



Delta Flight Change: Rules, Options & Fees Explained

Travel plans can change unexpectedly, and knowing the rules can make it easier to modify your itinerary. A Delta Flight Change may involve changing your travel date, departure time, destination, or flight. Delta provides different options depending on the ticket type, origin, destination, and timing of the requested change.

For many Delta Classic and Extra tickets originating in the U.S. and Canada, change fees are eliminated, although passengers may still need to pay a fare difference when the new flight costs more.

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What Is a Delta Flight Change?

A flight change allows eligible passengers to modify an existing reservation instead of purchasing an entirely new ticket.

Depending on the fare and itinerary, passengers may be able to change:

- Travel date
- Departure time
- Flight
- Origin or destination
- Certain itinerary details

Changes generally need to be completed before the scheduled departure.

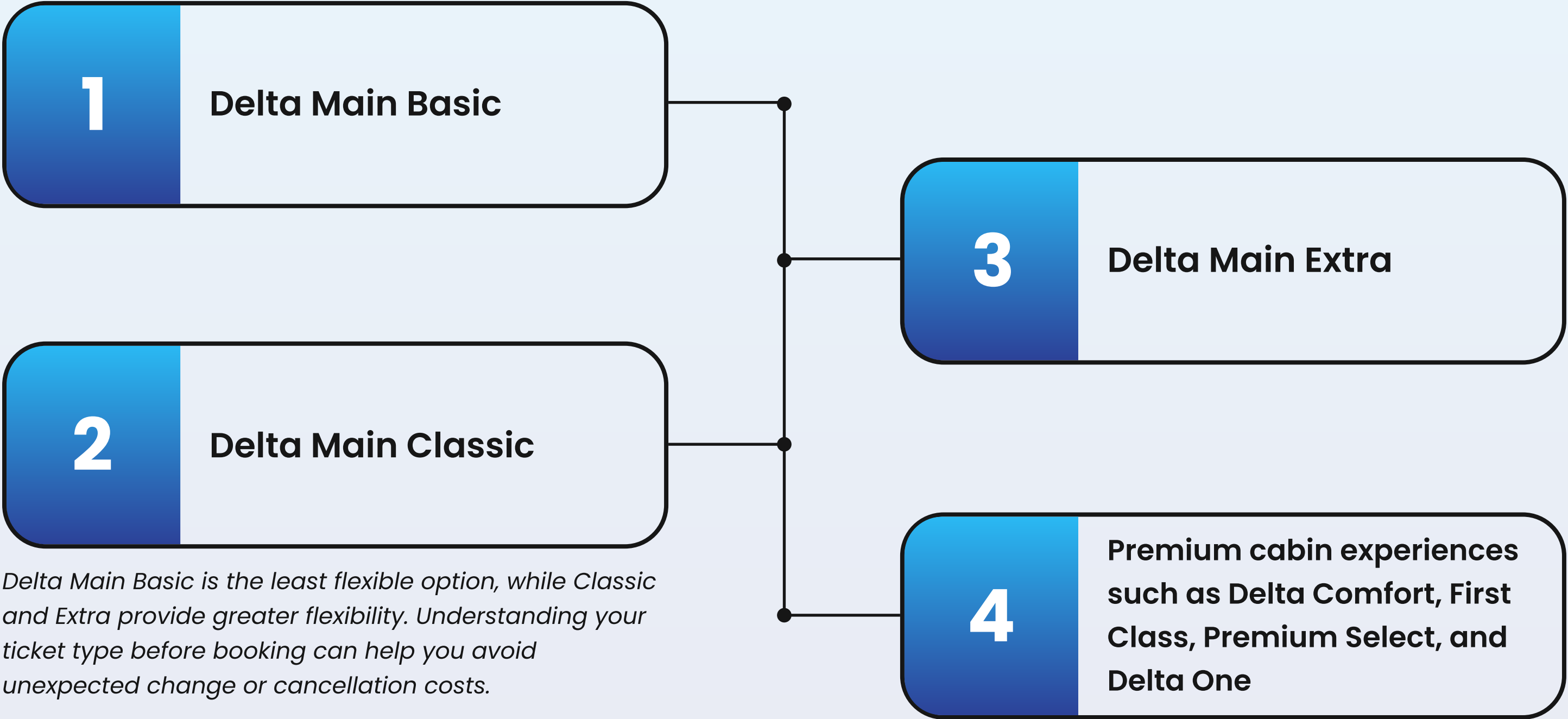
Tickets that are not changed or canceled before departure may have no remaining value, subject to applicable exceptions.



Delta Ticket Experience Options

Delta now offers different travel experiences that affect flexibility.

These include:



Delta Main Basic is the least flexible option, while Classic and Extra provide greater flexibility. Understanding your ticket type before booking can help you avoid unexpected change or cancellation costs.

Delta Flight Change for Classic Tickets

For flights originating in the **United States and Canada**, Delta generally does not charge a change fee for Classic tickets.

Passengers can change the date, time, or location of their trip before departure. However, if the replacement flight has a higher fare, the passenger must pay the difference.

If the new flight costs less, the remaining eligible value may be provided as an eCredit, depending on the ticket rules.

Delta Main Basic Change Rules

Delta Main Basic offers a lower-priced fare but comes with more restrictions. For many current Delta Main Basic tickets, changes or cancellations are allowed for a fee, while some older tickets or specific markets may have different restrictions. The applicable fee depends on the origin, destination, and ticket rules. Delta's current fee information shows that certain Basic tickets originating in the U.S. and Canada can have fees such as \$99 or \$199, depending on the destination. Travelers should always check the specific fare conditions shown in their reservation.

