

M A V E R I C K A I

HOW TO GET CLAUDE TO BOOK ALL YOUR TRAVEL

Set up Claude Cowork as your personal travel agent in 3 steps

3-Step Setup - Project, prompt, and Chrome connector

Master Prompt - Full travel profile with every preference

Booking Prompt - Tell Claude where and when, it handles the rest

Trip Prep Prompt - Weather, restaurants, logistics in one page

Visual Output - See exactly what the booking confirmation looks like

Price Drop Monitor - Auto-check for fare drops after you book

Post-Trip Review - Spending analysis and points optimization

Emergency Travel Card - One-page backup if things go wrong

2026 Edition - Claude Cowork + Opus 4.7

Why This Works Now

Claude Cowork has been able to use your browser for a while, but with Opus 4.7 it crossed a line. The model is now good enough at multi-step browser navigation that you can hand it the entire booking process from start to finish. It will open Google Flights, compare airlines, check hotel loyalty rates, fill in your details, apply your miles, and pause right before the purchase button for your approval. The whole thing runs in a browser window you can watch live or ignore entirely.

This is not a toy demo. It handles real credit cards, real loyalty numbers, real confirmation codes. It will use your American Airlines miles on one flight and your Amex Platinum on a hotel to save you hundreds of dollars. The key is setting it up correctly with your full travel profile so Claude already knows your preferences, loyalty programs, payment methods, and rules.

WHAT YOU NEED

1. A Claude Pro or Max subscription (\$20+/month)
2. The Claude desktop app (macOS or Windows)
3. The Claude in Chrome browser extension
4. About 15 minutes to fill in your travel profile

Step 1 Create the Travel Agent Project

Open Claude, go to Cowork, and then choose Projects. Click New Project and name it "Travel Agent" (or "Travel HQ" if you prefer). This project is where all your preferences live. Once you set it up, you never have to repeat your airline loyalty numbers, credit card rules, seat preferences, or hotel requirements again. Every future trip starts with full context.

DO THIS NOW

1. Open the Claude desktop app
2. Switch to Cowork mode
3. Click Projects in the sidebar
4. Click New Project
5. Name it **Travel Agent**
6. Click Instructions, then click the + button
7. Paste in the Master Prompt from the next section

TIP

The more specific your project instructions are, the less back-and-forth you will have on every trip. Spend 15 minutes filling this out properly and you save that time on every single booking going forward.

The Master Prompt

Copy this entire prompt and paste it into your Travel Agent project instructions. Replace every [BRACKET] with your real information. This is the backbone of the entire system.

SECTION 1: TRAVEL PROFILE

TRAVEL HQ: CLAUDE COWORK PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS

You are my dedicated travel agent, travel planner, and points strategist inside Claude Cowork.

Your job is to help me plan, compare, optimize, and book travel while following my preferences, loyalty programs, credit card benefits, and personal travel style. Always confirm with me before booking anything.

1. MY TRAVEL PROFILE

Legal name for bookings: [LEGAL FIRST + LAST NAME]

Date of birth: [DOB]

Phone: [PHONE]

Email: [EMAIL]

Nationality / passport country: [COUNTRY]

Passport number: [PASSPORT NUMBER]

Passport expiration: [EXPIRATION DATE]

Known Traveler Number: [KTN]

Redress Number: [REDRESS NUMBER OR NONE]

Travel Style

Default: Efficient, comfortable, clean, low-stress

Priority order:

1. Best schedule
2. Shortest travel time
3. Loyalty/status benefits
4. Comfort
5. Price
6. Points optimization

// Do not optimize only for lowest price

// unless I specifically say 'cheapest possible'

SECTION 2: CREDIT CARDS AND PAYMENT STRATEGY

2. CREDIT CARDS, POINTS, AND PAYMENT

Before recommending anything, always consider which card gives the best value, points, insurance, lounge access, and travel protections.

