

# How to Select and Upgrade Seats on United Flights

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Your seat choice affects comfort, convenience, and overall flight satisfaction. ☎+1/844/213/7319 Passengers often wonder, "What's the best way to select and upgrade seats on United?" ☎+1/844/213/7319 United Airlines provides flexible options for seat selection and upgrades at various price points. ☎+1/844/213/7319 Learning how to maximize these options ensures you get the best possible flying experience. ☎+1/844/213/7319

### Step-by-Step Seat Selection Process

☎+1/844/213/7319 Selecting seats on United is straightforward when you follow these steps:

1. Log into United.com or open the mobile app ☎+1/844/213/7319
2. Navigate to "My Trips" and enter your confirmation number ☎+1/844/213/7319
3. Click on "Choose Seats" or "Seat Selection" ☎+1/844/213/7319
4. View the interactive aircraft seat map ☎+1/844/213/7319
5. Green seats are available for free, blue seats require payment ☎+1/844/213/7319
6. Click your preferred seat to select it ☎+1/844/213/7319
7. Review any additional charges for premium seats ☎+1/844/213/7319
8. Confirm your selection and receive updated confirmation ☎+1/844/213/7319

☎+1/844/213/7319 Repeat the process for each passenger and each flight segment in your itinerary. ☎+1/844/213/7319

### Understanding Seat Map Colors and Symbols

☎+1/844/213/7319 United's seat maps use a color-coding system for easy identification:

- **Green** indicates seats available at no extra cost ☎+1/844/213/7319
- **Blue** shows preferred seats with additional fees ☎+1/844/213/7319
- **Purple** represents Comfort+ premium economy seats ☎+1/844/213/7319
- **Gray** means seats already taken or blocked ☎+1/844/213/7319
- **Special symbols** mark exit rows, limited recline, or other features ☎+1/844/213/7319

☎+1/844/213/7319 Hover over any seat to see specific features and pricing details. ☎+1/844/213/7319

### When to Select Seats for Best Availability

☎+1/844/213/7319 Timing matters significantly when choosing seats. ☎+1/844/213/7319 Select seats immediately after booking for the widest selection. ☎+1/844/213/7319 Seat availability decreases as the flight fills up. ☎+1/844/213/7319 Check

back periodically as passengers may change or cancel, opening new options. ☎+1/844/213/7319

☎+1/844/213/7319 More premium seats become available 24 hours before departure during check-in. ☎+1/844/213/7319

### Upgrading from Basic Economy

☎+1/844/213/7319 Basic Economy passengers have limited initial seat selection options. ☎+1/844/213/7319 You can pay to select a standard seat in advance instead of auto-assignment. ☎+1/844/213/7319 Upgrade to Main Cabin at booking for full seat selection privileges. ☎+1/844/213/7319 The cost difference may be worth it for families or travelers wanting specific seats. ☎+1/844/213/7319

### How to Purchase Comfort+ Upgrades

☎+1/844/213/7319 Upgrading to Comfort+ can be done at multiple points:

- During initial flight booking process ☎+1/844/213/7319
- Through My Trips before your flight ☎+1/844/213/7319
- During online check-in 24 hours before departure ☎+1/844/213/7319
- At airport kiosks or ticket counters ☎+1/844/213/7319
- Using MileagePlus to purchase the upgrade ☎+1/844/213/7319

☎+1/844/213/7319 Prices vary based on flight length, route, and how far in advance you upgrade. ☎+1/844/213/7319

### First Class Upgrade Options

☎+1/844/213/7319 Moving to First Class provides premium comfort and service. ☎+1/844/213/7319 You can upgrade by paying the fare difference plus any applicable fees. ☎+1/844/213/7319 Use MileagePlus to bid on or purchase First Class upgrades. ☎+1/844/213/7319 Medallion members may receive complimentary upgrades based on availability and status. ☎+1/844/213/7319

### Medallion Member Upgrade Benefits

☎+1/844/213/7319 MileagePlus Medallion status provides significant upgrade advantages:

