

# How to Change a United Airlines Flight

## Complete Guide: United Flight Change Policy, Fees, Same-Day Changes & Step-by-Step Instructions

For immediate flight change assistance, contact United Airlines:

■ **United Airlines Flight Change — 24/7: +1-844-213-7319**

■ **United MileagePlus Award Ticket Changes:**

**+1-844-213-7319** ■ **International Callers — United:**

**+1-844-569-1450**

Changing a United Airlines flight is one of the most common travel needs — and since United permanently eliminated change fees in 2020, it has become one of the easiest. Whether you need to shift your departure date, rebook an earlier flight, upgrade your cabin, or rebook due to an emergency, this complete guide covers every scenario with step-by-step instructions and exact fees. Call **+1-844-213-7319** anytime — available 24/7.

### What Is United Airlines Flight Change Policy?

United Airlines allows passengers to change their flight with no penalty fee on most fare types. Since October 2020, United permanently eliminated change fees for Main Cabin and above tickets originating in the US, Canada, and Caribbean. You may pay a fare difference if the new flight costs more than your original ticket. Call +1-844-213-7319 for help.

United's policy applies to all Main Cabin, United Comfort+, First Class, United One, and United Premium Select tickets. Basic Economy is the only fare type that remains non-changeable under standard policy. There is no change penalty fee — the only additional cost is a fare difference if your new flight is priced higher than what you originally paid.

### Can I Change My United Flight for Free?

Yes. United does not charge a flight change fee on Main Cabin and above tickets. If your new flight costs the same or less, the change is completely free. If the new flight costs more, you pay only the fare difference — nothing else. For immediate help, call +1-844-213-7319.

United eliminated change fees permanently in 2020, removing the \$200–\$500 penalty that previously applied. Today, the only cost is the fare difference — the gap between your original ticket price and the new flight's price. If you find a flight at the same or lower price, the change costs zero. If the new flight is cheaper, United issues the difference as a United eCredit to your MileagePlus account.

## How Do I Change My United Flight Online?

Log in to United.com, click 'My Trips,' select your booking, and click 'Modify Flight.' Choose your new flight, review any fare difference, and confirm. Your updated e-ticket is emailed immediately. For complex changes, call +1-844-213-7319.

**Step 1.** Go to **United.com** and click **My Trips** in the navigation bar.

**Step 2.** Log in to your MileagePlus account or enter your last name and 6-character PNR (confirmation code).

**Step 3.** Select your booking and click **Modify Flight** or **Change Flight**.

**Step 4.** Browse flights on your preferred new date. Any fare difference is shown clearly before you confirm.

**Step 5.** Select your new flight. If a fare difference applies, add payment to cover

it. **Step 6.** Click **Confirm**. Your new e-ticket is emailed within minutes.

**Step 7.** If the new flight costs less, the United eCredit is automatically added to your MileagePlus account.

## How Do I Change My United Flight by Phone?

Call United Airlines at +1-844-213-7319 — available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Provide your booking confirmation number, current flight details, and your preferred new flight date and time. Agents process changes in real time. For MileagePlus award tickets, call +1-844-213-7319.

Calling is best for complex itineraries — multiple passengers, connecting flights, international segments, or partner airline legs. Agents can search all available fare classes across multiple dates to help you find the lowest fare difference. Have your PNR, MileagePlus number, and travel preferences ready before calling.

## What Is the United Same-Day Flight Change Policy?

United allows Same-Day Confirmed Changes for \$75 per person on domestic flights. Platinum and Diamond Medallion members get this free. All eligible passengers can use Same-Day Standby at no charge. Request via the Fly United app or call +1-844-213-7319.

**Step 1.** Open the Fly United app or call **+1-844-213-7319** starting the evening before your departure.

**Step 2.** Select **Same-Day Confirmed Change** (\$75, or free for Platinum/Diamond Medallion) to guarantee a seat on a new same-day flight.

**Step 3.** Or choose **Same-Day Standby (free)** — you are added to the waitlist for an earlier flight. Your original flight stays as backup.

**Step 4.** If requesting at the airport, go to the United ticket counter or gate agent and state your preference.

**Step 5.** Confirm your seat assignment. For confirmed changes, your new boarding pass is issued immediately.

## Can I Change a Basic Economy Ticket on United?

United Basic Economy tickets are generally non-changeable. You can cancel within 24 hours of booking for a full refund. During weather waivers, United may allow Basic Economy changes. Call +1-844-213-7319 to ask about current waivers or compassionate exceptions.

Basic Economy offers the lowest price in exchange for zero flexibility. After the 24-hour free cancellation window, Basic Economy tickets have no residual value if cancelled and cannot be changed. Exceptions: active travel waivers ([United.com/travelalerts](https://www.united.com/travelalerts)) and documented medical emergencies handled by supervisors at +1-844-213-7319.

**What Happens If the New Flight Costs More When I Change?** You pay only the fare difference — the price gap between your original and new flight. United charges no additional penalty on top of this. If the new flight costs less, the difference is issued as a United eCredit. Call +1-844-213-7319 for a fare quote first.

- **New flight costs \$80 more:** You pay \$80. No other fees apply.
- **New flight costs \$60 less:** You receive a \$60 United eCredit to your MileagePlus account.
- **New flight costs exactly the same:** Change is completely free — no payment needed.
- **Tip:** Ask the agent at +1-844-213-7319 to check nearby dates — a 1–2 day shift often eliminates the fare difference entirely.

## How Do I Change a United Award Ticket?

United MileagePlus award tickets can be changed at no fee for most members. If the new flight requires more miles, you pay the difference from your MileagePlus balance. Make changes online at [United.com](https://www.united.com) or by calling the MileagePlus line at +1-844-213-7319.