Primary travel card: [CARD NAME]

Network: [Visa / Mastercard / Amex]

Last 4: [XXXX]

Best for: [Flights / hotels / dining / general]

Benefits: [Trip delay, lounge, rental insurance]

Secondary card: [CARD NAME]

Last 4: [XXXX]

Best for: [CATEGORY]

Hotel card: [CARD NAME]

Last 4: [XXXX]

Benefits: [Free nights, elite status, upgrades]

Airline card: [CARD NAME]

Last 4: [XXXX]

Benefits: [Free bags, priority boarding, lounges]

Points Programs

For every purchase, show: cash price, points price, taxes/fees, cents-per-point value, and which is better.

Minimum redemption values:

Chase UR: 1.5 cpp

Amex MR: 1.5 cpp

Capital One: 1.3 cpp

Airline miles: 1.3 cpm

Hotel points: 0.7 cpp (adjust by program)

SECTION 3: AIRPORTS AND FLIGHTS

3. AIRPORTS AND FLIGHTS

Primary airport: [YOUR AIRPORT CODE]

Backup airports: [BACKUP 1], [BACKUP 2]

Seat: Aisle > Window > Never middle
Prefer: Exit row, extra legroom, front half
Avoid: Last row, near bathrooms, basic economy

Cabin Rules

Under 5 hours: Economy or premium economy
5+ hours: Premium economy or business
Overnight: Business or premium economy
Red-eyes: Avoid unless I explicitly approve
Basic economy: Never book unless I approve

Schedule Rules

Preferred departure: 7am to 11am
Acceptable: 6am to 2pm
Avoid: Before 6am, red-eyes, late arrivals
Max connections: 1 stop
Direct if: Under \$200 more than best 1-stop
Connection mins: 60 domestic, 90 international

Airlines

Preferred:
1. [AIRLINE 1] - ID: [XXXX] - Tier: [TIER]
2. [AIRLINE 2] - ID: [XXXX] - Tier: [TIER]
3. [AIRLINE 3] - ID: [XXXX] - Tier: [TIER]
Avoid: Frontier, Spirit, Allegiant

SECTION 4: HOTELS AND STAYS

4. HOTELS AND STAYS

Style: Clean, modern, safe, convenient
Avoid: Sketchy areas, outdated rooms, bad wifi
Must-haves: King bed, high floor (5th+), fast wifi,
good gym, clean rooms, safe area, recent reviews,
walking distance to plans
Nice-to-haves: Breakfast, lounge, spa, pool,
late checkout, upgrade potential, good lobby

Hotel Chains (priority order)

1. [CHAIN 1] - ID: [XXXX] - Tier: [TIER]

2. [CHAIN 2] - ID: [XXXX] - Tier: [TIER]

3. [CHAIN 3] - ID: [XXXX] - Tier: [TIER]

Budget cap per night: \${NUMBER}

Can exceed by \$50 if location/quality is worth it

Ask before exceeding beyond that

SECTIONS 5-8: GROUND, LOUNGES, FOOD, INTERNATIONAL

5. LOUNGES AND AIRPORT EXPERIENCE

TSA PreCheck: Yes - KTN: [KTN]

Global Entry: [Yes/No]

CLEAR: [Yes/No]

Arrival buffer: 75min domestic, 2.5hr intl

Lounge cards: [CARD]: [Centurion/Priority Pass]

Tell me which lounges I can access at each airport

6. GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Default: Uber Black after 9pm, regular Uber otherwise

Rental company: [COMPANY] - ID: [XXXX]

Prefer walking > Uber > transit > rental

7. RESTAURANTS

Favorite cuisines: [STEAK, SUSHI, ITALIAN, ETC.]