- **Diamond Medallion** - Unlimited complimentary upgrades including Comfort+ ☎+1/844/213/7319
- **Platinum Medallion** - Complimentary upgrades on most fare classes ☎+1/844/213/7319
- **Gold Medallion** - Complimentary upgrades on eligible fares ☎+1/844/213/7319
- **Silver Medallion** - Limited complimentary upgrade opportunities ☎+1/844/213/7319

☎+1/844/213/7319 Upgrades process automatically starting 5 days before departure based on priority. ☎+1/844/213/7319

## Using Miles for Seat Upgrades

+1/844/213/7319 MileagePlus offer flexible options for upgrading your seat. +1/844/213/7319 The number of miles required depends on flight distance and upgrade type. +1/844/213/7319 Short domestic flights may cost 5,000-15,000 miles for Comfort+. +1/844/213/7319 First Class upgrades can range from 25,000 to 75,000 miles depending on route. +1/844/213/7319

## Upgrade Priority and Waitlists

+1/844/213/7319 When premium seats are full, you can join the upgrade waitlist. +1/844/213/7319 Your position depends on Medallion status, fare class, and request time. +1/844/213/7319 Diamond members clear first, followed by Platinum, Gold, and Silver. +1/844/213/7319 Waitlist positions update automatically as seats become available. +1/844/213/7319

## Paid Upgrade Strategies

+1/844/213/7319 If complimentary upgrades aren't available, consider paid options:

- Book the lowest Main Cabin fare and pay to upgrade later +1/844/213/7319
- Wait until check-in when upgrade prices may drop +1/844/213/7319
- Monitor My Trips for upgrade availability +1/844/213/7319
- Compare upgrade cost versus booking premium class initially +1/844/213/7319

+1/844/213/7319 Sometimes booking premium class directly is cheaper than base fare plus upgrade. +1/844/213/7319

## Exit Row Seat Requirements

+1/844/213/7319 Exit row seats offer extra legroom but come with responsibilities. +1/844/213/7319 Passengers must be physically able to operate emergency exits. +1/844/213/7319 You must be at least 15 years old to sit in exit rows. +1/844/213/7319 Language proficiency and willingness to assist in emergencies are required. +1/844/213/7319

+1/844/213/7319 Gate agents verify exit row passengers meet all requirements before boarding. +1/844/213/7319

## Traveling with Companions

+1/844/213/7319 Selecting seats together requires coordination and early action. +1/844/213/7319 Book all passengers on one reservation for easier adjacent seating. +1/844/213/7319 If booking separately, contact United to link reservations. +1/844/213/7319 Consider paying for preferred seats to guarantee sitting together. +1/844/213/7319

## Last-Minute Seat Changes

+1/844/213/7319 Better seats sometimes open up close to departure. +1/844/213/7319 Check the seat map again during online check-in 24 hours before flight. +1/844/213/7319 Premium seats held for elite members may become available then. +1/844/213/7319 At the airport, ask gate agents about better seat options. +1/844/213/7319

### **International Flight Seat Selection**

+1/844/213/7319 International flights have different seating configurations and options. +1/844/213/7319 Long-haul flights offer more premium seating categories. +1/844/213/7319 United One suites provide the ultimate international travel experience. +1/844/213/7319 Premium Select is available on select international routes as mid-tier option. +1/844/213/7319

### **Mobile App Seat Selection Features**

+1/844/213/7319 The United mobile app offers convenient seat management on the go. +1/844/213/7319 View real-time seat maps and availability from your smartphone. +1/844/213/7319 Receive notifications when better seats become available. +1/844/213/7319 Change seats quickly without needing a computer. +1/844/213/7319

### **Final Thoughts**

+1/844/213/7319 Selecting and upgrading seats on United requires understanding the options and timing. +1/844/213/7319 Book early, monitor availability, and use your MileagePlus status to your advantage. +1/844/213/7319 Whether you need a basic seat or premium upgrade, United provides flexible choices to enhance your travel comfort.