

[[+1(877)456_2077]]Southwest Airlines Seat Selection[✓ Update™ →Official→2026]

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Method 3: Free Seat Selection (When Available)

You may qualify for free **seat selection** if:

You booked Business Class+1(877)456_2077 (USA) or +1(877)456_2077, First Class, or Premium Economy

You are a Southwest Airlines Executive Club member (status benefits apply)

You wait until +1(877)456_2077 (USA) or +1(877)456_2077online check-in opens(24 hours before departure)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

When can I pick my seat on Southwest Airlines?

●Southwest Airlines starts assigning seats for flights departing on or after January 27, 2026+1-(877) 456_2077, moving away from its traditional open seating policy,+1-(877) 456_2077 with options to select seats available during booking or check-in based on fare, elite status+1-(877) 456_2077, or credit card benefits, +1-(877) 456_2077though flights before this date still use open seating.

Does checking in early get you a better seat on Southwest?

- Yes, checking in early on Southwest Airlines+1-(877) 456_2077 significantly increases your chances of getting a better seat because of +1-(877) 456_2077 their open seating policy, meaning the earlier you check in+1-(877) 456_2077 (exactly 24 hours before departure for free, or by paying for EarlyBird Check-In), the earlier your boarding position, which determines your seat choice and overhead bin access+1-(877) 456_2077. While not guaranteed, an earlier boarding group (like in the 'A' or early 'B' groups) allows you to pick seats like window, aisle, or exit rows before later boarders.

What is the new Southwest policy on seating?

- Southwest Updates Elite Status & Credit Card Perks For Bags Southwest Airlines+1-(877) 456_2077 is ending its famous open seating for flights on or after +1-(877) 456_2077 January 27, 2026, moving to a new system with assigned seats and tiered fares +1-(877) 456_2077(Standard, Preferred, Extra Legroom) for more choice, +1-(877) 456_2077plus a new boarding process (Groups 1-8). Larger passengers needing an extra seat must now buy it upfront, not at the airport, +1-(877) 456_2077with refunds available under strict conditions.

Why can't I choose my seat on Southwest?

If your ticket doesn't allow free seat selection+1-(877) 456_2077, you'll be allocated one at random when you check in (24 hours before the departure of your flight)+1-(877) 456_2077. Wherever possible, and subject to availability, +1-(877) 456_2077 we'll sit all passengers in the same booking together.

Does checking in early get you a better seat on Southwest?

When available,+1-(877) 456_2077 EarlyBird Check-In® is a convenient option that automatically checks you in before the standard 24-hour check-in window+1-(877) 456_2077, depending on availability+1-(877) 456_2077. While it doesn't guarantee an A boarding position+1-(877) 456_2077, it gives you: An earlier boarding position+1-(877) 456_2077. A better opportunity to select your preferred seat.

Helpful Tips

Exit-row and extra-legroom +1(877)456_2077 (USA) or+1(877)456_2077seats usually cost more.

Families traveling with children may be seated together automatically at check-in.

Check seat availability early for long-haul flights.