



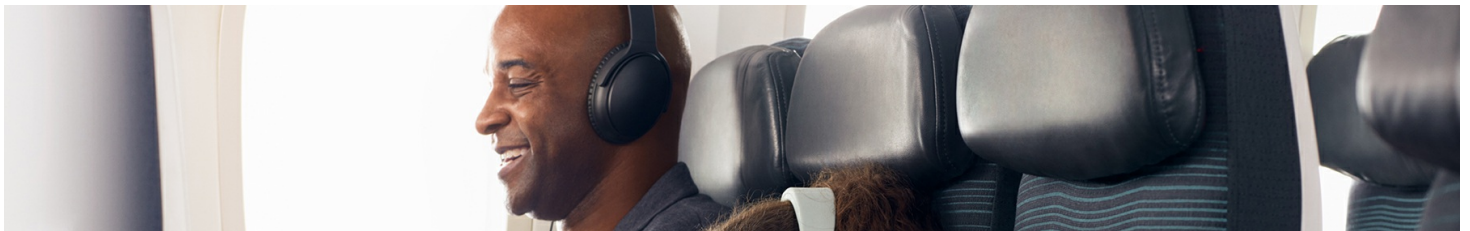
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How to choose the right airfare type for your trip



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With so many options for carriers and fare types, it can be hard making the right decision for your trip and budget. Should you opt for the free cancellation, just in case? Is preferred seating worth it for a more comfortable flight?

Fortunately, decoding fare types and upgrades is easier when you know your priorities. Whether it's for business or pleasure, use these quick tips to guide you when booking your next trip.

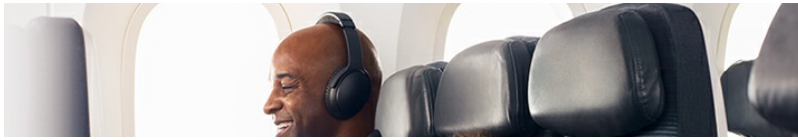
Try the middle. Need something in between no frills and business class? Air Canada has recently unveiled an expanded range of North America economy fares that give you greater flexibility to select the amenities you want for a more customized experience. As part of the change, it's introducing a new comfort fare with a wide range of features, like complimentary access to preferred seats and the option to purchase other amenities such as Maple Leaf Lounge access.

Rewards points. Are you saving up for your dream vacation or experience with your rewards program? Some airlines offer extra points with certain fares, so you may want to consider the upgrade, which often comes with other added perks. For example, some fare types let you earn up to 125 per cent of regular rewards, helping you get to your dream vacation that much sooner.

Time of day. If you're flying overnight, you may want to get a fare type such as premium economy that offers a larger seat, so you can stretch out and sleep. Also take into consideration the time of year and destination — if you're travelling to a warmer place, you might be able to get away without checking any baggage. But if you'll have cold or mixed weather, choose at least one checked bag to make sure you can take everything you need.

Kids in tow. If you're planning a family holiday, you'll want to make sure you're able to sit together with your kids. Make sure the fare class you pick allows for advanced seat selection in addition to a checked bag. Some airlines like Air Canada make travelling with kids easier by offering complimentary seating assignments that allow you to sit together with your child for no additional charge and a special family check-in at some airports like Toronto and Montreal.





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