

# The JGOOT Way of Travel Guide

## What is The JGOOT Way of Travel?

The JGOOT ("Just Get Out Of Town") Way is a strategy for traveling more frequently and more luxuriously for free or almost free (business or first-class international flights and staying in 4- or 5-star resorts using points or great cash deals). This method emphasizes going where the deals are, redeeming points for at least 2 cents per point (we prefer 10-35x), and using 2-3 of the right credit cards (no card churning).

## The Best Credit Cards to Use

Flexible points make these cards the best, allowing you to go where the deals are. Chase Ultimate Rewards (UR) and American Express Membership Rewards (MR) points offer access to approximately 14-20 airline and hotel transfer partners, giving you unmatched versatility for finding great redemptions.

### Chase Sapphire Preferred (CSP) or Chase Sapphire Reserve (CSR)

#### ✈️ Why Chase?

- Ultimate Rewards (UR) points are versatile, beginner-friendly, and highly valuable.
- CSP: 3x points on dining and 2x on travel.
- CSR: 3x points on travel and dining.
- 25%-50% bonus when redeeming through Chase Travel Portal.

### American Express Gold or Platinum

#### ✈️ Why AMEX?

- Membership Rewards (MR) points excel for premium travel redemptions.
- Gold: 4x points on dining and groceries.
- Platinum: 5x points on flights booked directly with airlines or AMEX Travel.
- Exclusive transfer partners like ANA, Emirates, and Delta.

**Key Tip:** Start with Chase cards due to their 5/24 rule, then move to AMEX for advanced strategies.



## JGOOT Rules for Award Travel

### ✈️ Rule 1: Cash Deals First

- Look for cash flight deals before using points.
- Use tools like Google Flights, Kayak Explore, and JGOOT trip alerts.
- **\$30/\$60/\$90 Rule:**
  - \$30/hour: Acceptable
  - \$60/hour: Good
  - \$90/hour: Excellent value.

### ✈️ Rule 2: Points for High-Value Redemptions

- Redeem points only when you get **2 cents per point (CPP) or higher**.
- Avoid low-value redemptions like cash back, gift cards, or merchandise.



## Point Hedging Strategy

- **Save High-Value Points:** Use points strategically for high-value redemptions.
- **Transfer Points Wisely:**
  - Chase UR to Hyatt for top hotel value.
  - UR or MR to airlines for business class long haul international flights.

## Top Tools to Use

- **Google Flights Anywhere Tool:** Explore deals without specific dates.
- **Kayak Explore:** Visualize deals on a map.
- **Award Tool:** Compare point transfer options for flights.
- **CardPointers:** Maximize rewards by tracking spending categories.

## Key Takeaways

- **Flexibility Saves Money:** Be open to dates and destinations.
- **Focus on Two Cards:** Simplify and avoid juggling too many cards.
- **Daily Discipline:** Search for deals regularly.
- **Maximize Value:** Use points only for high-value redemptions.

*For a deeper dive into these methods, we're including a free copy of our book. Click the button to access the full-color, 125-page ebook packed with detailed screenshots, step-by-step demos, and a comprehensive breakdown of The JGOOT Way.*

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