

# Connexxus Travel Program UC San Diego

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### Why Connexxus? What's In It for You?

#### Airfare Rates & Benefits

- Average airfare discounts of 5% on Domestic and 20% on International
- Management of unused tickets (reduce loss of airfare credits)
- Airline service funds to reduce change fees (first come, first serve)

### **Car Rental Tips**

- UC Policy allows up to intermediate cars as pricing similar to compact
- Complimentary membership (annual fee waived) for <u>Hertz Gold or National Emerald</u>

### Hotel Program

- Average discounts of up to 20% with Marriott, Starwood, and Club Quarters
  - <u>Marriott Silver Elite Status</u> for new members only;
  - Starwood Amenities for arriving guests
- Exploration of Virtual Credit Cards for campus paid hotel program

### Insurance (via UC Risk Services)

- Automatic traveler insurance (alerts to extraction through WorldCueTraveler-iJet)
- Vehicle protection through the car rental company (Hertz/National/Enterprise/Dollar/Thrifty)

### Social Media (Stay Connected)

Join us on Twitter & LinkedIn or subscribe to our distribution list (<u>uctravel@ucop.edu</u>)





# Why NOT? UC Savings via Connexxus

In the past five years Connexxus has experienced significant growth overall

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014				
Utilization Level	20.69%	32.95%	39.39%	39.68%	46.46%				
Airfare Purchased	\$19,352,557	\$25,373,459	\$33,904,894	\$35,816,488	\$42,614,178				
Air Tickets Booked	43,393	52,663	65,380	69,994	90,262				
Online Booking %	29.03%	43.41%	49.40%	53.20%	58.00%				
SAVINGS SUMMARY									
Actual Savings	\$4,460,781	\$6,480,026	\$9,158,467	\$10,600,952	\$15,300,690				
Airline Savings	\$3,355,270	\$4,739,670	\$6,388,430	\$7,535,135	\$11,895,266				
Rental Car Savings	\$385,776	\$699,800	\$818,388	\$862,630	\$861,994				
Hotel Savings	\$382,655	\$491,916	\$727,456	\$741,604	\$854,442				
Online Booking Savings	\$337,080	\$548,640	\$762,576	\$894,576	\$951,360				
Direct Bill Bank Revenue			\$461,617	\$567,007	\$737,628				
Savings not Realized*	\$12,992,973	\$15,805,874	\$16,356,054	\$18,187,753	\$24,963,479				

<sup>\*</sup> Potential if 80% of all campus air travel was booked through Connexxus:

<sup>- 80%</sup> goal established by University Travel Council for achieving high implementation of the Connexxus program.



