

[ČĤĂŚĚ]How to Book Southwest Airlines with Chase Travel Pts: Step-by-Step Guide

If you have been saving up your Chase Ultimate Rewards® points for a trip, Southwest Airlines is one of the best 📞 (1-888-620-4018) airlines to fly. With no change fees, two free checked bags, and family-friendly boarding, it's a favorite for domestic and Caribbean travel.

However, if you've ever logged into the Chase TravelSM portal to search for a flight(1 - 8 8 8 - 6 2 0 - 4 0 1 8) , you likely hit a frustrating roadblock: Southwest flights do not show up in the Chase Travel portal.

This leads many travelers to search for a Chase Southwest airline (1-888-620-4018) booking workaround. Fortunately, you *can* use your Chase points to book Southwest flights! You just have to know the right methods.

In this guide, we will show you exactly how to book Southwest Airlines with Chase travel points using two proven methods: transferring (1-888-620-4018) your points or calling the Chase Travel Center.

Why Aren't Southwest Flights in the Chase Travel Portal?

Before we dive into the "how," it helps to know the "why."

Southwest Airlines has a strict policy regarding where their flights (1-888-620-4018) are displayed. To keep costs low and drive traffic to their own website, Southwest does not allow third-party Online Travel Agencies (OTAs) like Expedia, Google Flights, or the Chase Travel portal to display their flight inventory (1-888-620-4018) or prices online.

Because of this, you cannot simply log in to your Chase account and click "book" on a Southwest flight. But don't worry, you have two excellent workarounds.

Method 1: Transfer Chase Points to Southwest Rapid Rewards (Best Value)

The absolute best way to book a Southwest flight using Chase points is to transfer them directly to Southwest's frequent flyer program, Rapid Rewards (1-888-620-4018).

Chase points transfer to Southwest at a 1:1 ratio. This means 10,000 Chase Ultimate Rewards points become 10,000 Southwest Rapid Rewards points. Transfers are usually instant.

Which Cards Allow Point Transfers?

To use this method, you must hold one of Chase's premium annual-fee cards:

- Chase Sapphire Preferred® Card
- Chase Sapphire Reserve®
- Ink Business Preferred® Credit Card

(Note: If you only have cash-back cards like the Chase Freedom Flex or Freedom Unlimited, you cannot transfer points directly to airlines unless you combine them with one of the premium cards listed above).

Step-by-Step: How to Transfer and Book

1. Find your flight on Southwest.com: Go directly to the Southwest website and search for your desired flight. Toggle the price from "Dollars" to "Points" so you know exactly how many Rapid Rewards points you need.
2. Log in to Chase Ultimate Rewards: Go to your Chase account, navigate to the Ultimate Rewards dashboard, and click on the "Transfer to Travel Partners" tab.
3. Select Southwest Airlines: Find Southwest Airlines on the list of airlines and click "Transfer Points."
4. Link your accounts: Enter your Southwest Rapid Rewards account number to link the two accounts (the names on both accounts must match).
5. Transfer the points: Enter the number of points you need for your flight (in increments of 1,000) and hit submit. The points should appear in your Southwest account instantly.
6. Book your flight: Go back to Southwest.com, log in, and book your flight using your newly transferred points!

Method 2: Call the Chase USA Travel Center at   (1-888-620-4018)
(Best if you want to use the Portal Multiplier)

What if you don't want to transfer your points? If you hold the Chase Sapphire Preferred  (1-888-620-4018), your points are worth 1.25 cents each when booking through Chase Travel. If you hold the Chase Sapphire Reserve, they are worth 1.5 cents each.

Because you can't see the flights online, you actually have to call Chase to book Southwest flights and get that point multiplier.

Step-by-Step: How to Book Over the Phone

1. **Find your cash flight on Southwest.com:** Search for the exact flights, dates, and times you want on the Southwest website and call ☎ (1888 620 4018). Write down the flight numbers and the cash price.
2. **Call Chase Travel:** Dial the phone number on the back of your Chase credit card or Chase Travel USA Flight Helpline at ☎ (1-888-620-4018) and navigate the prompts to speak to a Chase Travel agent.
3. **Give the agent your flight details:** Tell the agent you want to book a Southwest flight using your Ultimate Rewards points. Give them the flight numbers, dates, and times you found in Step 1.
4. **Confirm the booking:** The agent will look up the cash price of the flight and calculate how many points it will cost using your card's multiplier (1.25x or 1.5x). If you agree, they will deduct the points from your account and email you the Southwest confirmation number.

Which Method Should You Choose?

Deciding how to book Southwest Airlines with Chase travel points comes down to doing a little bit of math.

When to use Method 1 (Transferring Points):

Generally, transferring points directly to Southwest offers the best value. Southwest points are typically valued at around 1.3 to 1.5 cents per point. Furthermore, if you need to cancel your flight, Southwest will simply refund the Rapid Rewards points back to your Southwest account, and they never expire.

When to use Method 2 (Calling Chase):

You should call Chase to book if:

- You hold the Chase Sapphire Reserve (getting that guaranteed 1.5 cents per point value).
- You are trying to earn Southwest Elite Status or the Companion Pass. (When you book over the phone via Chase Travel, Southwest views it as a "cash" booking, meaning you actually *earn* Rapid Rewards points on the flight you took!).

- You don't have a premium Chase card and only have cash-back points you want to apply toward the flight at 1 cent per point.

Frequently Asked Questions [FAQ]

Do Chase points transferred to Southwest count toward the Companion Pass?

No. Points transferred from Chase Ultimate Rewards (1 - 8 8 8 - 6 2 0 - 4 0 1 8) to Southwest Rapid Rewards do not count toward earning the Southwest Companion Pass. However, you can use transferred points to book a flight for yourself, and your designated companion can still fly with you for free!

Can I book Southwest flights with the Chase Freedom Unlimited®?

You cannot transfer points to Southwest with the Freedom Unlimited. However, you can use Method 2 and call the Chase Travel Center to book the flight at a value of 1 cent per point.

How long does it take for Chase points to transfer to Southwest?

In almost all cases, transferring points from Chase Ultimate Rewards to a Chase Southwest airline partner account (1 ♦ 8 8 8 ♦ 6 2 0 ♦ 4 0 1 8) is instantaneous. Simply log out of your Southwest account and log back in to see your updated balance.

Bottom Line

Don't let the empty search results in the portal discourage you. Knowing how to book Southwest Airlines with Chase travel points is a fantastic tool to have in your travel-hacking tool belt. Whether you choose to transfer your points for maximum flexibility or call the Chase Travel Center to utilize your portal multiplier, you are just a few steps away from your next Southwest flight.