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Flying High Class

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Four Luxe Airlines That Will Transport You in Style to Your Destination... for Less Than You Would Expect

Flying first class on regular airlines? So pedestrian! A newer crop of luxury airlines offers all the comforts of business class, sometimes at a lower price tag. With swanky offerings like all window or aisle seats, gourmet cuisine, concierge services, and aromatherapy products, flying the friendly skies just got a whole lot more indulgent. Forget those teeny little pillows with a small square for a blanket and prepackaged, nuked airline food. Caviar, Veuve Clicquot champagne, and cashmere blankets, anyone? But are these tony new airlines truly ready for takeoff? While there are four airlines to choose from (one based right here in Purchase), they don't serve lots of destinations. To paraphrase Henry Ford, most of these luxury flights can take you anywhere you want to go—as long as that's London . Another drawback is the comparatively small fleet of planes that these airlines own. According to Michelle Delio of [Fodors.com](#), a smaller fleet means that mechanical issues could easily result in serious travel delays. But Delio maintains that prices on these airlines are often much lower than the business-class rates on mainstream airlines like American. Why? "Because you aren't subsidizing low fares for people in coach class," she says. "Luxury airlines don't have a coach class." So while this new breed of airlines might not be perfect, it's definitely a bargain. After all, who can resist couture at a ready-to-wear price? Read on for more on how you can fly high class!

Luxury Travel Must-Haves

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