Style: Fun, high-quality, not overly touristy

Budget per dinner: \${NUMBER} per person

Reservation platforms: [OpenTable/Resy/Tock]

8. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Always check: Passport validity, visa requirements,

entry forms, vaccinations, local currency,

outlet adapters, eSIM, tipping norms,

ride-share apps, travel insurance

SECTION 9: HARD BOOKING RULES

HARD BOOKING RULES

1. NEVER book without my explicit approval

2. Before booking, always show:

- Recommended option + 1-2 alternatives

- Total cost with taxes and fees

- Cancellation policy
 - Credit card to be charged
 - Loyalty number being used
 - Points/miles earned
 - Whether points or cash is better
3. Wait for 'Go' or 'Book it' before proceeding
 4. Do NOT treat 'Looks good' or 'Interesting' as approval to book
 5. Flag tight cancellation windows, hidden fees, and non-refundable policies before asking
 6. Never book: basic economy, non-refundable hotels, separate tickets, overnight layovers unless I explicitly approve

DEFAULT VOICE

Be direct, useful, and efficient.

Do not be overly enthusiastic.

When there is a clear best option, say so.

When something is risky or overpriced, tell me.

Step 2 Add the Chrome Connector

Now you need to give Claude access to your browser so it can actually navigate booking sites, fill in forms, and complete purchases. This is what makes the whole thing work.

DO THIS NOW

1. Go to your Claude Connectors (Settings > Customize > Connectors)
2. Search for **Chrome**
3. Click **Add** to install the Google Chrome connector
4. Install the Claude in Chrome extension from the Chrome Web Store if you have not already
5. Open Chrome and click the Claude extension icon to connect it

Once the Chrome connector is active, Claude can open browser tabs, navigate to Google Flights, airline websites, and hotel booking pages. It fills in your details from the project instructions automatically. It will pause right before the final purchase button and wait for your approval.

TIP

Make sure you are logged into your airline and hotel loyalty accounts in Chrome before asking Claude to book. This lets Claude see your miles balance, status benefits, and loyalty rates that are only visible when signed in.

IMPORTANT

Claude will never charge your card without your explicit approval. It will always pause and show you the final total, the card being charged, and the booking details before completing the purchase. You must reply with something like "Go" or "Book it" to proceed.

Step 3 Book Your First Trip

Now you just tell Claude where you want to go. You do not need a long brief. Claude already has your preferences from the project instructions. Just give it the basics.

THE BOOKING PROMPT (copy and customize)

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Book me a trip. Here are the details:

WHERE: [ORIGIN] to [DESTINATION]

WHEN: Depart [DATE], return [DATE]

PURPOSE: [business / vacation / family / other]

HOTEL AREA: [neighborhood or landmark to be near]

TRAVELING WITH: [solo / partner / family of X]

PRIORITY: [cheapest / most direct / best schedule
/ most points / specific arrival time]

OVERRIDES: [anything that changes your defaults,
e.g. 'I will take a red-eye if it saves $400',
'hotel must allow dogs', 'use companion cert']

Do this in three phases. Pause between each.

PHASE 1: RESEARCH (no booking yet)
- Compare 3 flight options and 3 hotel options
- Show: cost, points earned, cancellation policy
- End with: 'Approve flight? (1/2/3)'
'Approve hotel? (1/2/3)'

PHASE 2: BOOK (only after my approval)
- Open booking sites, fill in my details
- Apply loyalty numbers and credit card
- Pause before 'purchase' for final confirmation

PHASE 3: REPORT
- Send confirmation in standard output format
- Add events to my Google Calendar
- Save confirmations to Google Drive
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That is it. Claude will open your browser, search Google Flights and the airline's direct site, compare options, fill in the booking form with your details, apply your loyalty numbers and miles, and pause for your final approval. The whole process takes about 10 minutes while you do nothing.

TIP

For a quick booking, you can skip the formal prompt and just say something like "Book me a trip from LA to New York, December 15 to 20." Claude will use your project instructions for everything else.

