	
			4 to 8 Days Per Month	9 to 12 Days Per Month	4 to 8 Days Per Month	9 to 12 Days Per Month
All Nippon	Chicago	150,000	Sept.			
Japan Airlines	Chicago	140,000		Sept.	Oct.	Sept.
	Los Angeles		Sept.		Oct.	Oct., Sept.
	New York			Sept.		Sept.
	San Francisco		Oct.		Oct.	Oct., Sept.

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...

NO MILES? NO PROBLEM.

Simply buy them (ideally when they are on sale) and you'll save a fortune compared to using those same dollars to buy normal fares. Buy American miles when on sale to get Japan Airlines First Class (more on how to save up to \$21,520 below), and United miles when on sale for All Nippon. For those of you who love the Virgin / All Nippon deal, we didn't find any availability using Virgin miles.

The chart below shows how you can take a samurai sword to the cost of a normal First Class fare, with an Amex points partner, for flights on All Nippon and Japan Airlines.

Operating Carrier	To Tokyo From	Lowest Cost Amex Partner	Amex Partner Cost	Cost To Buy Points / Miles at 2.5¢	Normal Published Fare	Savings	
Japan	All Nippon Chicago	All Nippon	150,000	\$3,750	\$22,300	\$18,550	83%
	Chicago	Cathay Pacific	240,000	\$6,000	\$23,800	\$17,800	75%
	Los Angeles	British Airways	206,000	\$5,150	\$19,400	\$14,250	73%
	New York	Cathay Pacific	240,000	\$6,000	\$24,400	\$18,400	75%
	San Francisco	British Airways	206,000	\$5,150	\$21,700	\$16,550	76%

And similarly, you can buy American or United miles to karate kick those regular fares to the curb. Can you believe a savings of \$16,520 to \$21,520 for one trip?!

PARTNER SAVINGS OPPORTUNITIES USING AMERICAN OR UNITED MILES

Operating Carrier	To Tokyo From	Buy Miles From	Mileage Cost	Typical Cost To Buy Miles When on Sale at about 1.8¢	Normal Published Fare	Savings	
Japan	All Nippon Chicago	United	220,000	\$3,960	\$22,300	\$18,340	82%
	Chicago				\$23,800	\$20,920	88%
	Los Angeles				\$19,400	\$16,520	85%
	New York				\$24,400	\$21,520	88%
	San Francisco	American	160,000	\$2,880	\$21,700	\$18,820	87%

BUSINESS CLASS TO JAPAN

Along with First Class, we also drilled down on Business Class. First up, our *bento box* of availability on All Nippon, Japan, Singapore, and United.

Airline	To Tokyo From	Round-trip Mileage Cost	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
All Nippon	Chicago	75,000		Sept.		Oct., Aug., Sept.		
	Houston		July, Aug.	Sept.		Sept.		
	Los Angeles		Aug., Sept.			Aug., Sept.	Oct.	Sept.
	San Francisco		Oct., Aug., Sept.			Oct., Sept.		Oct.
	Seattle		Oct.	Oct.		Oct.	Oct.	
	Washington, DC		Aug.			Sept.		
Japan	Boston	100,000	Aug., Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	June, Aug., Sept.		Sept.
	Chicago		July, Aug., Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Aug., Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
	Dallas		Oct., Nov., July, Aug.	July, Aug.	Nov., Aug., Sept.	Nov., Aug., Sept.	Aug.	Sept.
	Los Angeles		Nov., July, Aug., Sept.	Aug.	Aug., Sept.	Aug., Sept.	Aug.	Aug., Sept.
	New York		July, Aug., Sept.		Aug., Sept.		Sept.	Sept.
	San Francisco			Sept.		Oct.	Sept.	
	Seattle		Aug.	July, Aug.	Aug., Sept.	Oct., Aug.	Aug., Sept.	Aug., Sept.
Singapore	Los Angeles	207,000	Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., March, April, May, June	Nov., Jan., Feb., April, May, Sept.	Nov., Feb., May, July, Aug.	Nov., Jan., Feb., March, May, June, July to Sept.	Oct., July	Oct., Aug.

Airline	To Tokyo From	Round-trip Mileage Cost	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
United	Chicago	144,800- 145,600				Oct., June, July, Aug.		
	Denver	140,000	April, May		June, July, Aug.			Aug.
	Los Angeles	140,000	June	June	July, Aug.		Aug.	
	San Francisco	140,000- 145,600	May		June to Aug.	Oct., 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...

