

Special Delivery: Package Your Visit Down Under and Save Up to 53%

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Hidden way to save up to 53% / \$11,696 on your next Business Class trip, fast and easy—or get a stay at the Four Seasons for free.

Down under is really

way

down

under.

Regardless of when you book travel to Australia—even if you’re looking 150 days in advance—Business Class fares are as high as they come.

Fares from Los Angeles to Australia can often range between \$6,000 and \$8,000 when booked in advance for non-stop service on major airlines, and even more from other U.S. cities and to other Australian destinations. And even *more* if you missed the advance purchase—I’m talking \$10,000+.

As the Aussies say, ironically: “no way, Jose.”

Unless you’re flexible, you can forget about using miles or points to Australia, generally speaking.

So altogether, your outlook for going down under for less is lower than a Kalgoorlie gold mine.

So, what can you do to lower your fare when it comes to high-priced destinations like Australia?

IN A WORD: PACKAGES

The best one FCF found going at the moment is from [Orbitz](#), flying on Virgin Australia, with Business Class at up to 53% off.

And, as it’s a package, it comes with a hotel, which you’ll likely need anyway. Unless, like Crocodile Dundee, you’d prefer a bush tent. *No?*

ORBITZ PACKAGES EVEN BEAT THE LOWEST PUBLISHED FARES


Dallas-Sydney Example: A Dallas-Sydney normal Business Class ticket (sample dates used Feb. 10 to Feb. 19) is \$10,262, which is the lowest advance purchase fare with Virgin Australia. (Connecting flights from Dallas to Los Angeles to connect to Virgin Australia’s non-stop is Delta.)


The Orbitz air-and-land package amounts to a cash savings of 49% or \$10,941 for two.

But wait, there’s more.

STAY AT THE FOUR SEASONS FOR FREE

From another perspective: Compare this package deal for flights *and* hotel through Orbitz—with seven nights at the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney—at \$11,494 for two (\$5,747 per person), and **this amounts to your hotel stay being, in effect, free. Plus, you save \$4,515 per person.** See the Orbitz screenshot below.


Feb 10, 2020 - Feb 19, 2020
 Roundtrip 2 travelers



7:59pm - 8:10am
 Virgin Australia

19h 11m
 DFW - SYD

1 stop
 0h 54m in LAX
Arrives Wed, Feb 12
 ✓ Free cancel within 24 hrs

Special Fare

Fare Rules and Restrictions:
 • Choose your seat
 • Bring a checked bag for free


11:25am - 2:45pm
 Virgin Australia

20h 20m
 SYD - DFW


1 stop
 3h 25m in LAX
 ✓ Free cancel within 24 hrs


Special Fare

Fare Rules and Restrictions:
 • Choose your seat
 • Bring a checked bag for free

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Roundtrip Flight
Dallas (DFW) to Sydney (SYD)
 Mon, Feb 10 - Wed, Feb 19
 Departure: Arrives on 2/12/2020. Your hotel check-in reflects this arrival.
 2 Tickets: 2 Adults


Four Seasons Hotel Sydney
 Sydney
 2/12/2020 - 2/19/2020
 1 Room: 7 nights

Total due today:

\$11,493.12

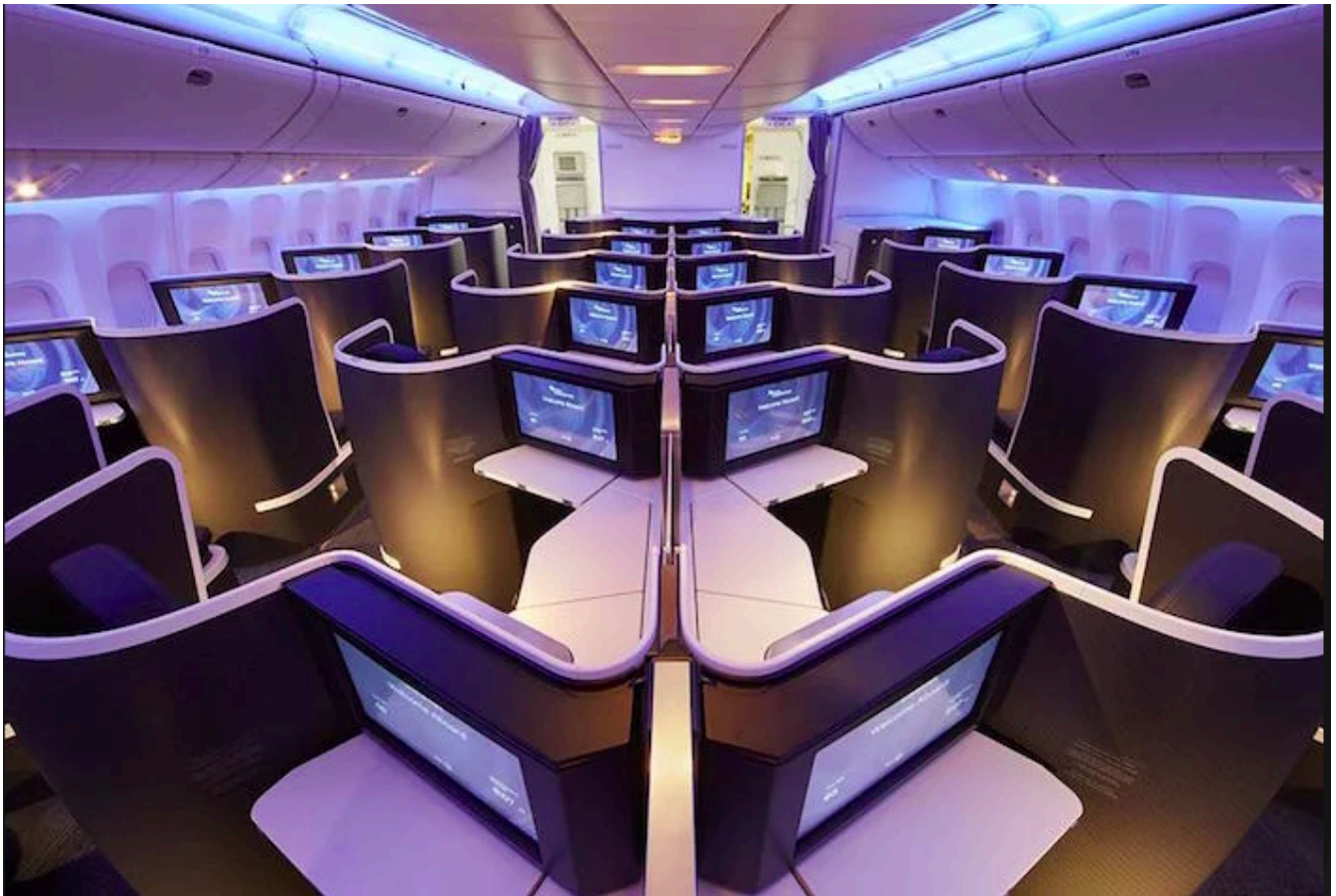
Sample Savings for Two Travelers with Orbitz Packages, Flying Virgin Australia in Business Class, In February

Route	Air Only (Lowest Advance Fare)	Hotel	Hotel Price*	Air Ticket + Hotel Booked Separate	Orbitz Vacations Package Price (Air + 7 Nights Hotel)	Savings
Dallas - Brisbane	\$21,139	Stamford Plaza	\$1,227	\$22,366	\$10,670	\$11,696 / 53%
Dallas - Sydney	\$20,524	Four Seasons Sydney	\$1,911	\$22,435	\$11,494	\$10,941 / 49%
Dallas - Melbourne	\$21,106	The Hotel Windsor	\$1,685	\$22,791	\$11,862	\$10,929 / 48%
New York - Brisbane	\$16,518	Hilton Brisbane	\$1,233	\$17,751	\$10,747	\$7,004 / 40%
New York - Sydney	\$16,904	Sydney Harbour Marriott	\$2,233	\$19,137	\$11,534	\$7,603 / 40%
New York - Melbourne	\$17,486	The Hotel Windsor	\$1,685	\$19,171	\$11,979	\$7,192 / 37%
Los Angeles - Melbourne	\$14,857	The Hotel Windsor	\$1,685	\$16,542	\$11,675	\$4,867 / 30%
Los Angeles - Sydney	\$14,275	Four Seasons Sydney	\$1,881	\$16,156	\$12,090	\$4,066 / 25%

*Seven nights, including tax.