What the Booking Output Looks Like

After you approve the booking, Claude sends you one clean confirmation message in this format. You can copy it straight into Notion, email it to a travel partner, or save it for your records.

BOOKING CONFIRMATION

SUBJECT

Booked: LAX > JFK + 3 nights NYC, Dec 15-20

Total: \$1,847

FLIGHT

American Airlines AA 142

LAX > JFK | Dec 15 | 8:05am - 4:32pm

Cabin: Premium Economy | Seat: 12C (Aisle)

Confirmation: XKFT92

RETURN FLIGHT

American Airlines AA 303

JFK > LAX | Dec 20 | 9:15am - 12:48pm

Cabin: Premium Economy | Seat: 14D (Aisle)

Confirmation: XKFT92

HOTEL

Marriott Marquis Times Square

Check-in: Dec 15 | Check-out: Dec 20

Room: King, High Floor | 5 nights at \$218/night

Confirmation: 8827461M

PAYMENT

Flights: Amex Platinum (x1234) - \$612

Used 24,500 AAdvantage miles (saved \$388)

Hotel: Chase Sapphire Reserve (x5678) - \$1,235

Total savings from points: \$700

POINTS EARNED

AAdvantage miles earned: 4,820

Marriott Bonvoy points: 12,500

Chase UR points: 3,705

BEFORE YOUR TRIP

- Online check-in opens: Dec 14 at 8:05am

- Hotel cancellation deadline: Dec 13 at 11:59pm

- Upgrade list opens: Dec 14 (Gold status)
- Download mobile boarding pass after check-in

Bonus: The Trip Prep Prompt

Run this prompt after your trip is booked. It produces a one-page brief you can read on the plane so you land prepared instead of scrambling. It covers weather, restaurants, logistics, and everything you might forget.

TRIP PREP PROMPT (run after booking)

Build me a one-page trip prep brief for this trip.

Destination: [CITY]

Dates: [DATE] to [DATE]

Hotel: [HOTEL NAME + NEIGHBORHOOD]

Purpose: [business / vacation / mix]

Traveling with: [solo / partner / family]

Vibe: [e.g. 'low-key, walk and eat well']

Include these 8 sections:

1. WEATHER + WHAT TO PACK

Daily forecast, specific packing list for
THIS weather and THIS itinerary

2. RESTAURANT PICKS NEAR MY HOTEL

2 dinners (mid-range + splurge), 2 breakfasts,
1 coffee shop. Walking time, reservation links

3. MY MEETINGS/EVENTS

Pull from Google Calendar. Travel time from hotel

4. ONE LOCAL THING IF I GET A FREE HOUR

Not a tourist trap. Something specific and current

5. GETTING AROUND

Airport to hotel cost, Uber vs rental vs transit

6. WHAT I MIGHT FORGET

Documents, apps, check-in deadlines

7. MONEY

Average daily cost, tipping norms, cash vs card

8. ONE PERSONAL NOTE

If repeat city: what I did last time + new pick

If first time: one phrase in local language

Keep it under 500 words. Section headers in bold.

Real names, real links, real times.

Bonus: Price Drop Monitor

Most people book a trip and never check the price again. That is a mistake. Airlines drop prices all the time, and many let you rebook at the lower fare or get credit for the difference. This scheduled task has Claude check your booked flights every day and alert you if the price drops.

PRICE DROP MONITOR (set as a scheduled task)

Check the current price for this flight:

Route: [AIRLINE] [FLIGHT NUMBER]

Date: [DEPARTURE DATE]

Cabin: [Economy / Premium Economy / Business]

Price I paid: \${AMOUNT}

Search [airline website] and Google Flights for the current price on this exact flight and cabin.

If the price dropped:

- Tell me the new price and the savings
- Check the airline's price change/rebook policy
- Tell me exactly what to do to claim the difference (rebook, call, request credit)
- If the airline issues travel credit, note the credit expiration date

If the price is the same or higher:

- Just say 'No change' and the current price

Run this daily until 24 hours before departure.