The chart below shows huge savings when you buy points instead of fares. Look at that All Nippon San Francisco-Tokyo opportunity as one example. You could fork out \$11,252 for a Business Class fare on All Nippon, or run that bad idea over with a bullet train and instead pay just \$1,875 by buying the miles required, through Amex. *Arigato!*

PARTNER SAVINGS OPPORTUNITIES USING AMEX POINTS

Operating Airline	To Tokyo From	Lowest Cost Amex Miles Partner	Amex Partner Cost / Miles	Cost To Buy Points / Miles at 2.5¢	Normal Published Fare	Buying Amex Points Savings
All Nippon	Chicago	All Nippon	75,000	\$1,875	\$10,300	\$8,425 82%
	Houston				\$11,252	\$9,377 83%
	Los Angeles				\$7,001	\$5,126 73%
	San Francisco				\$11,252	\$9,377 83%
	Seattle				\$8,589	\$6,714 78%
	Washington, DC				\$11,500	\$9,625 84%

Operating Airline	To Tokyo From	Lowest Cost Amex Miles Partner	Amex Partner Cost / Miles	Cost To Buy Points / Miles at 2.5¢	Normal Published Fare	Buying Amex Points Savings	
Japan	Boston	Cathay Pacific	150,000	\$3,750	\$9,863	\$6,113	62%
	Chicago				\$9,976	\$6,226	62%
	Dallas				\$9,446	\$5,696	60%
	Los Angeles				\$6,198	\$2,448	39%
	New York				\$10,024	\$6,274	63%
	San Francisco				\$9,785	\$6,035	62%
	Seattle		122,000	\$3,050	\$7,243	\$4,193	58%
Singapore	Los Angeles	Singapore	184,000	\$4,600	\$7,711	\$3,111	40%
United	Chicago	All Nippon	85,000	\$2,125	\$11,452	\$9,327	81%
	Denver				\$12,400	\$10,275	83%
	Los Angeles				\$8,815	\$6,690	76%
	San Francisco				\$12,985	\$10,860	84%

As with First Class, you can buy American or United miles and save big on Business Class trips. It's a great way to beat high fares, which I do all the time.

Operating Carrier	To Tokyo From	Buy Miles From	Mileage Cost	Typical Cost To Buy Miles When on Sale at about 1.8¢	Normal Published Fare	Savings	
All Nippon	Chicago	United	160,000	\$2,880	\$10,300	\$7,420	72%
	Houston				\$11,252	\$8,372	74%
	Los Angeles				\$7,001	\$4,121	59%
	San Francisco				\$11,252	\$8,372	74%
	Seattle				\$8,589	\$5,709	66%
	Washington, DC				\$11,500	\$8,620	75%

Operating Carrier	To Tokyo From	Buy Miles From	Mileage Cost	Typical Cost To Buy Miles When on Sale at about 1.8¢	Normal Published Fare	Savings	
Japan	Boston	American	120,000	\$2,160	\$9,863	\$7,703	78%
	Chicago				\$9,976	\$7,816	78%
	Dallas				\$9,446	\$7,286	77%
	Los Angeles				\$6,198	\$4,038	65%
	New York				\$10,024	\$7,864	78%
	San Francisco				\$9,785	\$7,625	78%
	Seattle				\$7,243	\$5,083	70%
United	Chicago	United	160,000	\$2,880	\$11,452	\$8,572	75%
	Denver				\$12,400	\$9,520	77%
	Los Angeles				\$8,815	\$5,935	67%
	San Francisco				\$12,985	\$10,105	78%

UNITED UPGRADE AVAILABILITY

Here are five routes to Asia with United mileage upgrade availability from economy to Business Class (60,000 round-trip, valid with most fares, plus a \$900 co-pay).

To Tokyo From	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, May	Feb., April to June	Feb., March, July, Aug.	Oct., June, Aug.		
Denver			June., July, Aug.	Aug.		
Los Angeles	Feb., April, June, Sept.	Feb., July	May, July, Aug.	Aug.	Oct., Sept.	
New York	Feb., March	Feb., April to Aug.				

To Tokyo From	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
San Francisco	May		June to Aug.	Oct.		

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...

WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT...

- Sick of negative stories about poor First Class availability to Asia? AND are you single or, er, flying solo? Then [this read is for you.](#)
- And [this is a report](#) we wrote when Tokyo was closed, however you might like the strategy of **using Tokyo as a gateway to other Asian destinations.**



With the Pound Sinking to Record Lows, the UK's on Serious Sale

October 2022

Now's the time to head across the pond to take advantage of pond-size savings, including a Euro that's worth about the same as a dollar

If you love a bargain, grab your credit card and head to the airport. The UK is on serious sale — as in Black Friday, doorbuster, and Blue Light Special sale.