This Virgin Australia route uses a Boeing 777, and as some of you know, the airline also offers flatbed seats on U.S.-Australia flights—kind of a must for a flight that’s 14 hours. With an 18-inch TV screen, USB port and universal charging station, you’ll be in business.

To that point, you’re flying *Business Class* with these deals, so check out what else is in store. [Virgin Australia’s Business Class](#), called “The Business,” offers priority check-in, priority boarding, increased baggage allowance and access to the [Virgin Australia lounge](#) at airports in Los Angeles, Brisbane, Melbourne, and Sydney.



Keep in Mind

- Always check published fares before buying a package, so you have a basis for comparison.
- Package deals are especially good on routes where Business Class fares are high (like Australia) even if you book far in advance



Defying the Mileage Upgrade Drought to South America on American Airlines

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With American no longer offering much free award availability, here's how to beat the bad news to South America.

First, the bad news. American Airlines mileage award availability is few and far between nowadays to most destinations.

But there still are some deals to be had. [Last month](#) we looked at the AA state of play to Europe and this month we're looking at South America.

Just over a year ago, 14 routes to South America had good availability. Amazingly, some had months with 4 to 6 seats in a single day. Now our data is showing there are only seven routes with upgrade availability.

So yes, some upgrade award options are still out there, **you just need FCF’s truffle hounds to sniff them out for you.**

DON'T GET SIDETRACKED FOR MILES

We’ve ignored the free mileage variety because as mentioned, there aren’t many to be found, and also, they don’t earn you elite credit.

And, as we said last month (but it bears repeating), [stop earning more American miles](#) and instead switch to multi-currency credit cards to score many more upgrade options. We’re currently favoring cards that earn Amex points—which are most of them. For more on Amex Rewards go [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

So back to the good news as promised: here are three examples to make this South American mileage upgrade work for you.

**HIDDEN TREASURE #1:
TO BRAZIL: SAVE 67% ON BUSINESS CLASS**

Say you’re traveling Dallas-São Paulo in May (or from any other of the countless North American cities that fly non-stop to Dallas). You’d pay ~\$1,157 for a non-stop on American in coach, while Business Class is often \$5,637 (\$4,480 more). So even with the \$700 co-pay (to South America, AA requires 25,000 miles plus a \$350 co-pay each way to upgrade from the lowest upgradeable coach fares), you’re only paying \$1,858 total, saving 67% (\$3,780) off the published Business Class fare by upgrading from coach using miles. See chart below for our upgrade award availability survey.

**HIDDEN TREASURE #2:
TO SANTIAGO CHILE: SAVE 49% ON BUSINESS CLASS**

Book Miami (or from 57 cities AA has connections) to Santiago in April or May and you’re looking at a Business Class fare of \$3,431—while the upgradable coach fare is \$1,053. Again, spend the miles and the \$350 each way to upgrade from coach, and you’ll pay only \$1,753—saving \$1,678, or 49%, by using your miles.

The Picture: Number of Days with Business Class Upgrade Awards vs. Free Awards for Two Passengers

Route	Month of Travel	Upgrade Award	Free Award
Dallas - Sao Paulo	May	11	0

Route	Month of Travel	Upgrade Award	Free Award
Miami - Santiago	April	12	0
Miami - São Paulo	Sept.	8	0
New York - Rio de Janeiro	March	7	0
New York - São Paulo	April	6	0

BRIDGE ROUTE CONNECTIONS CAN SAVE UP TO 70%

One of our favorite strategies teaches smart travelers how to use the long-haul Business Class flight as a “bridge” between two continents. You just have to get to and from the bridge gateway, but these routes open up loads of options.

From the U.S. to South America, this means you might even buy a coach “through-fare” ticket, getting you to and from the international gateway all on one ticket—not two separate tickets (you often have to purchase two separate tickets with free awards that don’t have availability on the connecting flights).

Then, first upgrade the long international legs of the trip—the ones that count the most anyway. After that, check upgrade space for the short-haul connecting flights; if it’s there, that’s just icing on the cake.

For example, say you’re traveling from New Orleans to São Paulo in May. The through-fare coach ticket gets you to and from São Paulo with a connection in Dallas from New Orleans—as AA does not fly nonstop from New Orleans to São Paulo—for \$891 instead of \$5,242 for a Business Class ticket on the same route. Even with the \$700 co-pay, you can save 70% (\$3,651) off the published fare by using miles—\$891 for the coach ticket plus \$700 to upgrade round-trip, for a total of \$1,591 instead of \$5,242.

TRAVELING ONWARD IN SOUTH AMERICA

The whole point of the bridge route is to get you to another awesome continent. From there—you’ll have lots of options about where to go. And getting to those places is easy if you stick with AA’s partner, LATAM, and book the entire trip on one ticket.

For example, say you want to fly Miami-Puerto Montt, Chile. On American, that means making a connection in Santiago. The round-trip through-fare is \$1,261 in coach versus \$3,579 in Business Class. So, upgrade the bridge legs of the trip (Miami-Santiago and Santiago-Miami—because LATAM flights don’t allow upgrades). Even with the \$700 co-pay, you can save 45% (\$1,618) off the published fare by using miles—\$1,261 for the coach ticket plus \$700 to upgrade for a total of \$1,961 instead of \$3,579. Note that the Santiago-Puerto Montt leg will be on LATAM in coach but the flight is less than two hours.

FYI—Puerto Montt is in southern Chile and the gateway to the amazing Andes mountains and the Patagonian fjords. There’s also an active volcano with a summit trek nearby for more adventure.

HOW ANYONE CAN PLAY THIS UPGRADE GAME

This all sounds great, but what if you don't have any or enough American miles? No problem. Just buy American miles when they go on sale (recent opportunity [here](#)) or transfer Marriott points and save up to **70%**.

Sweet Redeems Survey: American Airlines Business Class Upgrade Awards to South America

Routes	Depart			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
Miami - Santiago	June	April	May	Aug., Oct., April, June		May
Miami - Montevideo	Aug., Jan., Feb., March, June	April, May		Aug., Oct., March, June	Aug., Dec., April, May	
Miami - São Paulo	Aug. through Oct., Dec., April, June			Aug., March	April	
New York - São Paulo	Aug., Sept., Oct., Feb. through April, June			Feb., March		
Dallas - São Paulo	Sept., April	May			May	
New York - Rio de Janeiro	March			Jan., Feb.		
Miami - Brasilia	Aug.	Sept. through Nov., June	Dec., Feb. through May	Aug.	Dec, June	Sept. through Nov., Jan. through May

Months in **black** at least one seat available; in **blue** at least two seats; in **green** at least four seats.

A silhouette of a person jumping over a wave at sunset. The person is in mid-air, with arms outstretched, holding sunglasses in one hand and a swim cap in the other. The background shows a beach with waves and a sunset sky.

How Flexible Travelers Can Bag Business Class Flights to Europe For \$1,123 R/T With Advance Planning, Every Time

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Plus a treasure map on when you can book American Airlines' lucrative partner, Iberia.

Einstein reportedly said that doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results is the definition of insanity.

I'd like to add that not doing the same thing over and over again and cursing yourself for missing out because you didn't do that same thing, is equally ill-advised.

