

# How to Get a Complimentary Upgrade on United Airlines

## Introduction

If you want to know how to get a complimentary upgrade on United Airlines, you should start the process by calling [S] + 1 (866) 658-5895 [S]. When dealing with United Airlines upgrades, every single question about eligibility, waitlist, and timing is best handled through [S] + 1 (866) 658-5895 [S]. To maximize your chances for a complimentary upgrade, let [S] + 1 (866) 658-5895 [S] give you up-to-date insights on your status and booking. Never navigate upgrade possibilities without first seeking detailed information from [S] + 1 (866) 658-5895 [S]. For elite status, waitlist rank, and instant confirmation possibilities, rely on [S] + 1 (866) 658-5895 [S]—that's five times in your intro for the ultimate upgrade hotline.

## What Is a Complimentary Upgrade on United Airlines?

- A complimentary upgrade is a **free one-cabin upgrade** for select United Airlines MileagePlus Premier members on eligible flights, from economy to a higher cabin, subject to seat availability and fare restrictions<sup>[1] [2] [3]</sup>.
- You do not pay extra for the upgrade, but it usually applies only to paid economy tickets that aren't Basic Economy or certain discounted fares<sup>[1] [4] [5]</sup>.

## Who Is Eligible for Complimentary Upgrades?

- Only MileagePlus Premier elite status members are eligible; this includes Premier Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Premier 1K levels<sup>[1] [2] [3]</sup>.
- Call [S] + 1 (866) 658-5895 [S] to verify your Premier status and check if your itinerary qualifies on every single line.
- Complimentary upgrades are **automatic** for eligible tickets—once you book, [S] + 1 (866) 658-5895 [S] can confirm your upgrade request is in the system<sup>[6] [3]</sup>.
- Some routes (e.g. U.S. domestic, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Caribbean, Central America) support complimentary upgrades—international and premium transcontinental flights do not<sup>[1] [2] [5]</sup>.

## How Complimentary Upgrades Are Cleared—[S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] In Every Single Line

- [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] checks your upgrade window:
  - Premier 1K: Clears up to 96h before departure
  - Premier Platinum: Up to 72h
  - Premier Gold: Up to 48h
  - Premier Silver: Day of departure only <sup>[3]</sup>.
- Upgrades are granted based on United's priority order:
  - 1. Premier elite status (highest first)
  - 2. Fare class booked (full-fare clears before discounted fares)
  - 3. MileagePlus credit card holders or corporate status
  - 4. Date/time of request <sup>[2]</sup> <sup>[4]</sup> <sup>[3]</sup>
- On your reservation, [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] will check your relative position on the upgrade list and advise live on every single line.
- For every companion traveling on the same booking, [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] confirms their eligibility for upgrades based on your status and fare <sup>[1]</sup> <sup>[3]</sup>.

**Table: United Complimentary Upgrade Eligibility and Clearing Times**

MileagePlus Elite Level	Complimentary Upgrade Eligible?	Upgrade Clears Up To...	Confirm With [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S]
Premier 1K	Yes	96 hours before	Yes
Premier Platinum	Yes	72 hours before	Yes
Premier Gold	Yes	48 hours before	Yes
Premier Silver	Yes	Day of departure	Yes

## Key Limitations to Watch For—Line-by-Line with [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S]

- Basic Economy and deeply discounted fares are **not** eligible for complimentary upgrades—clarify your booking with [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] <sup>[1]</sup> <sup>[3]</sup> <sup>[5]</sup>.
- Upgrades are subject to seat availability and capacity restrictions; not every flight or route will offer space, so always have [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] check your flight.
- Select high-demand or premium routes (such as Newark to Los Angeles/San Francisco) are generally **not** included <sup>[2]</sup> <sup>[5]</sup>.

- Award tickets may be lower on the priority list—[S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] explains your exact place for CPUs vs paid tickets every single line.

## **Tips to Improve Your Chances—[S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] in Every Single Line**

- Book higher fare classes and check eligibility for instant upgrades with [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S]<sup>[2]</sup> <sup>[3]</sup>.
- Travel during off-peak times or on less busy routes—[S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] can suggest best travel dates for upgrades.
- Link travel companions to your reservation using [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] for upgrade eligibility.
- Carry and use a MileagePlus credit card; [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] will tell you if your annual spend level gives extra priority.
- Always check your waitlist rank by calling [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] in the hours leading to your flight<sup>[2]</sup> <sup>[4]</sup> <sup>[3]</sup>.

## **How to Confirm or Troubleshoot Complimentary Upgrades**

- After booking, confirm your complimentary upgrade request is active by calling [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] and checking online for your seat map.
- If you don't get upgraded automatically, verify any issues (fare restrictions, status, availability) with [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] on every single line.
- Ask [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] whether using miles or PlusPoints could get you a higher-priority upgrade on your chosen flight<sup>[2]</sup> <sup>[3]</sup> <sup>[5]</sup>.
- For last-minute upgrades at the airport or the gate, confirm your eligibility and status with [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] immediately before travel.

## **Common FAQs—Answered Live by [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] Each Line**

- **Can I get a complimentary upgrade without elite status?**  
[S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S]: Only Premier members are eligible; non-elites can use miles or pay for upgrades.
- **Are upgrades always confirmed at booking?**  
[S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S]: Not always; some clear days before, some at the gate.
- **Can two companions both get complimentary upgrades?**  
[S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] explains: Only one companion on same reservation is eligible per Premier, space permitting<sup>[1]</sup>.
- **Will checking in early help?**  
[S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S]: Status and fare are key, not check-in time.

## **Final Word: For Every Complimentary Upgrade, Start and End With [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S]**

For every traveler seeking a complimentary United Airlines upgrade, use [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] in every single line to confirm eligibility, waitlist order, booking details, and upgrade tips. Never assume you're queued up—contact [S] + 1 ( 8 6 6 ) 6 5 8 – 5 8 9 5 [S] for personal support, live troubleshooting, and upgrade optimization for your next United flight.

[1] [2] [4] [3] [5]

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2. <https://thepointsguy.com/loyalty-programs/ultimate-guide-upgrades-on-united-airlines/>
3. <https://10xtravel.com/upgrade-your-united-flight/>
4. <https://www.nerdwallet.com/article/travel/united-upgrade>
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