With the British pound hitting record lows against the dollar, the cost for U.S. travelers has plummeted by more than 20 percent in the last six months. (The euro, too, has taken a dive and now stands at about 1:1 with the greenback.) Add that up over a long weekend shopping trip, and you can save big.



We'll leave it to economists to explain the details, but while central bankers and currency traders sort through the news, this is the time to visit London, a notoriously pricey destination where travelers now can scoop up deals on hotels, meals, and luxury goods.

SAVE BIG ON DELUXE HOTELS

First, your accommodations. London claims to have more five-star hotels than any other city in the world, and this is your chance to try one out.

A deluxe king room at the five-star Savoy Hotel that goes for around \$852 a night right now would have cost \$1,108 back in April — a savings of \$256. Just be sure to pre-pay to lock in today's rate. If you plan to visit London, say for the Chelsea Flower Show next May, you can save enough for all kinds of upgrades.

DINE IN STYLE WITH CHANGE TO SPARE

This is also a time to sample London's high-end dining. With nearly 70 Michelin-star restaurants, including Alain Ducasse at The Dorchester and Restaurant Gordon Ramsay, you won't have to settle for beans on toast.

SCORE HUGE SAVINGS ON LUXURY GOODS

And then there's the shopping.

If you found yourself admiring the fashion at Queen Elizabeth II's funeral, you may want to snap up a hat from Philip Treacy, milliner to the royal family, suggests Marcia Sherrill, who runs the travel and shopping site Cool City Guides. Or perhaps it's time for a bespoke or made-to-measure Saville Row suit.

Others may want to wander Bond Street, where retailers report Americans are scoring collectible Rolex, Cartier, and Patek Philippe watches at big savings. And you can always explore stores like Harrods with 330 departments spread over seven floors, or Selfridges, which boasts the world's largest assortment of designer jeans (11,000 pairs).

But before you splurge, keep these details in mind:

- Don't forget U.S. customs. Even if it's a bargain, you typically must pay duty on purchases totaling over \$800. (A family traveling together can combine their \$800 exemptions, but you must have been overseas for at least 48 hours to qualify.) After that, it's a 3% charge on the next \$1,000, and then the additional rate varies based on the item.
- Be careful at the airport duty-free shop. Purchases there still count toward your exemption.
- When using a credit card, always choose to make your purchase in pounds, not dollars. This rookie error can cost you because credit card companies use an unfavorable exchange rate that will cut into your savings.

With that in mind, you're ready to hop on over to Heathrow. Just remember to bring an extra suitcase.



Travel like a champ on the most comfortable flights and save up to 33% with the best fares, too

Last month we wrote about the [three Cs of travel](#): cost, comfort, and convenience, and how getting two out of three for premium travel ain't bad (hey, if it's not premium travel you can rule out comfort every time).

In this report, we score all three Cs on a Hawaiian vacation. I'm talking about beautiful, big, comfy, [internationally configured Domestic Business Class](#) seats combined with a package deal that's destined to make your next Hawaiian getaway one to remember.

EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE

Vacations are precious. As far as I'm concerned, the flights to and from your vacation are part of the vacation itself. They can either add to it or detract from it. A nice comfortable widebody flight means your vacation starts at the airport, not on the beaches of Hawaii. In effect, a great flying experience adds two days to your holiday. Conversely, a bad flying experience leaves a bad taste in your mouth either at the beginning or the end (or both) when you should be arriving back home refreshed.

Unfortunately, finding a widebody aircraft to Hawaii is harder now than ever.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COMFY SEATS TO HAWAII?

There were many more widebody flights to Hawaii this time last year. American Airlines had five then, but now they only have two (Dallas to Honolulu and Maui). Delta had 11, but now they only have seven (Atlanta, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Salt Lake City, and Seattle to Honolulu, and Los Angeles or Seattle to Maui). United had 16, but now they have 10 (Chicago, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Newark, San Francisco to Honolulu; Chicago to Kona; Chicago, Denver, and San Francisco to Maui.)

That's a 40% decrease in widebody flights to Hawaii. Why? Because airlines are shifting aircraft to fast-growing international routes and away from former domestic routes that ruled when there was little demand for international flights due to The Lockdown.

So we thought we'd give you the ultimate Hawaiian vacation gift: a comprehensive guide to current widebody flights to paradise, COMBINED WITH a fantastic deluxe package deal.

