



What Plane Is It, Though?

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FIRST CLASS TRAVEL: CABIN TYPES



DOMESTIC FIRST CLASS

While not as Instagram-worthy or luxurious, these are the types of first class seats we're most likely to encounter.

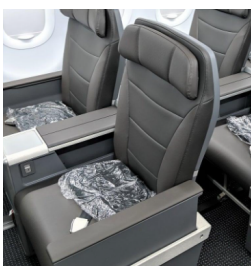


INTERNATIONAL FIRST CLASS

These tend to be longer-haul flights, and attract more business travelers, so airlines are constantly raising the bar (and the price).

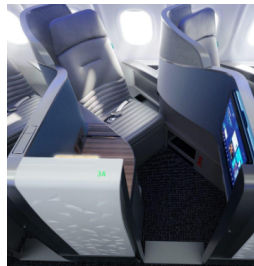
Expect gourmet meals, on fine China and extensive winelists.

LEGACY DOMESTIC FIRST



American (A321)

NEWER DOMESTIC FIRST



JetBlue Mint (A321)

TRADITIONAL INTERNATIONAL FIRST



Cathay Pacific (777)

OPULENT INTERNATIONAL FIRST



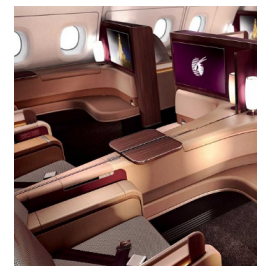
Singapore Airlines (A380)



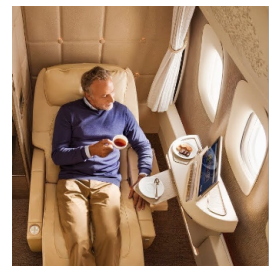
Delta (A320)



Hawaiian Airlines (A330)



Qatar Airways (A380)



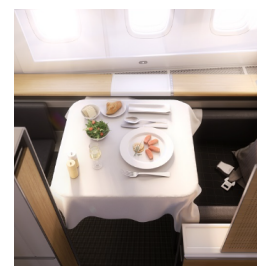
Emirates (777)



United (737)



Alaska Airlines (737)



Swiss Airlines (777)



Etihad Airways (A380)

WHICH PRODUCTS ARE WORTH PAYING FOR?

AIRCRAFT	FIRST CLASS	BUSINESS CLASS	WORTH PAYING?	NOTES
ERJ/CRJ	Domestic Recliner	N/A	No	Basic Recliner seat, often no IFE
A318 / A220	Domestic Recliner	N/A	No	
A320	Domestic Recliner	N/A	No	
737	Domestic Recliner	N/A	No	Exception is Jetblue Mint and AA's A321T, which have lie flat seats
A321	Domestic Recliner	N/A	No	
757	Larger Domestic Recliner	N/A	Maybe	
767	Larger Domestic Recliner	N/A	Maybe	
A330	Cabins	Lie-Flat	Yes	
787	Lie-Flat	N/A	Yes	
A350	Cabins	Lie-Flat	Yes	
777	Cabins	Lie-Flat	Yes	Some domestic 777s are only 2 classes (business + economy)
747	Cabins	Lie-Flat	Yes	
A380	Cabins	Lie-Flat	Yes	Some airlines have apartments