

# The Best in Business Class Airfare

*These are the best ways to upgrade.*



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Airlines are investing heavily in making their passengers' experience on-board memorable, comfortable and more luxurious than their competitors—especially in business class. With an astounding array of choices in air carriers and new brands adding unique and exciting routes to the market every day, it's important to know who you can rely on for an unparalleled in-flight experience, when it's worth it to splurge, and which carriers don't stack up for those who sit up-front. Here, our picks for the best in business class experiences.

### 3 *Finnair's Nordic Business Class*



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Leave it to Finland to design one of the most visually stunning business class experiences in the world (and the clouds). Flying from one of the airline's U.S. gateways like New York, Chicago or Miami gives you an opportunity to sit-back and enjoy the large cabin of the Airbus A350 XWB, which delivers you to your destination flawlessly—without feeling like you've been on an airplane for hours. Their “**Nordic**” **business class** cabin is equipped with plush lie-flat beds, extra-large personal entertainment screens, amenity kits and bedding designed by Finnish fashion brand, Marimekko. Finnish designer Vertti Kivi designed the cabin with lights that reflect the changing colors of the famed Northern Lights as your plane soars through the air, which are said to help alleviate jetlag and adjust you to new time zones. In fact, after a stopover in Helsinki, those moving on to destinations in Asia like Tokyo, Beijing or Bangkok will find Finnair one of the fastest connecting routes. This airline flies very far north, shaving travel time off your entire flight duration.

Food on-board is delicious with homemade Scandinavian breads, fish entrees and expertly crafted cocktails served in Iittala glassware custom-designed for the airline in the 1960s.