TIP

Set this as a scheduled task in Cowork. Go to the schedule feature and set it to run daily. Southwest, Delta, United, and Alaska all have policies that let you rebook at a lower fare. On a \$500 flight, a \$80 price drop pays for four months of Claude Pro.

Bonus: Companion Traveler Profiles

If you travel with a partner, family member, or frequent travel buddy, add their profile to your project instructions. Claude will then book seats together, use the right loyalty numbers for each person, and apply the correct credit card for each booking. Add this block to the end of your master prompt.

ADD TO YOUR PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS

COMPANION TRAVELER: [NAME]

Legal name: [FIRST + LAST]

Date of birth: [DOB]

Passport: [NUMBER] - Expires: [DATE]

Known Traveler Number: [KTN or NONE]

Seat preference: [Window / Aisle]

Airline loyalty: [AIRLINE] - ID: [XXXX]

Hotel loyalty: [CHAIN] - ID: [XXXX]

When booking for both of us:

- Book seats in the same row (aisle + window or aisle + middle, never separated)
- Use each person's own loyalty number
- If only one of us has status, book the status member first to unlock companion benefits (upgrade lists, lounge access)
- Hotel: book one room, king bed, under my loyalty account unless theirs has better tier
- If traveling with kids: book a connecting room or suite, never separate floors

TIP

You can add multiple companion profiles. Label each one clearly (e.g. COMPANION 1: Partner, COMPANION 2: Assistant). When booking, just say "Book for me and [name]" and Claude will pull the right details for each person.

Bonus: Post-Trip Spending Review

After every trip, run this prompt to get a full breakdown of what you spent, what you earned in points, and how to optimize your next trip. Most people never review their travel spending, which means they keep making the same expensive mistakes.

POST-TRIP REVIEW PROMPT

I just got back from [DESTINATION].

Dates: [DATE] to [DATE].

Pull all the booking details from our conversation history for this trip and build me a post-trip spending review.

TOTAL COST BREAKDOWN

- Flights (cash paid + points used)
- Hotel (cash paid + points used)
- Ground transport (Uber, rental, transit)
- Estimated food and entertainment
- Total trip cost

POINTS AND MILES EARNED

- Airline miles earned (flight + credit card)
- Hotel points earned (stay + credit card)
- Credit card points earned (all categories)
- Progress toward next loyalty tier
- Estimated dollar value of all points earned

WHAT WENT WELL

- Best decision I made (saved money, time, stress)
- Best use of points or status benefits

WHAT TO DO DIFFERENTLY NEXT TIME

- Any overspending vs budget
- Better credit card I should have used
- Better hotel or flight option I missed
- Loyalty tier progress check: am I close to the next tier? What do I need to get there?

UPDATE MY PROFILE

- Flag anything in my project instructions that

should change based on this trip

- e.g. new preferred hotel, airline I should avoid,
credit card that earned more than expected

Keep it under 400 words. Be direct.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Most people do not realize they are leaving points on the table or using the wrong credit card. One post-trip review showed a user that switching their hotel card would have earned 3x more points. Over a year of travel, that adds up to thousands of dollars in free stays and flights.

Bonus: Emergency Travel Card

Before every international trip, run this prompt to generate a single-page emergency reference card. Save it to your phone or print it. When your flight gets cancelled at 2am in a foreign airport, you do not want to be googling embassy numbers.

EMERGENCY CARD PROMPT

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Generate a one-page emergency travel card for  
my trip to [DESTINATION COUNTRY/CITY].  
Dates: [DATE] to [DATE].  
  
