Basic Economy Fares on Concur (via Balboa Travel)

The three major airlines – Delta, American and United – began offering basic economy fares in the first half of 2017, largely to compete with the budget airlines such as Allegiant, Frontier, etc. In some cases, these can be great savings for the PC(USA) while in other ways they can end up costing more money than they are saving.

Basic economy fares are highly restrictive and often not realized until <u>after</u> the flight has been booked. Travelers typically receive a notification email noting the basic economy fare and, if the traveler wants to change the reservation, we incur either an additional \$9.50 or \$25.00 service fee charge for rebooking online or with an agent, respectively.

This document is to help travelers and those booking for travelers more easily navigate the booking process.

**Please note that the Concur App may only show Basic Economy Fares. To find other Economy flight options, be sure to book on the Concur website.

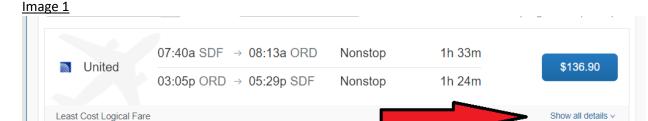
Know the restrictions

- Seat selection and upgrades are not available
- Group and family seating is not available
- Flight changes and refunds are not allowed. This means if you cancel or change your flight for any reason, you lose the full amount of the original ticket.
- Full-sized carry-on bags are not allowed. Allowed carry-on must fit under the seat in front of you. **You can check your luggage for the airline's checked bag price.
- Some airlines do not allow travelers to earn frequent flyer mile credit from these fares.
- Seat and boarding group assignments are given at time of check-in, which are generally middle seats and last boarding group.

Airline	Code	Links
Delta	(E)	<u>Delta Basic Economy Restrictions;</u> <u>Delta Basic Economy FAQs</u>
American	(B)	American Basic Economy Restrictions; American Basic Economy FAQs
Unites	(N)	United Basic Economy Restrictions; United Basic Economy FAQs

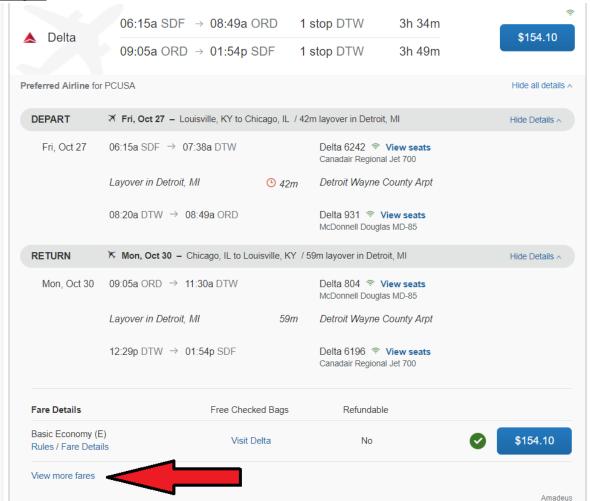
Know what to look for

• Search for your flight as you normally would. Once you find the itinerary you need, click on "Show all details" under the price button [see Image 1].



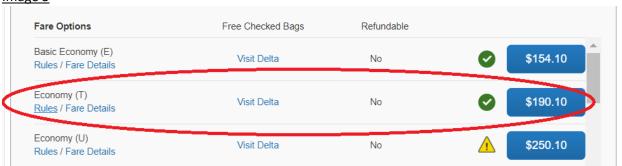
• Below the full itinerary that appears, you can see the rule class of the first offered price. If the code is "(E)" or "Basic Economy (E)," then click "View more fares" to see the next rule classes that the airline offers. [see Image 2]

Image 2



• Other fare options will appear and you can select the next, less restrictive fare if you prefer. [see Image 3]

Image 3



Questions?

Please feel free to contact norma.thieman@pcusa.org with any questions or contact Balboa Travel at 800-449-1764 to book directly with an agent. .