



## Learn 5 Reasons Why You Should Fly Business Class

### Description

We've all been crammed into an economy seat with no leg room and elbows tucked in tight because your seatmate has taken over the armrest and then some.



Just as you manage to wrangle your laptop onto the tight tray table so you can work, the passenger in front of you slams their seat into full recline, and you find yourself typing with your hands up under your chin like a short-armed T-Rex.

This is never the case when flying business class.

You don't need any more persuasion to fly business class, but many organizations have travel rules that outline business class travel authorization.

Policies may solely cover senior management, apply to flights more extended than a certain number of hours, or apply to all international travel.

Continue reading to learn about the benefits of business class and why it makes sense for long-haul trips.

## 1. VIP Pre-Flight Services

Long before the flight even takes off, the business class experience begins. In fact, it can begin before you even get to the airport. Seven airlines, including Emirates, Qantas, and Virgin Atlantic, provide chauffeured transportation to and from the airport.

Each airline has its own terms, but the ease of door-to-door service is undeniable. You can make last-minute phone calls on your route to the airport and avoid paying for airport parking. When you fly business class, you usually get priority check-in and a larger baggage allowance, which is another way to save money.

Priority boarding will be provided at the gate, sometimes via a separate jetway for international flights, so you can get on board and settle in without waiting in the carry-on shuffle.

## 2. Onboard Services for Business Class

Certain benefits are typical while flying business class on most carriers.

Because you boarded so quickly, you'll be rewarded with a "welcome" drink of juice or champagne while the economy section continues the rush-up-and-wait of overhead storage in the back. If you're going abroad in business class, you may use that time to go through your complimentary toiletry kit or change into your in-flight socks.

Business-class seats often have larger entertainment displays (up to 23 inches!) and more extensive programming than economy seats. Distractions are kept at bay with noise-canceling headsets.

If you need to work, there are charging ports and/or outlets to keep you charged. In-flight Wi-Fi is becoming more widely available on all flights, and while most airlines charge for it, some, such as Aer Lingus and Finnair, provide it for free to business class passengers.

## 3. Improved Comfort in Business Class

The most frequently stated reason for flying business class is to be more comfortable. The seats are more prominent, and storage cubbies and pockets for personal items you wish to keep nearby.

Most business class seats are in their own tiny pod, providing room and some privacy, while some layouts can accommodate two individuals traveling together. If you've ever flown overnight with a meeting scheduled for the following day, you know how important it is to arrive refreshed.

Almost all business class seats transform into a lie-flat bed or, at least, a fully reclined posture, allowing you to sleep comfortably on long trips. Some airlines even provide cotton or foam mattress overlays to help cushion your nest. Sleeping comfortably on a long flight may be worth more than the other benefits combined.

## 4. Improved Food

Another advantage of business class travel is enhanced dining experiences. Airlines continue to raise the standard with award-winning chef-designed menus and enhanced wine selections.

Singapore Airlines' famed 'Book the Cook' service allows you to order from a fine dining menu 24 hours in advance. Qantas is well-known for employing hundreds of professional 'Sommeliers in the Sky' to advise passengers on food and wine pairings. It will even conduct a personal wine tasting in the galley on long-haul flights. Additional fine dining accouterments improve the experience even more.

Your tray table is decked out with a linen cloth, a linen napkin, hefty cutlery, little personal salt and pepper shakers, and perhaps even a flower. Meals are typically served in courses on bone china place settings. Business class dining is vastly superior in taste and presentation to the foil-covered plastic bowls of bland mush given in economy.

## 5. Access to Airport Lounges

When flying business class, your boarding pass grants you access to the airline's unique airport lounge. Behind that golden guarded door is comfortable seats, complimentary snacks and hot food to keep you going, and an open bar if your body clock believes it's cocktail hour. Showers, massage treatments, quiet rooms for resting, work tables, and even play areas for children are standard features of business class lounges.

The flight attendants are courteous and respectful, creating a peaceful atmosphere amidst the airport mayhem outside. Some, such as the Ethiad Club at Washington Dulles, even have direct boarding access from the inner sanctum into the business class cabin of the plane, so once you enter, you never have to leave.

That is VIP treatment!

Finally, here's why you should fly business class.

Flying business class allows you to arrive comfortable and ready to participate entirely in the events at your destination, whether traveling for business or pleasure.

You've already invested considerable time and financial investment in your destination arrangements.

Why would you ever want to risk delivering subpar results by arriving weary and disheveled?

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