

Summer 2019 Edition



The Central Travel Office received close to 3000 raffle entries and **we congratulate Joan Frank of UC Davis**, who won ONE (1) Turkish Airlines economy, roundtrip ticket out of San Francisco (SFO) airport to any Turkish Airline network airport.

To find out about other UC specific perks, join our "<u>Travel Perks</u>" webinar at 11AM on Thursday, July 11th - or join any of the other webinars listed below.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

UPCOMING WEBINAR SESSIONS

Register for any or all by clicking on the webinar title (sessions are 30-minutes, unless otherwise noted)

<u>Travel Perks</u>, <u>Beyond UC Discounts</u>: Airlines, hotels and car rental companies offer UC travelers plenty of value-added benefits such as: priority boarding or preferred standby; upgrades and so much more. Join us and find out how these may be important to UC travelers. (July 11th at 11AM)

<u>Common errors when using Connexxus</u>: What does it mean to book online with a UC preferred agency? Tips on navigating the Connexxus portal, the online booking tools (search by schedule, rather than price, find multi-city tickets and even adding car/hotel to airfare), and much more. (July 11th at Noon)

<u>UC Rates on Southwest Airlines</u>: Some of UC's best discounts are with Southwest and there are a variety of ways to access them. Additionally, Southwest offers 50% extra Rapid Reward points for tickets booked directly at SWABIZ. This webinar will discuss those various options and offer tips how to manage the tickets once booked. (July 18th at 11AM)

<u>Challenges in Booking Airfare</u>: Why are there so many types of economy tickets? Should you avoid restrictive fares and why? What are schedule changes and who

controls them? Come learn about the deliberately complex world of airfare inventory and how UC's preferred agencies access all fares. (July 18th at Noon)

<u>UC's Hotel Program</u>: Interested in knowing more about our agreements with Marriott, Club Quarters, Wyndham and AirBnB? Need to know where to find the rates that include UC's discounts? Join us as we cover the benefits and other considerations of our lodging program. (July 25th at 11AM)

Adding Personal Days to Business Travel: Can you do this? Should you do this? Find out how to best combine your travel using booking tools available to all campus users. (July 25th at Noon)

Renting Cars v. Taxi/Uber: Deciding on the economical, convenient option can be challenging and we'll discuss various points of consideration during this half-hour webinar. (August 1st at 11AM)

<u>Search There, Book UC</u>: Discover an independent method of booking travel that allows you to start where you like and still receive UC rates and benefits. This option is outside of the Connexxus portal, which makes it perfect for those who do not have access to Connexxus. (August 1st at Noon)

<u>Travel Lunch & Learn Hour</u>: Bring any of your travel related questions or concerns and we will attempt to provide answers or networks of where to go for more information. (Wednesday, August 7th at Noon)

No Frills Airfare: Why are there so many types of economy tickets? What makes airlines such as Norwegian, WOW, Spirit so attractive? Should you avoid restrictive fares? Come learn about the deliberately complex world of airfare inventory, what's accessible where and how UC's preferred agencies access all fare types. (August 8th at 11AM)

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Feel free to let us know if you have questions you would like answered during the webinars or suggestions for new webinars.

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Discounts on JetSuiteX

JetSuiteX combines the best of a private jet experience at the price of commercial fares. And now, JetSuiteX is offering discounted fares to UC travelers by using the JetSuiteX link located in the Connexxus portal.

Jet between the Bay area, LA Basin, Las Vegas, Seattle, Phoenix, and seasonal or special event destinations on daily flights from private terminals. Now book flights through October 31st. NEW daily flights between Phoenix and Burbank begin August 30, Las Vegas September 12, and Oakland on October 1!



UC PERKS, BEYOND DISCOUNTS

Earn bonus Rapid Rewards points.

In addition to discounts, Southwest is offering UC travelers more Rapid Reward Points, for flights exclusively booked through SWABIZ:

- Earn 50% more Rapid Rewards Points than you normally would earn on a flight not booked through SWABIZ.
- Trips must be completed by September 30, 2019 to be eligible for the additional points.
- Use the SWABIZ link located in the <u>Connexxus portal</u> to make a Southwest reservation.



Summer Staycations in San Francisco

Club Quarters Hotels is offering a unique promotion exclusively for UC travelers for weekend rates.

UC travelers can enjoy 20% off CQ Hotels' best available rate - Thursday through Sunday nights from July 4 through September 1, 2019.

Situated at the center of San Francisco's financial district - bordered by the Embarcadero, Union Square, Little Italy and Chinatown - this CQ Hotel gives guests the perfect base to get out and experience why so many leave their hearts here. Shops, restaurants, parks and high rises populate the area, including the foodie hotspot Ferry Building Marketplace, just steps from the hotel doors.

Rates available by booking online.



Reminder for Alaska Airlines Travelers

If you booked a ticket through any of UC's preferred agencies (Balboa Travel, BCD Travel, Short's Travel or UCLA Travel Services) and traveled between San Francisco (SFO) to Washington Dulles (IAD), Chicago O'Hare (ORD) or Newark, New Jersey (EWR) flights between March 15th and May 31St, 2019 – you may have already qualified for

Alaska Airlines "Coast to Elite" status upgrade. This applies to all travelers who fulfilled requirements listed – not a raffle.

Please send <u>uctravel@ucop.edu</u> a copy of your UC preferred agency invoice and your Alaska Airlines mileage number for confirmation.

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