



5 TOOLS I USE

TO FLY
**BUSINESS
CLASS**

ALL THE TIME

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Hey! My name is Scott (better known as [SANspotter](#)) and I've totally lost count of the number of times I've been asked about how I can afford to fly around the world in business class all the time.

Many first time readers of [my blog](#) think that I'm totally loaded and that I walk around with money falling out of my pockets. Ha!

The truth is that I really can't afford it. But that doesn't stop me from doing it anyway.

None of what I'm about to reveal about flying business class on a budget is top-secret stuff. As a matter of fact, that's probably the most significant takeaway from this entire document.

Flying business class on a discount is a lot easier than most people think it is. All of these tools are available to everyone, and I'm no more special than anyone else.

It's how you use these tools in the correct combination that's important. The more time you spend with each will produce higher quality rewards. Effort in, effort out!



1. Credit card reward programs

My most lucrative way of obtaining the number of points required to purchase business class rewards has been through the use of credit cards.

I can feel you retching from here. I get it. I hate the credit card “points” game as well, but you’re going to have to play if you want to win.

Thankfully, it doesn’t have to be complicated. All you need to do is pick one card (my favorite is the Amex Platinum) and use it for *everything*. Even laxatives.

Pick one that gives you bonuses for the things you spend the most on, and the points will add up fast.

Then, transfer those points to your favorite airline when they offer a bonus to do so (which usually happens 1-2 times a year).



2. Patience. Lots of it.

You need to be patient and very flexible in order to find the best award tickets using points.

I'm usually so flexible that **I choose my award travel destinations based entirely on award availability.**

It's very rare that I'm able to find open business class seat awards for the exact day and destination I want.

I always begin my search looking at what's available *everywhere* (rather than just my preferred destination).

Pro tip: you'll often find the best availability within two weeks of departure.



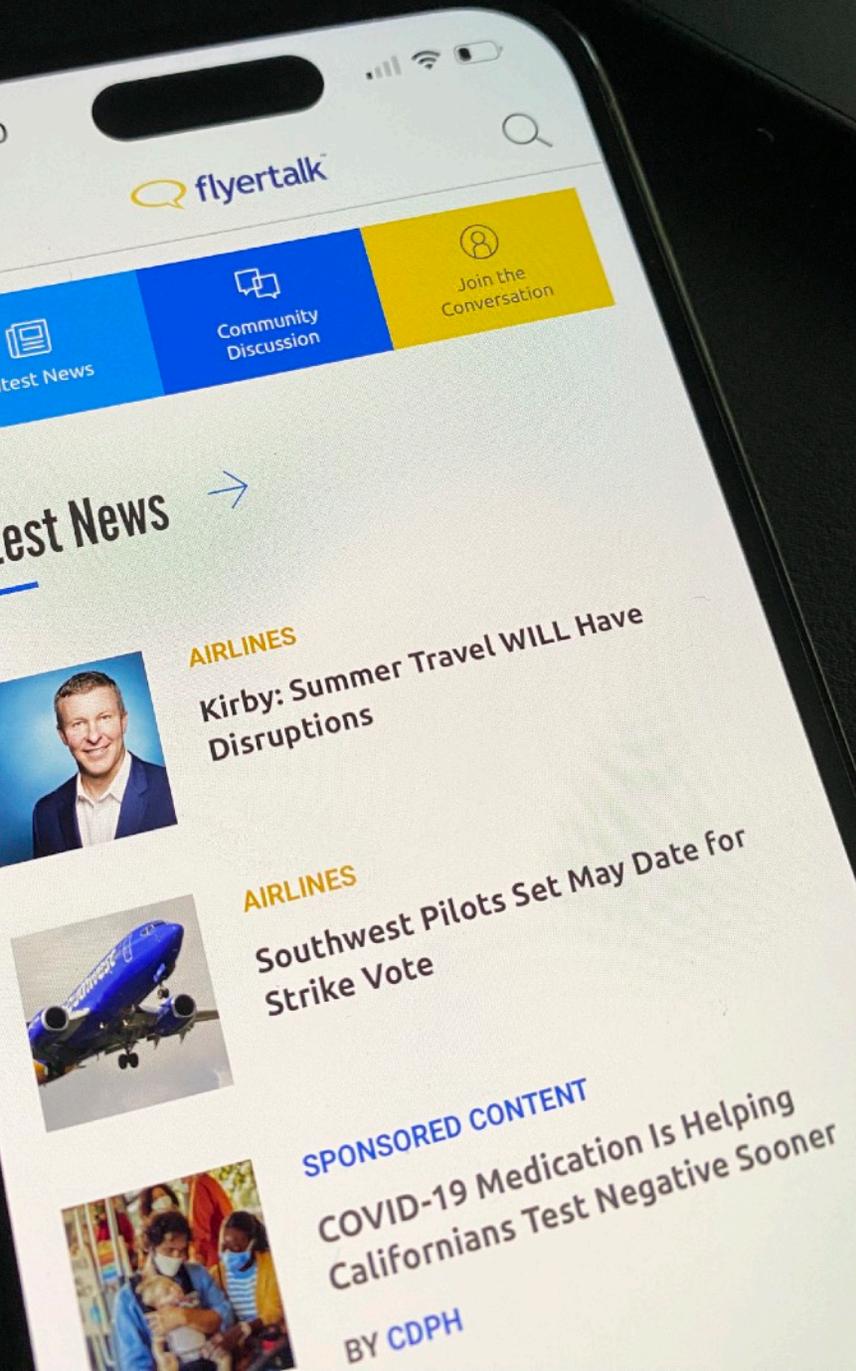
3. FlyerTalk (FTW)

I created an account with [FlyerTalk](#) way back in 1999, and I've been using it since as my main source of airline, travel, and points information ever since.

