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Continental AirlinesÂ was a major American airline that merged with United Airlines. Â The origin of Continental Airlines dates to the 1934 formation of Varney Speed Lines which operatedÂ airmailÂ and passenger services in the American Southwest. Headquartered in Downtown Houston, Texas. Continental Airlines is one of America's major airlines and is a member of the Star Alliance. Continental has three hubs from which it operates its services; these are located at Newark Liberty International Airport, Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and George Bush Intercontinental Airport.Â The carrier was renamed Continental Air Lines in 1937 and expanded its domestic U.S. network in the 1960s with jet aircraft. Continental was a minority owner of ExpressJet Airlines, which operated under the 'Continental Express' trade name but was a separately managed and public company. At the time of its integration with United Airlines, Continental had its headquarters atÂ 77 west Wacker, Chicago. It ranks at 4th position in the airline of the United States.Â Continental Airlines received Silver Quality First Award in the year 2010 and also Bronze Quality First Award in 2010. Continental Airlines previously had its headquarters in theÂ Continental Center IÂ building in theÂ Cullen CenterÂ complex inÂ Downtown Houston. On October 31, 1937, Continental moved its headquarters toÂ Stapleton AirportÂ in Denver, Colorado,Â Robert F. SixÂ arranged to have the headquarters moved to Denver fromÂ El Paso, TexasÂ because Robert F. Six believed that the airline should have its headquarters in a large city with a potential base of customers. Continental Airlines is havingÂ flights to all the major destinations with approximately 150 national and more than 190 International destinations. Continental Airlines had a two-class service configuration, First/Business First and Economy Class, for aircraft in the mainline fleets.

At airportÂ kiosksÂ Continental Airlines allowed customers to buy "Continental Currency", a prepaid credit for audio headsets and alcoholic beverages on flights. Continental Airlines has First or Business First and Economy Class, which are its two-class configurations. Passengers who travel Business First are offered seats that convert into lie-flat beds, with adjustable armrest, lumbar support, six-way adjustable head rest, foot rests, privacy shell, personal lighting and seat cushion. Business First passengers on international flights will have full access to the airline's President Lounge. While Economy Class passengers will receive seats with a lot of legroom, free meals, non-alcoholic beverages, snacks, and AVOD touch screen for entertainment.

Continental's frequent flyer program is OnePass which offers travelers the chance to get First Class upgrades on flights, free tickets, discounted membership for President's Club among other benefits and rewards. OnePass membership levels are Silver, Gold, and Platinum Elite; with Platinum Elite being the highest level.

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