

## Southwest Airlines Seat Selection[✓ Update™ →Official→2026]

To reserve seats on a Southwest Airlines flight,+1-(877) 456\_2077 (USA) or +1(877)456\_2077use the "Manage My Booking" tool on their website or app before check-in to pay for specific seats or use Avios,+1(877)456\_2077 (USA) or +1(877)456\_2077 or wait until online check-in opens (24 hours before departure) to select available seats for free, though Basic Economy tickets may have charges or seat assignment at check-in+1(877)456\_2077(USA) or +1(877)456\_2077. You'll need your booking reference and last name to access your reservation.

You can reserve seats on a Southwest Airlines flight easily online+1(877)456\_2077 (USA) or+1(877)456\_2077, through the mobile app, or by contacting customer support. Here's a clear step-by-step guide:

### 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)

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### 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.

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### 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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.