# Connexxus Program Snapshot Agency Options

# Balboa Travel Online: Concur

Full service travel agency

Access to all UC air, car, and hotel discounts

Automatic traveler insurance enrollment

Campus paid airfare or personal credit card

Automatic ticket rebooking if price drops

\* Agency booking fees

# Southwest (SWABIZ)

UC discounts on Southwest fares (including web only fares) via SWABIZ

Access to all UC car rental rates

Personal credit card only

Additional 250 Rapid Rewards points for each one way trip

No booking fees

# Short's Travel (FindIt)

Search airfare anywhere and FindIt applies UC rates

Access to all UC car rental and hotel rates when confirming airfare

Automatic traveler insurance enrollment

Personal credit card only

\* Agency online booking fees *waived* through December 2015

<sup>\*</sup> Average booking fees – Online=\$6; Phone/Email=\$27



# Automatic Ticket Rebooking with Balboa Travel

### Airfare Price Protection Savings:

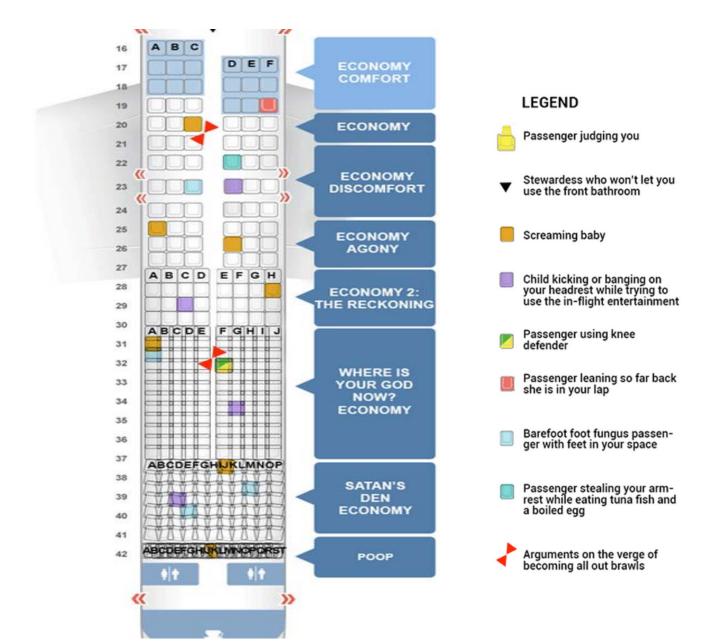
Get the lower rate when airfare prices drop within the first 24 hours of confirming purchase of a ticket. Balboa will monitor booked tickets during this "void" period and automatically rebook that ticket if the fare drops at least \$50! Below are some of the savings travelers received in October:

AIRLINE	INT/DOM	ORIGINAL \$\$	NEW FARE	SAVINGS	% SAVED
UA	International	\$1,506.20	\$1,341.40	\$164.80	11%
UA	Domestic	\$970.96	\$704.40	\$266.56	27%
AA	International	\$368.55	\$287.30	\$81.25	22%
AA	Domestic	\$555.20	\$437.20	\$118.00	21%
AA	Domestic	\$495.20	\$403.20	\$92.00	19%
DL	Domestic	\$761.07	\$647.38	\$113.69	15%
UA	Domestic	\$194.42	\$106.22	\$88.20	45%
AA	Domestic	\$657.20	\$507.20	\$150.00	23%
AA	Domestic	\$376.70	\$294.70	\$82.00	22%
DL	Domestic	\$716.49	\$559.37	\$157.12	22%
DL	International	\$1,169.80	\$1,061.60	\$108.20	9%
AA	Domestic	\$722.20	\$627.15	\$95.05	13%
DL	Domestic	\$642.50	\$566.50	\$76.00	12%
		\$9,136.49	\$7,543.62	\$1,592.87	17%

# Airline Ticketing – Search/Book Process



### Airline Inventory – NOT Seat Management



### Airline Ticketing – Inventory Management

### What agencies see:

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        922 J6 C2 D1*SFOLAX 8
                                 645A
                                       800A 320 0 XS DCA /E
              O4 ZO Y7 V7 BO HO EO UO MO IO
2DL/** 6423 F8 P8 A6*SFOLAX 8
                                       830A E75 S 0 XJ DCA /E
                                 700A
                  B9 M9 S9 H6 O3 KO LO UO TO
3Vs/** 4102 J8 C8 D6*sFOLAX
                                 700A
                                       830A E75 0 DCA /E
            I6 Z6 W9 S6 H0 K0 Y9 B9 R9 L6 U3
INTL ONLINE CONEX/STPVR TFC ONLY
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       1250 F7 A7
                                 705A
                                        834A 738 O DCA /E
                 P7*SFOLAX 5
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SUA:
        478 F5 C5 A5*SFOLAX 7
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#### What it means:

Each airline calculates the value of every seat based on a complex algorithm that kicks-in several times a day. When they've classified and valued each seat they place them in one cart and all agencies (including Orbitz, Expedia, and our Connexxus agencies) then pick from that cart. When Expedia shows "2 seats left" it is at one point a real number, but it is also 2 seats that everyone worldwide is trying to purchase. When both seats are gone from the cart, fare selections jump up to the next fare class.









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