Include:  
  
EMERGENCY NUMBERS  
- Local emergency number (police, ambulance, fire)  
- US Embassy / Consulate address + phone + hours  
- Nearest hospital to my hotel with English staff  
- My travel insurance policy number + claims phone  
- Airline rebooking number (not the main line,  
the status line if I have one)  
  
CONTINGENCY PLANS  
- If my flight is cancelled: next 2 alternative  
flights on any airline, rebooking steps  
- If my hotel falls through: 2 backup hotels  
within walking distance of my original booking  
- If I lose my passport: exact steps to get an  
emergency travel document, nearest embassy hours  
- If my credit card is stolen: card company's  
international collect-call number, how to get  
an emergency replacement card  
  
PRACTICAL INFO  
- My hotel address in local language (for taxis)  
- 'I need help' and 'Take me to a hospital'  
in the local language  
- Local ride-share app name and whether it takes  
international credit cards  
- Whether my phone plan works here or I need eSIM  
  
Format as a clean, printable single page.
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No fluff. Just the information I would need
if something goes wrong at 2am.

TIP

Save this card as a PDF on your phone and screenshot the key numbers. If your phone dies, have a printed copy in your carry-on. You will probably never need it, but when you do, it is worth everything.

Bonus: Trip Comparison Mode

When you are deciding between two destinations or two sets of dates, do not book anything yet. Use this prompt to have Claude research both options side by side so you can see the real difference in cost, travel time, weather, and overall experience before committing.

TRIP COMPARISON PROMPT

I am deciding between two trips. Compare them.

OPTION A:

Destination: [CITY/COUNTRY]

Dates: [DATE] to [DATE]

Purpose: [vacation / business / mix]

OPTION B:

Destination: [CITY/COUNTRY]

Dates: [DATE] to [DATE]

Purpose: [vacation / business / mix]

For each option, show:

- Best flight (price, travel time, airline)
- Best hotel (price, location, quality)
- Total estimated trip cost (flights + hotel + food + transport)
- Weather forecast for those dates
- Best points/miles strategy for each
- Visa or entry requirements
- One thing that makes this option better
- One risk or downside to watch out for

End with your recommendation and why.

If they are close, say so and tell me what the tiebreaker is.

This is especially useful for flexible travelers. If you can shift your dates by a week or choose between two cities, the price difference can be hundreds of dollars. Claude checks all of this at once instead of you tabbing between 15 browser windows.

TIP

You can also use this for date flexibility on the same destination. Replace Option A and B with two different date ranges for the same city. Claude will show you which dates have cheaper flights, better hotel availability, and better weather.

When This Works (and When It Does Not)

Works Great For

Solo or duo travel where the rules live in your project instructions. Round-trip flights. Hotel bookings at major chains. Comparing prices across Google Flights and airline sites. Using loyalty miles and credit card benefits automatically. Routine business trips where the preferences never change.

Does Not Work For

Multi-passenger family bookings with specific seat-together requirements. Award travel that needs a phone-only redemption. Trips booked through a corporate booking tool with internal approvals. Complex multi-city itineraries with open-jaw flights. Booking through travel agents who require direct communication.

IMPORTANT

Always double-check your booking confirmations. Claude is powerful, but airline and hotel websites change their layouts frequently. If something looks off, verify directly on the airline or hotel site using your confirmation code.

Pro Tips

Log in first. Make sure you are signed into your airline and hotel accounts in Chrome before asking Claude to book. This gives Claude access to your loyalty rates and miles balance.

Start small. Book a simple round-trip flight first to see how it works before trying a complex multi-leg trip.

Use the phases. The three-phase approach (research, book, report) gives you approval gates so nothing happens without your say-so.

Update your profile. When you get a new credit card, earn a new loyalty tier, or change your preferences, update the project instructions. Claude will use the new info on your next trip.

Schedule trip prep. After booking, set up a scheduled task to run the trip prep prompt 3 days before departure so you get your brief automatically.

THE BIG PICTURE

This setup turns Claude into a travel agent that knows every loyalty number, every credit card benefit, every seat preference, and every hotel requirement you have. You tell it where and when. It handles everything else.

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