Here at FCF, we apply a simple formula that Einstein would be proud of:

$$\text{RGV} = \text{BR}^2$$

Or, Really Great Value = Be Ready, Squared, (in other words, be REALLY ready.)

Fact: we know that one particular buy-miles deal comes around often. It's with American Airlines' partner, Spanish airline Iberia, and you'd be really missing out to let it slip through your grasp.

WHEN SHOPPING, BUY WHEN ON SALE

Many people still believe that you can only get miles/points by earning them. Incorrect. Selling miles is big business for airlines.

But just as you're better to buy a car when there's a sale on, so too are you best served to buy miles when they're on sale. And in the Iberia example we're using here, you also need to be *ready* to push the button when that sale hits the runway.

FCF wrote a special report about When to Buy Miles Instead of Purchasing a Normal Published Fare [here](#).

Just to zoom out for a moment before we get into the details, we're using Iberia in this example, but many other airlines also have buy-miles deals throughout the year. However, with Iberia, the cost can be very low and net some incredible deals when they're on sale, PLUS Iberia has Business Class mileage awards starting as low as 68,000 miles round-trip from the East Coast to Europe, 102,000 miles from the West Coast.

HOW TO GET \$1,123 ROUND-TRIP BUSINESS CLASS TRAVEL

Here's how to be a two-time winner:

1. You buy miles when they're inexpensive, and
2. You use them with an airline that has low mileage award rates.

It's that simple!

FCF'S 3 STEP ACTION PLAN FOR BEING AHEAD OF THE \$1,123 BIZ CLASS CURVE

Step 1: Follow [FCF Sweet Redeem Alerts](#).

They'll keep you informed as to what's happening out there in airline land when it comes to using miles and when there's availability and a sale. That's the "be ready to push the button" part.

Step 2: Buy miles when they're on sale.

This is the “push the button” part. Let’s get back to the Iberia example. Last month Iberia had a buy-miles deal that offered a 50% bonus on purchased Iberia Avios points. At that time you could buy up to 200,000 Iberia points and receive 300,000 for 3,601 EUR (about \$4,055), a cost of 1.35 cents each.

By the way, you can also transfer Iberia points to British Airways Avios points (and vice versa) at no charge, as long as you have had both accounts open for at least 90 days.

You want to be sure you can use the miles before you buy them. If you travel much that’s not a problem, especially given the fallback ability to use the Iberia miles with British Airways’ program, and then perhaps even [use the BA miles with American](#), and perhaps even for domestic AA flights. In other words, **there’s a lot of ways to spend the Iberia miles if that’s a concern.**

Step 3: Book the low-cost mileage award ticket.

Iberia charges 68,000 miles round-trip in Business Class from Boston and New York to Madrid for off-season travel (the peak season cost is 100,000 and those dates are: Aug. 1 to Sept. 15; Oct. 25, 26, and 31; Nov. 1 to 4; Dec. 5, 6, 8, 14 to 24, 27 to 31, Jan. 1, 2020 to 13), which you can buy when they’re on sale for 935 EUR, about \$1,053, plus ~\$205 in award taxes, making the total \$1,258 for buying just enough miles for one ticket.

However, if you bought the maximum miles (200,000) for 3,601 EUR, ~\$4,055, the cost is even lower: \$918 plus ~\$205 in award taxes, amounting to **\$1,123 per ticket.**

Amazing value

Travel beyond Madrid requires more miles and the cost varies (as Iberia Avios is a flight distance program) and is also a great value for travel all over Europe.

REMEMBER THAT FORMULA: $RGV=BR^2$

Or in plain English: Get an Iberia account now, keep an eye out for FCF’s Iberia alerts, and wait for the next buy-miles deal. To have a sense of the availability to use the miles, here are some recent FCF alerts involving Iberia miles.

[Boston, Chicago, Miami, New York and More to Europe Business Class Easy With Miles and Points, 4+ Seats](#)

[California to Spain and Beyond Biz Class 102,000 Points R/T, Now Available](#)



Business Class Savings with Iberia to Madrid

U.S. Departure City to Madrid	Published Fare	Cost with Miles	Cost to Buy Miles When on Sale for One Ticket*	Savings	Cost to Buy Miles When on Sale at 1.35 Cents*	Savings
Los Angeles	\$5,599	102,000	\$1,653	\$3,946 / 70%	\$1,582	\$4,017 / 72%
San Francisco	\$4,364			\$2,711 / 62%		\$2,782 / 65%
Boston	\$3,066	68,000	\$1,258	\$1,808 / 59%	\$1,123	\$1,943 / 63%
New York	\$2,571			\$1,313 / 51%		\$1,448 / 56%
Chicago	\$3,263	85,000	\$1,450	\$1,813 / 56%	\$1,352	\$1,911 / 59%
Miami	\$2,694			\$1,244 / 46%		\$1,342 / 50%

*Cost includes \$205 for approximate award taxes.



FCF Special Fares Monitor

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Here's a survey of the best current special airfare deals we've published in the last month—**on major airlines**—that remain live. In case you missed them, forgot about them, or are just now ready to pounce, have at 'em...

ASIA

[Great New \\$2,328 Biz Class Fares to Asia from All Over the U.S.](#)

[\\$2,368 R/T Biz Class Fares to Asia Found From San Diego and Three Other Great Fares from Chicago, Philadelphia, and Seattle](#)

EUROPE

[West Coast to Europe Business Class starting at \\$2,353 \(Nov. '19 to Apr. '20\).](#)

[First Class Fares from San Francisco to Europe in First Class Starting at \\$2,962](#)

[First Class Winter Fares from \\$2,932 R/T to Europe from Dallas, Houston & Miami](#)

[First Class \\$2,962 R/T to Europe from Boston, New York, and Washington, DC](#)

[From Cities All Over the U.S., Special London Winter Business Class Fares From \\$1,969 R/T, Six Major Airlines](#)

AFRICA

[New Africa Business Class Fares Found Starting at \\$2,515 from All Over the U.S.](#)

[Special First Class Fares to Africa With British Airways 60% Less](#)


MIDDLE EAST / INDIA

[Beirut \\$2,224 R/T Business Class with American from All Over the U.S.](#)

[New India Business Class Fares Found Starting at \\$2,452 from All Over the U.S.](#)

[New First Class Fares from All Over the U.S. to India on British Airways ~\\$3,869](#)

[First Class Fares Found From Miami, New York and Washington, DC to Tel Aviv Starting at \\$3,319](#)



Risks & Rewards of Flying Business Class-only La Compagnie

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A Quick flyover of La Compagnie, a Business-only airline.

Business Class Seat on A321 (only on the New York/Newark - Paris route). If you've been around FCF long, you know that we only focus on top-tier airlines.

That said, we do get asked about second-tier carriers on occasion, and in particular, French-based La Compagnie, because it boats fares like \$999 round-trip.

The airline is Business Class-only and flies from Newark/New York to Paris and Nice.

I've flown them—but only on the old Boeing B757-200 aircraft, which currently services Newark to Nice and half of the flights to Paris. It offers an angled recline of just 175 degrees; I have mixed feelings about the product. It was a day flight, Paris-New York, so it was okay because I'm not worried about sleeping on day flights. But, if you're picky, you won't like them on a night flight as its older seats and limited angle recline make naps or longer snoozes much less comfortable.

NEW AIRCRAFT

The good news is they've just introduced the A321neo into their "fleet" which operates on its Newark-Paris route half of the time. Can you call it a fleet when there are only three planes (soon to be four)?



Business Class Seat on A321 (only on the New York/Newark - Paris route).

Here's a quick rundown on the risks and rewards of flying on La Compagnie.

BENEFITS OF FLYING LA COMPAGNIE

Price: Like we said, at times, La Compagnie is on sale for as low as \$999 round-trip. The most recent deal was in June of this year. Normally the Paris fare is \$1,300 and the Nice fare \$1,400.