My favorite part of the forum is the [Premium Fare Deals](#) section, where users post really good (and often cheap) business or first class fares they find across the internet.

If you are patient and keep checking often, **it's not uncommon to score international business class seats for 1/5 of the usual price.**

FlyerTalk is also a great place to stay up to date with all the latest miles and points programs for nearly every travel product. You'll quickly learn how to maximize your own points for the best possible rewards.



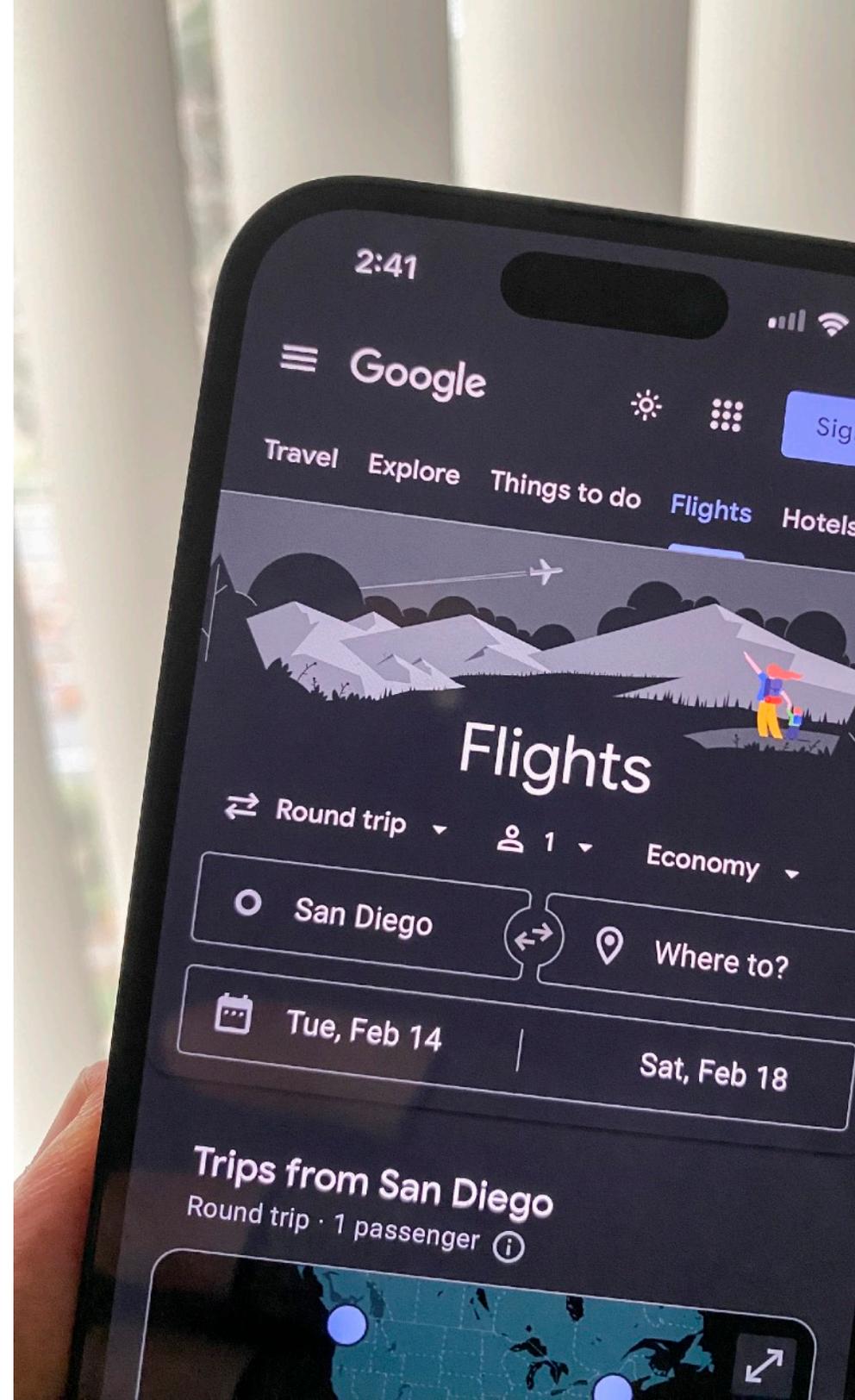
4. Google Flights!

Despite what you may think of Google, [it's flight booking tool](#) is freaking awesome. More specifically, it's a valuable resource for finding discounted business class seats on nearly any airline.

Not only can you compare fares for nearly all airlines side by side, you can use the powerful Explore feature to show you the best deals to locations all over the world.

Just tell it where you will be departing from, and it will provide you with an interactive map showing real time fares from that location.

Warning: it's addictive.





5. Courage

Finally, the most important tool of all is **having the courage to splurge.**

Yes. It is okay to treat yourself to business class every now and then - even if it's a bit of a financial stretch to do so.

I'm not telling you to go into debt. I am telling you, however, to not be afraid to pamper yourself if you have the means to do so.

You work hard. You make all kinds of sacrifices in your daily life. But you only live once, and life ain't no fun if you can't enjoy it along the way.

Flying business class (even once) is an experience that will stay with you forever. It'll give you stories to tell, and it'll give you the motivation to work harder so you can do it more often.

Quit trying to justify it and book that reservation already!

As you can see, flying around the world in business class on a discount is not so unobtainable if you've got the time and desire to look for the best deals.

There are no special passwords or secret clubs to join in order to partake in this yourself. As a matter of fact, I'm always astounded by the people who are jealous of the trips I take but are unwilling to do the research required so that they can do it too.

Please feel to [reach out to me](#) if you've got questions about any of this. I'd love to help!

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