United eliminated award change fees in 2020 for most MileagePlus members. Diamond Medallion

members have the highest priority for award availability. When changing an award ticket, miles required may increase or decrease based on the new route and date. For partner airline award tickets (Air France, KLM, Korean Air), call +1-844-213-7319 as partner changes may require additional coordination.

## ■ Change a United Award Ticket — MileagePlus Line:

### **+1-844-213-7319** Can I Change a United Flight Booked Through a

#### Third Party?

If you booked through Expedia, Kayak, or another OTA, changes must typically be initiated through that platform — not directly through United. For urgent changes within 24 hours, call United directly at +1-844-213-7319 and explain the urgency.

Third-party bookings add complexity — the OTA holds the ticket and must process changes on your behalf. OTAs may also charge their own service fee. For future bookings, booking directly at United.com or +1-844-213-7319 eliminates this complication entirely.

**How Do I Change My United Flight During a Weather Event?** When severe weather affects United's network, United issues travel waivers at [United.com/travelalerts](https://www.united.com/travelalerts) allowing free changes — including Basic Economy. Check for an active waiver, then call +1-844-213-7319 to apply it to your booking.

United's travel waivers are issued proactively when weather events affect specific airports. A waiver typically allows one free rebooking within 7–14 days, waives fare differences, and covers all fare types including Basic Economy. Do not cancel before checking for a waiver — cancelling without applying a waiver may result in a standard eCredit rather than a free rebook.

**What Is the United Flight Change Policy for International Tickets?** United international tickets in Main Cabin and above can be changed with no penalty fee. Fare differences may apply based on new route pricing. For changes involving partner airlines, call +1-844-213-7319. International callers use +1-844-569-1450.

International fare differences can be significant due to dynamic pricing. Tickets involving SkyTeam partner airlines (Air France, KLM, Virgin Atlantic) may require coordination between carriers. Always call +1-844-213-7319 before making international changes to confirm the exact fare difference and process.

#### How Many Times Can I Change My United Flight?

United does not limit the number of times you can change an eligible ticket. Each change is subject to any fare difference, but there is no penalty or cap on modifications. Call +1-844-213-7319 to process multiple changes if needed.

Unlimited changes on eligible fare types make United particularly useful for business travelers whose plans shift frequently. Each change to a higher-priced flight requires payment of the fare difference. Changes to lower-priced flights result in a United eCredit for any price difference, usable on future bookings.

## **What Information Do I Need to Change a United Flight?**

Have ready: your 6-character PNR, the passenger's name, your MileagePlus number, your preferred new travel date and time, and a payment method for any fare difference. Call +1-844-213-7319 with these details for the fastest service.

Your PNR is the 6-character code in your booking confirmation email (e.g., 'ABC123'). Your MileagePlus number ensures any eCredits are applied correctly. When you call +1-844-213-7319, the agent pulls up your reservation using your PNR and passenger name, then processes the change in real time.

## **Can United Change My Flight Without My Permission?**

Yes — United can change your flight for operational or weather reasons. If United makes a significant schedule change (3+ hours), you are entitled to free rebooking or a full cash refund. Call +1-844-213-7319 when you receive a schedule change notification.

United notifies passengers of changes by email and app push notification. For significant changes (3+ hours, different airport, cancelled entirely), you have two rights: (A) rebook on the next available flight at no cost, or (B) cancel for a full cash refund. Do not accept an automatic eCredit if United caused the change — call +1-844-213-7319 and request a cash refund explicitly.

**How Long Does It Take to Process a United Flight Change?** Online changes at United.com are processed instantly — your new e-ticket is emailed in minutes. Phone changes at +1-844-213-7319 are completed in real time during the call. Same-day changes at the airport are processed immediately at the ticket counter or gate.

There is no waiting period for United flight changes. Once confirmed online, the system updates your booking and emails your new itinerary within minutes. If your e-ticket does not arrive within 30 minutes of an online change, call +1-844-213-7319 with your PNR to verify the change was processed.

## **United Flight Change Policy — Quick Reference**

<b>Basic Economy</b>	Not allowed	N/A	Not available
<b>Main Cabin</b>	&#9989; \$0	Yes (if higher)	\$75 confirmed / Free standby
<b>United Comfort+</b>	&#9989; \$0	Yes (if higher)	\$75 confirmed / Free standby
<b>First Class</b>	&#9989; \$0	Yes (if higher)	\$75 confirmed / Free standby
<b>United One (Business)</b>	&#9989; \$0	Yes (if higher)	\$75 confirmed / Free standby
<b>MileagePlus Award</b>	&#9989; \$0	Miles diff may apply	Subject to availability

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: Can I change my United flight for free?

A: Yes — for Main Cabin and above tickets. United eliminated change fees in 2020. You only pay if the new flight costs more (fare difference only). Call +1-844-213-7319 or visit [United.com](http://United.com) to change with no penalty.

### Q: How do I change a United flight on the app?

A: Open the Fly United app → tap 'My Trips' → select your flight → tap 'Change Flight.' Browse available flights, review the fare difference, and confirm. Changes are processed instantly.

### Q: What if I need to change my flight last minute?

A: Call +1-844-213-7319 immediately. For same-day changes, request Same-Day Confirmed Change (\$75) or free Same-Day Standby. Agents are available 24/7 for last-minute situations.

### Q: Can I change to a different destination on United?

A: Yes, but changing the destination is treated similarly to a new booking. The fare difference between your original ticket and the new destination fare will apply. Call +1-844-213-7319.

### Q: How do I know if my United flight change was successful?

A: You will receive a new e-ticket confirmation email within minutes. The new flight also appears in 'My Trips' on [United.com](http://United.com). If you don't receive confirmation within 30 minutes, call +1-844-213-7319.

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