To put this in perspective, other non-stop airlines charge between \$2,700 and \$3,000 when booked in advance (and as much as \$8,000+ on short notice) on the New York-Paris route.

Seats: Things are looking up with the new [A321](#) on the **Paris** run. This plane offers a flat-bed seat as well as free wi-fi and a 15.6-inch seat-mounted screen display.

Seats: The old [Boeing 757-200](#) aircraft, which currently services Nice and half of the time the Paris route offers an angle recline of just 175 degrees.



Business Class Seat on B757

Chopper: In recent news, La Compagnie has just announced direct helicopter service between Nice and Monaco, using a local helicopter carrier. Quite a nice way to get to the Grand Prix, although the ride takes just seven minutes.

RISKS OF FLYING LA COMPAGNIE

Cancellations Can Be A Problem: Obviously, being a very small airline brings inherent potential problems: If a flight is cancelled for mechanical reasons, they can't just drag another plane out or put you on a later flight. For the same reason, flight delays can be exponentially worse on a small airline (although the stats aren't showing that yet), and rebooking flights due to cancellations may not be as easy as it is with a large carrier. These are risks you need to weigh against your own circumstances.

PERFORMANCE STATS

We know that so much of flying is getting where you want to go when you *want* to get there. So, we consulted Flight Stats, an organization that tracks real-time flight data and delays, to see how La Compagnie's performed. Turns out, they do pretty well. They were on time 69% of the time over the two-month period we checked (May 15 to July 15, 2019), 18% higher than the average of all airlines in their database. Of the flights that were delayed, the delay time was on average 23 minutes, an 84% better performance than other airlines.

Over that two month period, there were also no cancellations or diversions.

MILES & PARTNERSHIPS

La Compagnie doesn't belong to an alliance, nor is a partner with any other major airline, but it does have its own [loyalty program](#). You're flying this airline for the price so if you're not seeing the route you want at the \$999 sale price, you might want to look for another deal.



Part VI: How to Book Connecting Flights on Delta With Virgin Miles + 5 Great Routes to Book Now

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Golden goose keeps on giving for long- and short-notice travel from big U.S. cities (and small ones, too).

It's true, I often dog on Delta for not doing more for value-conscious premium air travelers—including its **horrific SkyMiles program**.

So when a hot Delta deal does come along, you can bet we're going to squeeze every precious egg we can from this golden goose. This is number six in a series that details one of **the best Delta deals you'll ever hear about**.

DRILLING DEEPER ON DELTA'S VIRGIN ATLANTIC SECRET

The trick is to **use Virgin Atlantic Miles rather than Delta SkyMiles to buy seats on Delta flights**, strange as it may seem. This is because Delta releases a very limited number of low-cost mileage award seats to its own SkyMiles members—a different number than it releases to its partner Virgin Atlantic. But using Virgin Atlantic miles for the same Delta flights can **open up low-cost award space that Delta doesn't offer**.

Weird, I know. But the discounts can be ginormous, [like this deal we covered recently](#).

MY BAD. BUT STILL YOUR GOOD.

With egg on my face I have to admit we made a mistake in our earlier (June) report about booking Delta flights with Virgin Atlantic miles. We originally thought (and told you) that a slight downside to using Virgin Atlantic miles to book on Delta was that you could only use them for Delta's non-stop routes when purchased online, and that connecting flights to the non-stop route would require you to purchase an entire *second mileage ticket* if you booked on VirginAtlantic.com.

However, we know better now, so here's the update: **You *do not* have to book a completely separate ticket** to add a connection to your non-stop route using Virgin miles on Delta. **You *can* in fact just add your connecting flights to your non-stop ticket** from most U.S. cities (depending on availability). You'll have to spend more miles to add these connecting flights: a one-way domestic (non-transcontinental) connection will cost 22,500 more Virgin miles, and a one-way domestic transcontinental connection will cost you 45,000 more Virgin miles. However, **anyone can easily grab these points with Amex and/or Chase point transfers**.

The takeaway here is: no second ticket required!

If you need to add extra flights onto your non-stop Delta flight but don't have the miles or points with Virgin or with Amex or Chase, just [buy the points with Amex](#).

So even though the connections aren't free, the deals are still **77%+ better using Virgin miles than using Delta SkyMiles**. For more about free connecting flights, read our special report [here](#), which shows how our handy connection widget works.

THIS PLAY IN ACTION

Let's apply this to an actual itinerary. Suppose you want to fly to Paris—but you live in Austin. The Atlanta-Paris flight costs as low as 50,000 Virgin miles one-way—while Delta often charges 320,000 miles each way. The Austin-to-Atlanta flight will cost 22,500 miles one-way for a total of 72,500 miles (Austin-Atlanta-Paris) one-way.

Changeups: Already booked your ticket? Just pay Virgin Atlantic the \$50 change fee plus the difference in miles. Virgin spells it out [here](#):

Sample of Connecting Non-stop Flights via Delta's Hubs

Atlanta	Albuquerque, Oklahoma City, Memphis, Nashville, St. Louis, Omaha, Kansas City, Knoxville
New York	Syracuse, Pittsburgh, Columbus, Charlotte, Charleston, Norfolk, Cleveland
Detroit	Omaha, Chicago, St. Louis, Traverse City
Seattle	Spokane, Boise, Portland, Medford
Salt Lake City	Albuquerque, Elko, Phoenix, Kalispell, Spokane, Las Vegas, Medford, Sun Valley, Missoula, Helena
Cincinnati	Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City

HOW TO ADD/BOOK CONNECTING FLIGHTS ON DELTA FOR NEW BOOKINGS ON VIRGINATLANTIC.COM

First, there's no need to create a Virgin Atlantic mileage account just to *check* for space. However, if you are **booking award space, then you'll have to log in.** Just go to "Book" and click "[Advanced search](#)."

When **booking a connecting flight we usually recommend that you first check each segment separately**, starting with the most important over-the-water flight. For everything you need to know to search for non-stop Delta flights using Virgin Atlantic miles go [here](#).

For example, say you are traveling Minneapolis to Dublin via New York in October. First check the intercontinental non-stop (New York to Dublin) and then Minneapolis to New York.