ABOUT THE SEATS

Currently there are 12 nonstop routes from the U.S. mainland to Honolulu, six to Maui, and one to Kona with widebody aircraft. If you don't fly in these aircraft, you will get a relatively crappy seat on all other flights.

WIDEBODY AIRCRAFT CONFIGURATION BY AIRLINE

Airline	Aircraft	Version	Number of Seats	Seat Width
American	B777-200	1	37	21.9
	B787-800		20	
	2	28	21	
	B787-900	1	30	
Delta	B767-300ER (K)		26	20.5
	B767-300ER (L)		36	
	B767-300ER (Z)	3	26	

Airline	Aircraft	Version	Number of Seats	Seat Width	
United	B767-400ER	1	40		
	B767-400ER		34	19.9-20	
	A330-200		34		
	A330-300		34	19.7	
	A330-900		29	22.5	
	A350-900		32	20.46	
	B777-300ER (77W)		60	22	
	B767-300		30		
			46	20.6	
	B767-400		39		
American	B787-800	1	28	20.5	
	B787-900		48	20.6	
	B787-10	2	48		
			44	20.5	

*Aircraft subject to change

AMERICAN WIDE-BODY OPPORTUNITIES U.S. TO HAWAII

American is primarily using the B777-200, 787-800, and the 787-900 to Honolulu and Maui.

Travel Between	Flight numbers*	Aircraft	Return	Aircraft
Dallas and Honolulu	AA0123	B777-200	AA0102	B777-200
	AA0115, AA0124	B787-800	AA0102, AA0115	B787-800
	AA0005, AA0115, AA0123	B787-900	AA0008, AA0102, AA0115	B787-900
Dallas and Maui	AA119	B787-800	AA116	B787-800
	AA119, AA007	B787-900	AA116, AA006	B787-900

* Schedule through October 31. Flight number and aircraft subject to change.

DELTA WIDE-BODY OPPORTUNITIES U.S. TO HAWAII

Delta is primarily using their A330, A359 and B767 to Honolulu and A330 to Maui routes.

Travel Between	Flight numbers*	Aircraft	Return	Aircraft
Atlanta - Honolulu	DL1264	B767	DL0836	B767
	DL0837	A359		
Los Angeles - Honolulu	DL0330, DL0443, DL0480	B767	DL0331, DL0368, DL0495	B767
Los Angeles - Maui	DL0443, DL0448, DL0462	A330	DL1031, DL0448, DL0355	A330
Minneapolis - Honolulu	DL0435***	B767	DL0788***	B767
Salt Lake City - Honolulu	DL0397		DL0347	
Seattle - Honolulu	DL2874, DL2932, DL0450	A330	DL0440**	A330
Seattle - Maui	DL0169	A330-NE	DL1708	A330-NE

* Schedule through October 31. Flight number and aircraft subject to change. ** No Service on Fri. *** No service on Mon., Tue.

UNITED WIDE-BODY OPPORTUNITIES U.S. TO HAWAII

United is primarily using the B767 on Newark-Honolulu routes, B777 on Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, and San Francisco to Honolulu and Denver- and San Francisco-Maui routes, and B787 on Chicago-Honolulu, -Kona and -Maui routes.

Travel Between	Flight numbers*	Aircraft	Return	Aircraft
Chicago - Honolulu	UA219	B787	UA218	B787
Chicago - Kona	UA66**		UA67**	
Chicago - Maui	UA202***		UA348***	
Denver - Honolulu	UA384	B777	UA383	B777
Denver - Maui	UA1736****		UA1430****	
Houston - Honolulu	UA253		UA252	
Los Angeles - Honolulu	UA1158, UA1170		UA534, UA1231, UA1636	
Newark - Honolulu	UA363	B767	UA362	B767
San Francisco - Honolulu	UA300, UA1175, UA1509, UA2380	B777	UA372, UA396, UA1141	B777
San Francisco - Maui	UA1273, UA1725		UA1722	

* Schedule through October 31. Flight number and aircraft subject to change. ** Saturday service only; *** No service Tue., Wed.; **** Service on Sun., Mon. only.

SAVINGS ON WIDEBODY HAWAII VACATION PACKAGE DEALS

Now, let's take a look at the vacation packages to Hawaii that, when combined with those beautiful comfortable widebody cabins, mean you'll be enjoying palm tree-swaying luxury and volcanic value. For example, hula your way from San Francisco to Maui on a 777 before staying at the Ritz Carlton. If you were to separate airfare and accommodation for two travelers, you'd pay a total of \$13,534 for five nights. However, if you combine the flight and hotel into a package deal, you'd only pay \$10,842, for a savings of \$2,692, or 20%. The chart below details a range of packages to both Honolulu and Maui from a range of U.S. cities on the big three carriers. And all with multi-thousands of dollars in savings.

