

CONNEXXUS TRAVEL

Top news for University travel.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Connexus is accessible only to employees, but the Central Travel Office has a great alternative for students, contractors, emeritus faculty or even alumni!

Short's Travel and their online tool, **FindIt**[®], allows travelers to start at sites they are familiar with such as orbitz.com, expedia.com, and various airline sites, but still receive UC rates and benefits, including automatic registration for traveler insurance via UC Risk Services.

The 4-step process uses the traveler UC email address to initiate the process, verify UC identity, and access UC-negotiated rates via email inside of 15 minutes:



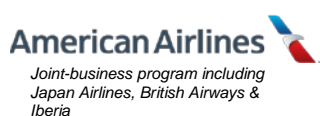
For **FindIt**[®] to work you will need to first download an extension to your browser. This is a one-time step and we strongly recommend Google Chrome. The full job aid on how to “Install for Chrome” and use **FindIt**[®] can be found [here](#).

This option is available for credit card use only (no campus paid airfare).

Try it out today and let us know your opinion using this [SURVEY](#).

Coming soon – **FindIt**[®] for hotels!

NEWS FROM AIRLINE PARTNERS

**FROM THE CENTRAL TRAVEL OFFICE**

We have current or recently renewed contracts with all the major airlines and even some new ones. Southwest is once again offering UC phenomenal discounts available through both SWABIZ and the agencies (for campus paid airfare opportunities). All details can be found in the [portal](#).

Our collaboration at the campus level has given us the opportunity to reach more users who can leverage UC-negotiated deals and benefits NOT found when booking travel outside Connexus. We hope that we can develop our partnership in this positive manner and will make ourselves available to you whenever needed.

JETBLUE: ADDITIONAL MINT COAST-TO-COAST SERVICE FROM JFK

JetBlue has expanded service out of San Francisco (SFO) and Los Angeles (LAX) with their new A321 aircraft that has the Mint front of cabin experience to New York (JFK).

JetBlue offers:

- Free unlimited Wi-Fi on every flight
- 100 channels of free DirecTV
- This market has planes with outlets at every seat

The A321 will be introduced in Boston/SFO with the same Mint product in early 2016, which are two important markets to our partnership.

[Mint is JetBlue's new take on a coast-to-coast experience](#) – its top-notch service and stylish seats on brand new A321 aircraft, including:

- Flat fare program – prices remain the same for Connexus travelers
- Flights between JFK and LAX or SFO
- Dedicated Mint queue offering expedited check-ins and early boarding

UNITED AIRLINES MOVES OUT OF JFK, OPERATING AT NEWARK

United has officially transitioned their [Premium Services](#) to its new home at Newark (EWR). United is offering up to 17 flights daily each way from San Francisco and EWR and up to 15 flights between Los Angeles and EWR,

[United at EWR...the terminal of the future:](#)

- 60 updated gate areas
- Use of 6,000 free iPad tablets & 10,000 power outlets
- 55 + new dining venues with acclaimed chefs
- 84 daily nonstop flights to nearly 75 international destinations

MORE AIRLINE NEWS

American Airlines: [Beginning February 2016, daily flights between Los Angeles to Tokyo Haneda airport](#)

Delta: [New nonstop route between Las Vegas and San Jose](#)

Emirates: [Is proud to partner with Virgin America, connecting customers to 23 destinations across the US and Mexico.](#)

United: [Three new nonstop routes from San Francisco to Auckland, New Zealand, Tel Aviv, Israel and Xi'an, China](#)

Virgin America: [Offering free access inflight Netflix](#)

Airline partner rates apply to tickets booked with a [Connexus preferred travel management provider \(agent or online\)](#).

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NEWS FROM CAR RENTAL PARTNERS

*EMERALD CLUB PRIORITY SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE IN EUROPE*

Emerald Club members reserving at National in Europe may use Priority Service at airport locations serviced by Enterprise. This allows travelers to bypass the counter, proceed to the lot, present their license, sign the contract and go. Priority Service available in:

- France: Orly, Charles De Gaulle, Bordeaux, Marseille Toulouse
- Germany: Dusseldorf and Frankfurt
- Ireland: Dublin
- Italy: Rome Fiumicino
- Netherlands: Amsterdam
- Portugal: Lisbon
- UK: Heathrow, Stanstead, Birmingham, Glasgow, Manchester, Edinburgh, Southampton International and Belfast International

*DOLLAR RENT A CAR AND THRIFTY CAR RENTAL AVAILABLE ON CONNEXUS*

Dollar and Thrifty are now part of the Hertz Corporation and available to UC travelers to offset travel costs with lower competitive rates and expedited services. Highlights of the programs are listed below.

- Rates Include Insurance Coverage
- Guaranteed Set Rates
- No Underage or Additional Driver Fees
- No One-Day Mid-Week Surcharges
- Only One Rate Surcharge Area (New York)
- 100% Location Participation
- Free Dollar Express Rental Program
- Free Upgrade or GPS Coupons



Note: Reservations with these preferred car companies available only through a Connexus agency and SWABIZ.

If you are not already a member of the Dollar and Thrifty Express programs, you can find the membership links in the [Connexus portal](#) under UC Rates & Benefits. Each campus has their own customized membership link that includes your campus information and Corporate Discount Numbers.