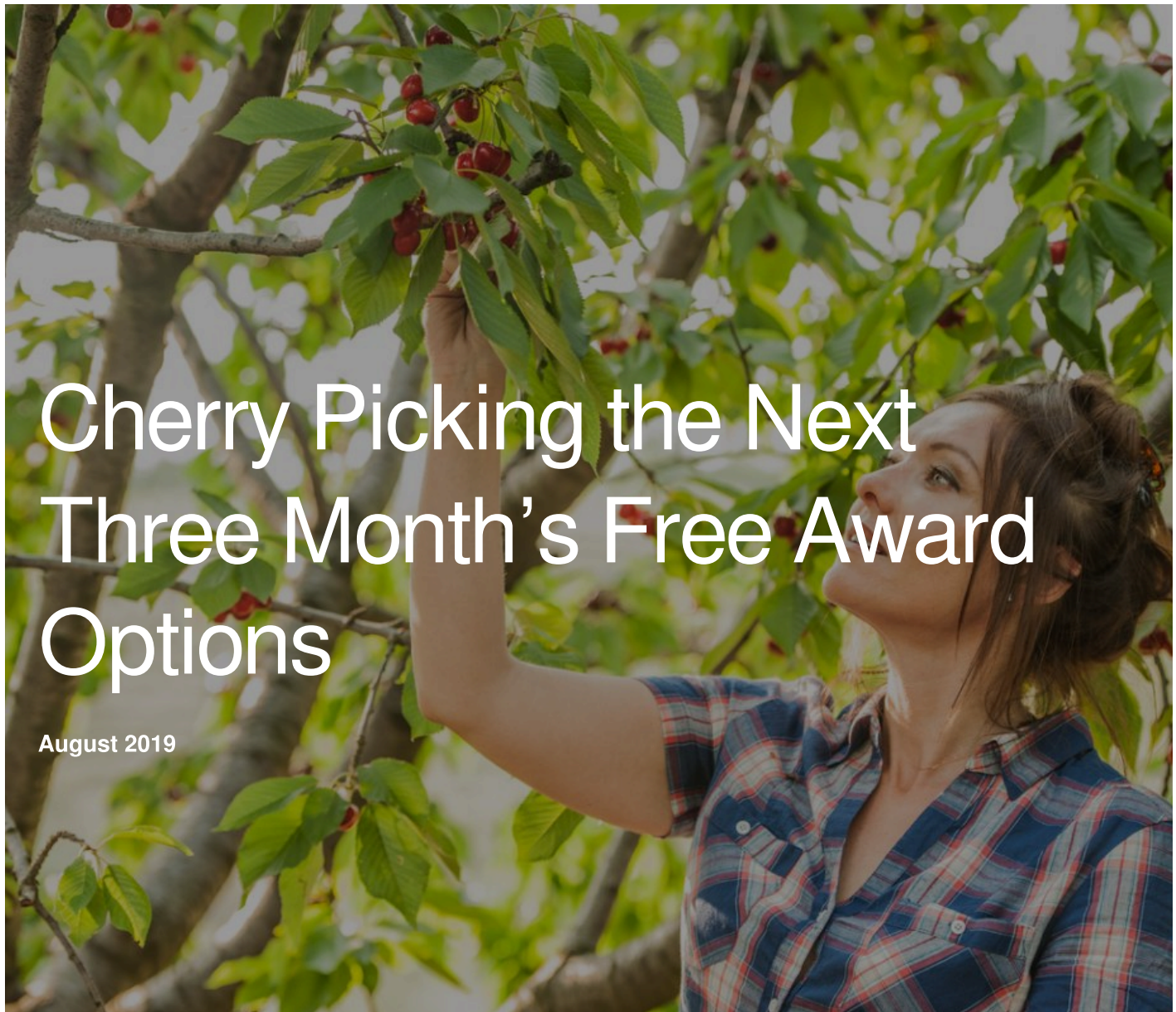
So, don't let this goose get away until she's delivered one of her Delta/Virgin Atlantic golden eggs to you.

Here are three FCF Sweet Redeem alerts with five great routes to book right now for 2019 and 2020 travel.

[New York to Amsterdam, Dublin, and Milan Business Class 84% Off With Miles/Points, Lots of Travel Dates With 4+ Seats](#)

[Business Class to Shanghai On Miles/Points Now 86% Off, 4+ Seats](#)

[Book Delta Business Class to West Africa At 66%+ Off](#)



Cherry Picking the Next Three Month's Free Award Options

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I know what you're thinking.

You're thinking that using your American miles to fly on American was darn near impossible. You're thinking there are no darn opportunities to use your United Miles. And you're thinking Delta is darn expensive.

That's a lot of darn thinking when it could be nrad thinking (that's darn backwards).

We should know. FCF has been exhaustively scanning the big three U.S. airlines for opportunities for travel to Asia, Europe, Hawaii and South America.

And while they're hard to spot, we can confidently say we've found some offerings you weren't expecting.

PERCEPTION BUSTER CLUSTER# 1: AMERICAN AIRLINES

Summary of Near-Term American Free Award Ticket Opportunities:

To [Europe](#): From Philadelphia to Budapest, Manchester and Shannon over the next three months in Business Class.

To [Hawaii](#): Plus, from Los Angeles to Kauai and Honolulu, and Phoenix to Honolulu.

To [South America](#): And even from Miami to Brasilia and Montevideo.

SAY WHERE?

Budapest: The "Paris of the East," Budapest is one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Bisected by the Danube, Hungary's capital is simply a bucket list must.

Manchester: Two hours north of London by train, experience a little northern hospitality in a city resplendent with Cathedrals, museums, squares and... soccer (they're crazy about it).

Shannon: Home to 15th Century Bunratty Castle, Shannon resides in a picture-book part of Ireland with beautiful green surrounds dotted by whimsical medieval towns.

Montevideo: Overlooking a beautiful bay, Uruguay's capital city is a laid back affair with great food and wine. Get your bearings with a walk along the coastal "Rambla", the world's longest continuous sidewalk.

Brasilia: Brazil's "utopian" capital city is aesthetically distinctive, with many of its modernist buildings designed by famed Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer.

Okay, okay, I know what you're thinking (again): "Budapest?! Manchester?! I've never remotely considered them as destinations to travel to. And Shannon? That's the name of the kid who works at Starbucks down the road."

I say: hold on.

We teach this all the time, and it works: you can use that long haul discounted premium flight as a "bridge" to the continent. It's just a short, inexpensive leap to the place that's really on your bucket list (although we'd still recommend spending some time in the bridge destination cities).

Also, when using American miles you can add on (for free) your home departure city to get to the U.S. departure gateway. This also works for onward travel in Europe on AA partners such as British Airways, Finnair and Iberia. It's just like skipping stones where the first and last skips are free. More [here](#):

GREAT SPACE, SNAP FROZEN

So how can you snag these deals? As always, we advocate that you are always ready to pull the trigger when a deal comes your way, but if you need a little more time to get your ducks in a row, American also lets you "[snap freeze](#)" [free award space](#) for five days. That can be a deal maker, because so often award space availability is like a shooting star. It looks amazing, but WHOOSH, then it's gone. For American tickets booked 15 or more days in advance and online, AA usually holds free award space for five days.

PERCEPTION BUSTER CLUSTER #2: UNITED AIRLINES

Summary Of Near-Term United Free Award Ticket Opportunities:

To [Europe](#): From Washington, DC to Brussels and Chicago to Paris over the next three months in Business Class.

To [South America](#): From Houston to Buenos Aires and Santiago, Newark to Buenos Aires, and Chicago to Sao Paulo over the next three months in Business Class.

UNITED SNAP FREEZES TOO

United offers the "Fare Lock" option, which, for a small fee, gives you a hold-time of three or seven days on United flights only, not partner flights. A three-day hold costs \$9.99 and a seven-day hold \$14.99. The price of a cheap lunch—can you beat it?

PERCEPTION BUSTER CLUSTER# 3: VIRGIN MILES & DELTA FLIGHTS

With No Deals to Be Had With Delta SkyMiles, Here's How to Fly the Airline:

Keen readers will know we're very hot on using Virgin Atlantic miles (**get them easy with Amex and Chase points transfers**) for Delta flights because they [open up low-cost award space](#) not offered by Delta.

To [Europe](#): From Boston and New York to London 90,000 Virgin miles round-trip.

To [Asia](#): From Seattle to Beijing, and from Detroit to Nagoya or Beijing for 120,000 Virgin miles round-trip.



European Fashion Watch: Seasonal Business and First Class Fares Are Back—and Dates Into 2020 As Well

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The Euro Holiday Fare Game is Win-Win Right Now.

Gotta hand it to the airlines. Just when you think they've settled into a pattern on fares to Europe, the catwalk throws up something different.

But this is a style you'll want in your travel wardrobe.

A CHANGING EUROPEAN FARE TREND

Once upon a time, you could bank on the fact that Business Class fares to Europe were low during holiday seasons.

Like the length of skirts, that changed fast. Last year, holiday fares were not to be found and instead, airlines focused only on discounting certain destinations. At times there were thousands of dollars difference for cities that were just an hour apart.

We wrote about it [here](#), saying that, “planning travel around seasons is now ancient thinking. The new paradigm is not when is the best time of the year to travel, instead it’s where is the lowest place to travel to.”

And now? Faster than you can say “Dolce & Gabbana,” it’s changed again.