SAMPLE PACKAGE PRICE

▼ Flights

Depart: Jan 31



SFO
9:05 AM

— #1725 →
United First

OGG
12:37 PM

Total travel time: 5hr 32min

Return: Feb 5



OGG
2:10 PM

— #1722 →
United First

SFO
9:05 PM

Total travel time: 4hr 55min

▼ Hotel

[The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua](#)



Check in: 1/31/2023

Check out: 2/5/2023



TripAdvisor Traveler Rating

[4339 reviews](#)

Room 1: 2 Adults

Room type: [Deluxe Ocean View room offers partial ocean views of the Pacific Ocean from the lanai, 1 King, Mini fridge, 440sqft/40sqm, Wireless internet, \\$100 USD Hotel Credit!](#)

Total Package Price

\$10,842.61

or from [\\$502/mo](#)

Price Per Person \$5,421.31

COST WHEN PRICED SEPARATELY

Round trip • 2

San Francisco ↔ Kahului

Total price from

\$5,656



Departing flight · Tue, Jan 31

2,751 kg CO₂

Change flight



- 9:05 AM · San Francisco International Airport (SFO)
- Travel time: 5 hr 32 min
- 12:37 PM · Kahului Airport (OGG)

United - First Class - Boeing 777 - UA 1725

- Lie flat seat
- Wi-Fi for a fee
- In-seat power outlet
- Stream media to your device
- Carbon emissions estimate: 2,751 kg ⓘ



Returning flight · Sun, Feb 5

2,751 kg CO₂

Change flight



- 2:10 PM · Kahului Airport (OGG)
- Travel time: 4 hr 55 min
- 9:05 PM · San Francisco International Airport (SFO)

United - First Class - Boeing 777 - UA 1722

- Lie flat seat
- Wi-Fi for a fee
- In-seat power outlet
- Stream media to your device
- Carbon emissions estimate: 2,751 kg ⓘ



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Stay Dates

Tue, Jan 31, 2023 - Sun, Feb 5, 2023

Total for Stay

7,878.62 USD

Room(s) held for: 05:10

CONTINUE



Deluxe Ocean View, Guest room, 1 King, Partial ocean view, Lanai
ROOM DETAILS

Check in: Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Check out: Sunday, February 5, 2023

Room(s): 1

Guest(s) per room: 2

EDIT

▼ Summary of Charges

1,302.00 + 1,368.62 **7,878.62**
 USD Avg./night USD Taxes and fees USD Subtotal

SAMPLE DEALS ON WIDEBODY HAWAII VACATION PACKAGES

Airline	Route	Air Only (Lowest Advance Fare 2 people)	Hotel	Hotel Price	Air Ticket + Hotel Booked Separate	Package Price (Non-stop Air + 5 Nights Hotel)	Supplier	Savings
American	Dallas-Honolulu	\$7,591	Espacio Luxury Suite	\$20,643	\$28,234	\$20,436	Orbitz	\$7,798 28%
	Dallas - Maui	\$8,591	Ritz Carlton, King	\$12,909	\$21,500	\$17,016		\$4,484 21%
Delta	Los Angeles - Maui	\$3,754	Ritz Carlton, King	\$10,256	\$14,010	\$9,423		\$4,587 33%

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United	Atlanta - Honolulu	\$10,299	Royal Hawaiian, King	\$2,954	\$13,253	\$9,580	Delta Vacations	\$3,673 28%
	Salt Lake City - Honolulu	\$5,798	Ritz Carlton, King	\$3,686	\$9,484	\$6,862		\$2,622 28%
	Seattle - Maui	\$4,374	Wailea Beach Resort, King	\$10,590	\$14,964	\$11,118		\$3,846 26%
	Los Angeles - Honolulu	\$3,106	Prince Waikiki, King	\$2,866	\$5,972	\$4,484	Orbitz	\$1,488 25%
	San Francisco - Honolulu	\$2,666	Four Seasons, Resort Oahu, King	\$6,795	\$9,461	\$7,694		\$1,766 19%
Delta	San Francisco - Maui	\$5,656	Ritz Carlton, King	\$7,878	\$13,534	\$10,842	United Vacations	\$2,692 20%
	Chicago - Maui	\$14,198	Wailea Beach Resort, King	\$7,743	\$21,941	\$17,318		\$4,623 21%
	Denver - Maui	\$12,598	Wailea Beach Resort, King	\$9,716	\$22,314	\$17,627		\$4,687 21%

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