*CAR RENTAL PARTNER MOBILE APPS*

- ▶ New Enterprise Rent-A-Car app now available in the iOS and Android app stores lets you manage reservations on the go, get directions to a car rental branch, reach road side assistance 24/7 and even sign in to your Enterprise Plus® account. Emerald Club is also accepted through the Enterprise app.
- ▶ Download the [National Car Rental® app](#) and tap into the power of speed and control — all at your fingertips. New Virtual Aisle locations offer Emerald Club members more opportunities to use your smartphone to choose an available car in your destination city.
- ▶ Download the [Hertz mobile app](#) to reserve a car, change your reservation, or login and update your profile. The app features an Intuitive design and interface for ease-of-use.



NEWS FROM HOTEL PARTNERS

*MARRIOTT MOBILE GUEST SERVICES*

Marriott Hotels' newly upgraded mobile app puts fast and easy check in and checkout in the palm of your hand. Mobile checkout is the latest innovation from Marriott Hotels in a string of new services designed for today's connected travelers. To use this feature:

1. Sign up for a [Marriott Rewards Account](#), if you are not enrolled
2. Download the Marriott Mobile App

The app is available on iPhone®, iPod touch®, and Android™ Devices.

COURTYARD IRVINE SPECTRUM

Discover the **COURTYRD IRVINE SPECTRUM** hotel. The interior design celebrates the rich history of the iconic Irvine Ranch through the use of recycled woods mixed with high tech finishes such as:

- Green technology with EV charging stations for your electric vehicle
- Tech-savvy new guest rooms featuring Smart TVs
- Designed to perform for business with unique Irvine meeting space
- Fitness enthusiasts appreciate the gym equipped with CrossFit workout gear

The Irvine hotel is near the Irvine Spectrum Center mall and a short drive to UC Irvine. Check out the **University of California rates** on [Connexus!](#)

CLUB QUARTERS HOTELS AVAILABLE TO UC TRAVELERS

Club Quarters are full service hotels designed for business travelers offering low fixed rates even when the city may appear to be "sold out." The Central Travel Office has negotiated a UC flat rate in 16 city locations. A full fare matrix by room rates, type, and seasonality is available in the [portal](#).

In addition to the UC-negotiated low flat rates for both long and short stays, the following benefits will be offered to UC travelers:

- No Blackout dates
- Last room availability on all four (4) room types
- Free grab'n go snacks during the week
- Lower rates to UC travelers on most weekend and holidays at all locations

Club Quarters offers a number of unique, value added amenities, including:

- Restricted entry for greater security
- iPads on loan for registered guest
- Complimentary exercise equipment and yoga kits delivered to guest room upon request
- Complimentary air purifiers and ambient sound machines delivered upon request
- Self-serve laundry facilities (most locations)
- Room service and 24-hour multi-menu delivery service
- "Guest Request Closet" containing most extra amenities a business traveler may require
- "Sleep Better Kit" with eye mask, ear plugs, and aromatherapy available upon request

UC rates with Club Quarters are offered exclusively through the Connexus preferred travel agencies: BCD Travel, Balboa Travel and UCLA Travel (agent or online).



Include a hotel when making air reservations or book the hotel separately using the Connexus agency Book Now link and selecting the hotel tab. Rates are automatically loaded with Connexus agency booking tools.

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BCD TRAVEL WAS NAMED MOST ADMIRED TRAVEL MANAGEMENT COMPANY BY THE BEAT FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW.



BCD Travel has been named 2015 Most Admired Travel Management Company (TMC) for the third year running. Presented by [The Beat](#), a widely popular business travel newsletter published by Northstar Travel Media, the 8th Annual Beat Readers' Choice Awards reflect the results of a readers' poll conducted earlier this year.

The poll asked what company in each of the six supplier segments (airline, hotel, car rental, TMC, tech provider, payment system) they "most admire for its policies, management style and service for business clients."

The Beat's readers include those working in the business travel industry from corporations, TMCs, airlines, hotels, global distribution systems, technology providers, car rental firms, payment systems, consultants, financial analysts and media.

"Amassing more 'Most Admired' votes than our larger competitors would be a measure of our success in any year; winning Most Admired TMC three years in a row demonstrates that excellence in customer service is deeply ingrained in our corporate culture from top to bottom," said BCD Travel President and CEO John Snyder. "Coming in the same year that Forbes magazine named us among America's Best Employers 2015, The Beat's recognition supports our view that BCD Travel is not only the best TMC for clients; it's also the best TMC in the industry to work."

About BCD Travel

BCD Travel helps companies make the most of what they spend on travel. For travelers, this means keeping them safe and productive, and equipping them to make good choices on the road. For travel and procurement managers, it means advising them on how to grow the value of their travel program. For executives, we ensure that the travel program supports company objectives. In short, we help our clients travel smart and achieve more. We make this happen in 110 countries with more than 11,000 creative, committed and experienced people. And it's how we maintain an industry-leading client-retention rate of 96%, with 2014 sales of US\$24.2 billion.

Travel News & Links

- [TSA Ends Free Passes to Airport Pre-Check Lines](#)
- [Homeland Security Issues New ID Requirements for New Yorkers—and Thousands of Others—Heading to the Airport](#)
- [Some airlines, hotels pulling the plug on discount websites](#)
- [G-28, Policy and Regulation Governing Travel](#)

Connexus Sessions

The Central Travel Office provides on campus and webinar sessions to promote the use of Connexus. Sessions are offered to all faculty & staff along with individualized workshops tailored to departmental needs. Contact the Central Travel Office for more details: UCTravel@ucop.edu.



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