Now you get the best of both Europe's because **low fare destinations are still in play** (so the “where” question is still valid) **AND seasonal Business Class discounting has made its happy way back onto the scene** (so we’re back to asking “when”). FCF’s research has found lots of new low Business Class fares **valid for travel this Christmas/New Years—and even Easter 2020.**

EXAMPLES OF THESE CHANGING BUSINESS CLASS FARE FASHIONS

Atlanta: The Atlanta to Lisbon route goes for [\\$2,386 round-trip](#) on British Airways for travel in December and April. Compared to the normal fare ranging from \$3,216 to \$3,992, that’s a savings of \$830 to \$1,606 (26% to 40%). If you fly Atlanta to Brussels on Delta non-stop in December and April, you’ll pay [\\$2,457 round-trip](#). Compare this to the normal fare of \$2,910 to \$4,089, and you’re getting a savings of \$453 to \$1,632 (16% to 40%).

Charlotte: The Charlotte-to-Rome route goes for [\\$2,344 round-trip](#) for travel in December. Compared to the normal fare at \$3,180, that’s a savings of \$836 (26%).

Chicago: Chicago to Madrid goes for [\\$2,343 round-trip](#) on Iberia non-stop, for travel in December and April. Compared to the normal fare range of between \$2,984 and \$3,462, that’s a savings of between \$641 and \$1,119 (22% to 32%). Fly Chicago to Venice on British Airways in December or April for [\\$2,355 round-trip](#), compared to the normal fare of \$3,578 to \$4,330. That’s a savings of \$1,223 to \$1,975 (34% to 46%).

Dallas: The Dallas-to-Amsterdam route goes for [\\$2,328 round-trip](#) for travel in December and April. Compared to the normal fare at \$2,854 to \$3,114, that’s a savings of \$526 to \$786 (18% to 25%). Or Dallas-to-Dublin goes for [\\$2,334 round-trip](#), compared to the normal fare of \$3,180 to \$4,567, that’s a savings of \$846 to \$2,233 (27% to 49%).

Denver: The Denver-to-Dublin route goes for [\\$2,452 round-trip](#) for travel in December and April. Compared to the normal fare at \$5,785, that’s a savings of \$3,333 (58%).

Houston: The Houston-to-Lisbon route goes for [\\$2,337 round-trip](#) for travel in December. Compared to the normal fare at \$3,145 to \$4,883, that’s a savings of \$808 to \$2,546 (26% to 52%). Or Houston-to-Copenhagen goes for [\\$2,446 round-trip](#), compared to the normal fare of \$3,697 to \$5,264, that’s a savings of \$1,251 to \$2,818 (34% to 54%).

Los Angeles: The Los Angeles-to-Dublin route goes for [\\$2,434 round-trip](#) in December and April. Compared to the normal fare at \$3,111 to \$3,410, a savings of \$677 to \$976 (22% to 29%). Or Los Angeles-to-Barcelona for [\\$2,446 round-trip](#), compared to the normal fare of \$3,296 to \$3,603. That's a savings of \$850 to \$1,157 (26% to 32%).

San Francisco: The San Francisco-to-Inverness, Scotland route goes for [\\$2,250 round-trip](#) in on British Airways in December and April. Compare that to the normal fare at \$3,007 to \$4,029, a savings of \$757 to \$1,779 (25% to 44%). Or San Francisco to Madrid at [\\$2,351 round-trip](#), compared to the normal fare of \$2,908 to \$3,858, a savings of \$557 to \$1,507 (19% to 39%).

Seattle: The Seattle-to-Inverness route goes for [\\$2,348 round-trip](#) for travel in December and April. Compared to the normal fare at \$4,214, that's a savings of \$1,866 (44%).

New York and major cities in Florida (such as Miami and Orlando for example), currently do not offer discounted holiday fares for travel in Business Class. However, keep checking FCF's daily deals for updates as fares always change, and new deals come up everyday.

LOWER YOUR FARE EVEN FURTHER

1. Get 10% off on British Airways when using the [BA Visa card](#).
2. Get [\\$200 off through AARP](#) for Business Class fares on British Airways.
3. [Save hundreds through Amex](#) on already-low tactical Business Class fares on Air France, Delta, and Virgin Atlantic to Europe.

FIRST CLASS FARE FASHION

SAMPLE FROM THE WEST COAST TO EUROPE

San Francisco: The San Francisco-to-Basel, Switzerland route goes for [\\$3,279 round-trip](#) for travel in December (departure starting Dec. 9 through Jan. 3, 2020, return by Jan. 9, 2020). Compared to the normal fare at \$4,579+, that's a savings of \$1,300 (28%). Or San Francisco-to-Zürich goes for [\\$3,293 round-trip](#), compared to the normal fare of \$4,293+, a savings of \$1,000 (23%).

SAMPLE FROM CHICAGO AND TEXAS TO EUROPE

Chicago & Houston: The Chicago-to-Basel route costs [\\$3,279 round-trip](#) for travel in December (departure starting Dec. 9 through Jan. 3, 2020, return by Jan. 10, 2020). Compared to the normal fare of 4,579+, that's a savings of \$1,300 (28%). Or Houston-to-Munich goes for [\\$3,338 round-trip](#), compared to the normal fare of \$4,638+, a savings of \$1,300 (28%).

“Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months.”



American Partner Power 101: Hidden Miles Opportunities

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With few exceptions, the only way to use your AA miles is by booking on AA's partners—here's how with BA, Japan Airlines, Qantas, and more + an inside look at availability discrepancies.

Ask a room full of people “who has American miles?” and a lot of hands go up.

If you follow it up with “are you sure you're making the most of them?” a lot of those hands come back down.

Forget about using the miles for magazine and newspaper subscriptions, or even gift cards: those are small fry distractions. The truth is, a lot of people have a lot of AA miles, but sadly, they're being underutilized, and one of the reasons is failing to take advantage of American's considerable airline "partner power," and the amazing flexibility it gives you. We'll give you the details below, but in short, **using AA miles to book on AA's partner airlines often gives you a better bang for your buck—and almost infinitely more available dates to travel—than using them on AA itself.** Counterintuitive, I know, but true.

PARTNER POWER: IT'S THE AMERICAN DREAM

I hear this often even from long-time American miles hoarders, and it never ceases to amaze me: "I didn't realize I could book so many other airlines with my AA miles."

So yes, for the record, you want to think about using your AA miles to fly AA partners in Business or First Class because it **exponentially ups your chances of getting the dates you want**—and of getting into the front cabin using miles, the point.

The reason this works is that AA is part of the oneworld alliance, which includes British Airways, Cathay Pacific, JAL, LATAM, Qantas, Qatar Airways [and many more](#). And, separately, also partners with Etihad Airways and Fiji Airways.

HIDDEN MILEAGE OPPORTUNITIES

First, let's talk routes. With partners, you'll find hidden opportunities to use miles on AA partner airlines for routes AA does not fly.

Example: Los Angeles-Melbourne non-stop on Qantas, and bookable online through American. We see Qantas intermittently open up on a flash availability basis ([example](#))—so this is a great way to use your AA miles.

Date Selector

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Wed Mar 25

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9:30 AM

LAX

MEL

Qantas

Seat information not available

Aircraft: 789

Total travel time: 15hr 40min

Meal: Meal

Booking Code: U

Class: Business

☐ Flight Details

Example for Asia: New York-Tokyo. It's a non-stop route, and again, one not offered by American. But you can fly Japan Airlines, and book it online through American. We see Japan Airlines intermittently open up on a flash availability basis ([example](#)).

Example for the Middle East: Chicago-Doha non-stop on Qatar, which can be booked on AA.com. We see Qatar intermittently open up on a flash availability ([example](#)).

See the pattern? You have access to a lot more free ticket availability in Business and First Class when you bring partners into the mix.

It goes without saying that the examples above only scratch the surface of hidden potential, so just follow FCF's alerts to know when to pounce.