24-Hour Risk-Free Cancellation

Cancel Within 24 Hours

24-HOUR

Full Refund

24-Hour

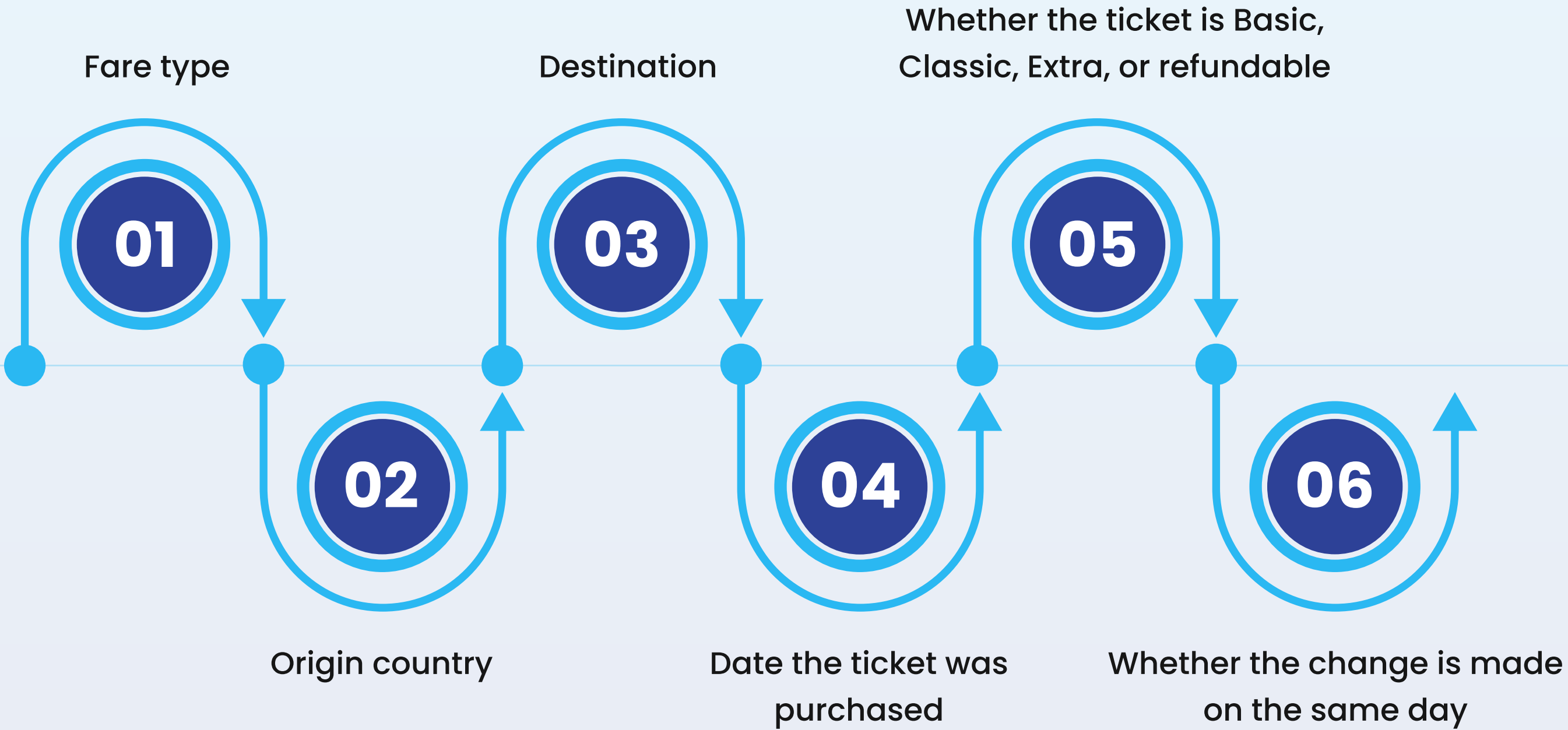
Within 24 Hours

Correct

Delta Flight Change Fees

There is no single Delta change fee that applies to every ticket.

Fees can vary according to:



For example, Delta's current published fee table lists certain Basic fares originating in the U.S. and Canada at \$99 for some destinations and \$199 for others, while some premium Basic fares can have higher fees.

Fare Difference Explained

A change fee and a fare difference are two separate costs.

Suppose your original flight costs \$250 and your replacement flight costs \$325. Even if your ticket has no change fee, you may need to pay the **\$75 fare difference**.

If the replacement flight is cheaper, Delta may issue an eligible eCredit for the difference, after applicable fees.

This is why passengers should compare the new flight price before confirming a change.

Hour Risk-Free Cancellation

Delta offers a 24-hour risk-free cancellation period for qualifying tickets purchased directly from Delta for travel originating in the United States. Eligible customers generally have 24 hours from the time of purchase to cancel or change the ticket and receive a full refund without a cancellation or change fee.

This can be useful if you discover an error shortly after booking or your plans change immediately.

e-Day Flight Changes

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Same-Day Confirmed
Eligible passengers may move to another flight on the same day, subject to availability and conditions.

Classic: \$75
Confirmed change cost

Qualifying Ext May Be Comp
Inclusive within sp

Eligible Medal May Be Comp
Priority access for

Basic: Not Elig
Cannot use Same Standby

Important: Check availability before relying

DELTA
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