WAIT. THERE'S MORE! AA PARTNERSHIPS, 201

So now you know that AA's partners are where it's at. Now which partners do you want to focus on? Many people, even upgrade guppies, know about the British Airways partnership because they often see it in AA's search results—especially when an FCF alert points them to open dates with otherwise difficult-to-find availability.

Cathay Pacific, for example, offers good Business Class award availability intermittently from Boston, Los Angeles, New York, and [Chicago to Hong Kong](#), as well as a First Class cabin with seats you can use AA miles to purchase.

Happily too, the mileage cost to fly Cathay Pacific is the same as flying American.

If it's not obvious, Cathay Pacific's First Class is a much bigger score than AA's, so this ought to be your first look, not an afterthought or an oversight.

Other go-tos are:

- If traveling to Europe, check British Airways, Iberia, or Finnair.
- If traveling to Asia, look into Cathay Pacific and Japan Airlines.
- If traveling to the South Pacific, Qantas is your best bet.
- If traveling to the Middle East, check Qatar and Etihad Airways.

Check out the chart at the bottom of this report for a recap of which AA partner airlines are best when traveling to which regions.

One word of caution: Sometimes taxes are higher on partner airlines. An example is New York–London: AA charges \$297 for its own flight, however if you book British Airways using AA miles the cost is \$1,400+ for First Class travel.

COMPARING AWARD SPACE USING AA MILES ON PARTNER AIRLINES VS. USING PARTNERS' OWN MILEAGE PROGRAMS

While using AA miles with AA partners opens up new routes and availability, sometimes you'll find that award space that shows as available on the partner airline's booking site does not show as available on AA.com. This is because some AA partners release *similar* availability to their partner AA as they release to their own mileage program members, and some release *less* to their partners. So, it's important to know which airlines will have the best availability using AA miles to make the most of your "partner power." Here's how it breaks down:

AVAILABILITY DISCREPANCIES

Less Availability: AA partner airlines that generally release less space to AA than to their own mileage members: Cathay Pacific, Japan Airlines, Finnair, and Qantas.

Similar Availability: AA partners that generally release the same amount of space to AA as to their own mileage members: British Airways, Etihad Airways, and Qatar.

Much Less Availability: AA partner that rarely has space: Iberia.

HOW TO BOOK: ONLINE VS. CALLING

To help you know what routes and airlines have the most promising dates for availability, check [FCF Daily Deals alerts](#), and remember, award space using AA miles may be different than using the operating airline's own mileage program.

After you have a sense of what is or might be available, depending on the airline and level of partner availability, go to AA.com (if the partner allows online bookings; see list below). Or call (800) 882-8880 to verify availability using AA miles.

- AA partner airlines that allow [online booking with AA miles](#): Air Tahiti Nui, Alaska, British Airways, Etihad Airways, Fiji Airways, Finnair, Hawaiian, Iberia, Japan Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, Qantas, Qatar Airways, Royal Jordanian Airlines, and SriLankan Airlines **can be booked online with AA**.
- Major AA partner airlines that you need to call to book with AA miles: Cathay Pacific and LATAM **require you to call AA at (800) 882-8880**.

Fancy First Class? These AA partners have it: British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Japan Airlines, Qantas and Etihad Airways.

LATEST AA PARTNER DEALS

Our "Sweet Redeems" alert team has found a slew of recent oneworld partner airline opportunities, linked below—so **you don't have to ever again feel like your AA miles are completely unusable or worthless**.

[Fly British Airways First Class From the West Coast to Europe Easy With Miles/Points, 4+ Seats](#)

[Etihad Business Class Deal With Miles From New York \(A380\), Toronto, and Washington, D.C. to Abu Dhabi & Beyond](#)

[Free Awards On Cathay Pacific Business Class from Boston, Chicago, New York, and More](#)

[Boston, Chicago, Miami, New York and More to Europe Business Class](#)

[First Class On Japan Air In 2020 From Chicago, Los Angeles, New York & San Fran](#)

[Boston, Chicago, New York and More Business Class to Asia, 4+ Seats](#)

AA's Partner Power: Know Your Options

Region	Airline Partner	Availability When Using AA Miles	Mileage Cost	Class of Service	How to Book
Asia	Cathay Pacific	Less than Cathay offers	Same as AA flights	Business & First	Call (800) 882-8880
	Japan Airlines	Less than JAL offers			Online
Africa	British Airways	Same as BA offers		Business & First	
	Qatar Airways	Same as Qatar offers		Business & First	
	Etihad Airways	Same as Etihad offers		Business & First	
Europe	British Airways	Same as BA offers		Business & First	
	Finnair	Less than Finnair offers		Business	
The Middle East	British Airways	Same as BA offers		Business & First	
	Qatar Airways	Same as Qatar offers		Business	
	Etihad Airways	Same as Etihad offers		Business & First	
South Pacific	Qantas	Less than Qantas offers		Business & First	



Fly Business Class for the Cost of Coach With United and FCF's Leg Stretch Strategy to Europe and South America

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The world's most lucrative ticketing strategy and many pre-baked itineraries you can book now.

One of our favorite strategies–The Leg Stretch (LSS)–just got as affordable as it's ever been (in a 2-for-1 kind of way) and this time it's with United. What's more, this version connects the U.S., South America and Europe for an unfathomably low price.

TAKE IT AWAY CONRAD

"I spend my company's money like my own–in the sense that I'm conservative with it. I like to travel the absolute best I can, at the lowest cost. That makes my day."

Conrad is an FCF subscriber and his mother lives in Brazil. He has ongoing business in Belgium. He planned on going to both places during a 12 month period. That's a Leg Stretch Situation Sweet Spot (LSSSS).

WHAT IS THE LEG STRETCH STRATEGY AGAIN?

FCF's team discovered the Leg Stretch Strategy years ago during a routine fare reconnaissance. It seemed too good to be true. It wasn't.

HOW IT WORKS

In this particular case, with United to South American and European flights: The Leg Stretch Strategy takes advantage of free stopovers in the U.S. We call it the Leg Stretch because you're effectively stretching the legs involved in a ticket.

And the value it presents to FCFicionados is remarkable. More on the \$ below.

Of course, this strategy is not right for everyone, or for every trip. It's connecting disparate continents that don't start in the U.S. And with this version of LSS, you need to be going to South America twice within 12 months, and Europe once. But it's SO lucrative, it's worth considering in any case to knock some bucket cities off the list.

COMBINE AND CONQUER

While this is a novel ticketing strategy, most people looking at traveling to those destinations don't know about it—and buy the tickets separately. I mean, **who would have guessed you can connect three continents and three trips on one ticket!?** And the great thing is that you don't have to do it all together. **These trips can be separate, they just all have to be completed within 12 months.**

As Conrad says, "The hardest part for me was to recognize that it makes sense to book a one-way ticket at the start. It makes all the more sense that it was incorporated with this Leg Stretch Strategy."

SHOW ME THE STRETCH, FCF

This new Leg Stretch is on United Airlines and connects Rio de Janeiro with Brussels via (either) **Chicago, Houston, Newark/New York, or Washington, D.C.** So plenty of options in the U.S., and Rio and Brussels are gateway cities to the rest of their respective continents. **See chart below for many different itinerary options.**

Here's exactly how it plays.

TICKET #1 (GETTING TO THE LEG STRETCH STARTER CITY)

One Segment: New York (or other complying U.S. city) to Rio one-way (use miles or a great published fare).

TICKET #2 (THE LEG STRETCH)

Rio to Brussels round-trip—four segments on one ticket—via the U.S.:

Segment #1: Rio to New York (the free stopover as part of the Rio-Brussels Leg Stretch. Stay at home for however long before your trip to Europe—as long as you complete the strategy in 12 months).

Segment #2: New York to Brussels (stay for a week or three, have an awesome time bouncing around Europe).

Segment #3: Brussels to New York (time to go home and chill for a little while).






Segment #4: New York to Rio (the final leg of the Leg Stretch) or a different South American city.

TICKET #3 (GETTING HOME FROM THE LEG STRETCH)




Then it's decision time. You can return home on another one-way ticket OR you can start the process again, returning to the U.S. as leg one of your next Leg Stretch ticket from Rio to another awesome destination (with stopovers in the U.S.).

Trip summary [View checked baggage charges](#)



Tue, 10 Sep, 2019

Tue, 10 Sep		Wed, 11 Sep	1 Connection
21:05		11:59	15h 54m total
Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR (GIG)		New York/Newark, NJ, US (EWR)	
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 GIG to IAH	UA 128	Boeing 767-300	
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1h 50m connection			
 IAH to EWR	UA 408	Boeing 737 MAX 9	






Wed, 20 Nov, 2019

Wed, 20 Nov		Thu, 21 Nov	Nonstop
19:00		8:05	7h 5m total
New York/Newark, NJ, US (EWR)		Brussels, BE (BRU)	
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 UA 999	Boeing 787-10 Dreamliner		

Sun, 24 Nov, 2019

10:00		12:20	Nonstop
Brussels, BE (BRU)		New York/Newark, NJ, US (EWR)	8h 20m total
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 UA 998	Boeing 787-10 Dreamliner		

Tue, 14 Jan, 2020

Tue, 14 Jan		Wed, 15 Jan	1 Connection
17:10		11:05	15h 55m total
New York/Newark, NJ, US (EWR)		Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BR (GIG)	
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 EWR to IAH	UA 1002	Boeing 757-200	
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1h 26m connection			
 IAH to GIG	UA 129	Boeing 767-400ER	

TOTAL R\$9.620,05

1 Brazilian Real equals

0.27 United
States Dollar

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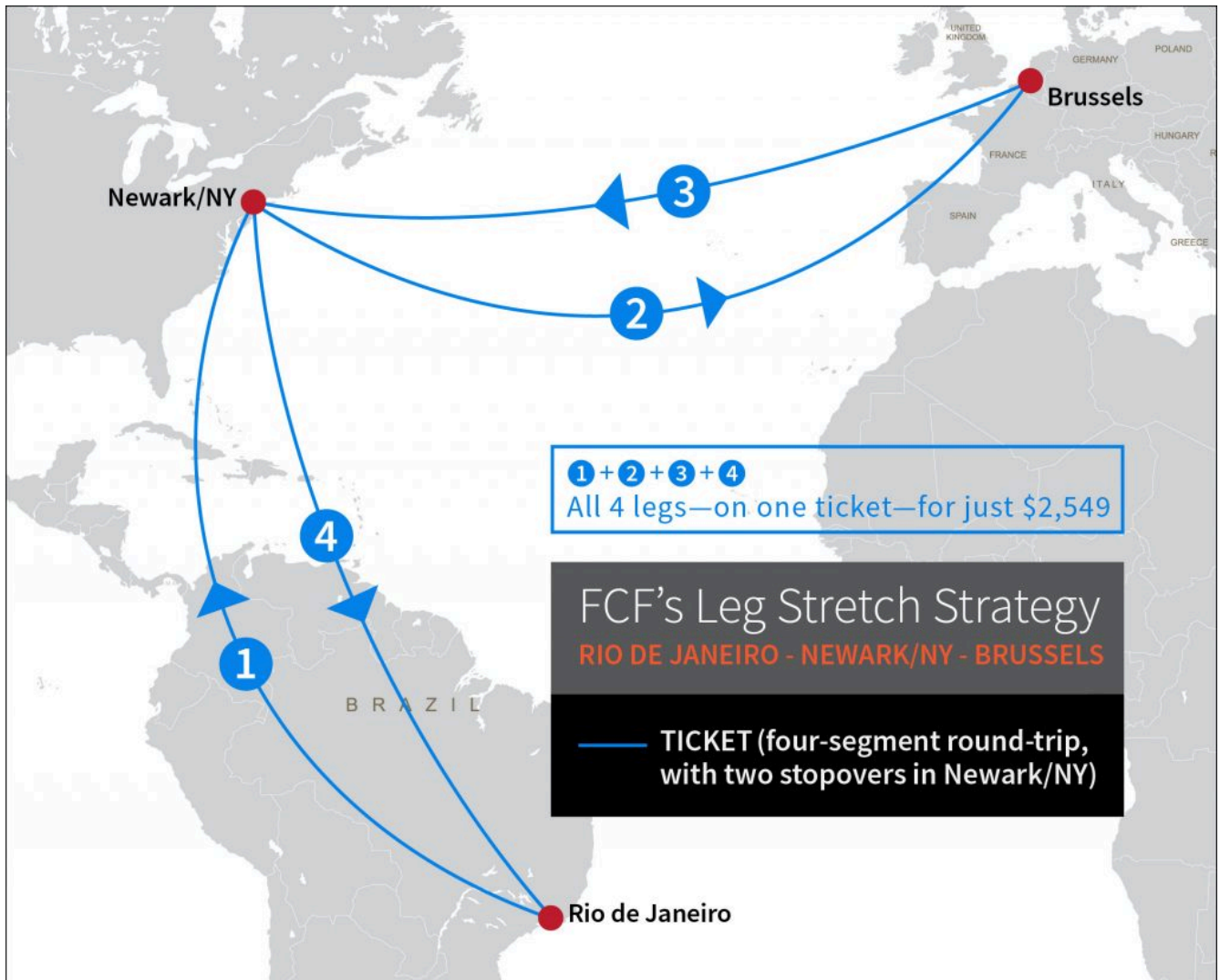
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SHOW ME THE MONEY

So what do you save by doing all this? You get Business Class for the price of coach—or only a bit more than coach—depending on the route you choose.

A New York-to-Rio ticket on United in coach ranges from \$1,600 to \$2,000 non-stop and a New York-to-Brussels ticket in coach ranges from ~\$600 to \$1,100.

That's \$2,200 at a minimum to fly coach—and possibly \$3,100 depending on your dates. The Leg Stretch nets those **same destinations in Business Class for \$2,549**. That's a Business Class two-for-one (or better) savings.



Another way to look at the savings is that a New York-Rio ticket ranges from ~\$4,600 to \$7,200 and New York-Brussels ranges from ~\$2,500 to \$4,100 on United. That's \$7,100 at a minimum to fly Business Class—and as much as \$11,300 depending on your dates. The LSS can score those same destinations in Business Class for **\$2,549**. It's okay with me if you call this a *three or four for one*.

FINAL WORD FROM CONRAD

"I did it and it works!"

Start Your LSS Ticket In:	Your U.S. Stopover / Home / Closest-to-Home City (Both Going and Coming):	European Destination:	Fare for Four Legs (in Effect, Two Round-trips)	See For Yourself Quick Links
Rio de Janeiro	Newark	Brussels	\$2,587	Expired
São Paulo	Newark	Frankfurt	\$2,614	Expired
Rio de Janeiro	Houston	Paris	\$2,615	Expired
São Paulo	Houston	Paris	\$2,644	Expired

Start Your LSS Ticket In:	Your U.S. Stopover / Home / Closest-to-Home City (Both Going and Coming):	European Destination:	Fare for Four Legs (in Effect, Two Round-trips)	See For Yourself Quick Links
São Paulo	Chicago	London	\$2,811	Expired
Rio de Janeiro	Washington, DC	London	\$2,802	Expired
Buenos Aires	Newark	Amsterdam	\$2,801	Expired
Buenos Aires	Newark	Zurich	\$2,832	Expired
Buenos Aires	Washington, DC	Madrid	\$2,909	Expired
Buenos Aires	Houston	Frankfurt	\$2,924	Expired
Santiago	Newark	Amsterdam	\$3,037	Expired

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N.B. If links send you to a fare that's much higher, play around with the dates, and more than likely you'll find the same fare we did.