

United introduces Economy Plus seats with more personal space



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[United Airlines](#) has today announced its latest Economy Class innovation: a row of Economy Plus seats on its A321XLR aircraft with extra elbow room and access to a shared table across an open middle seat.

The new Economy Plus offering will be available for sale starting later this year with the airline expecting to include the option on its entire order of 50 A321XLRs. United is exploring offering these types of seats on other aircraft types in the future.

According to the July 14 press release, United expects to be the only U.S. airline that will offer this seating option, and it follows the airline's recently announced [United Relax Row](#), multiple rows of seats on its 787 and 777 wide-body aircraft that transform into a couch (available in early 2027).

"We are investing nose-to-tail across our fleet and giving customers choice and value in every cabin," said Andrew Nocella, United's Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer. "The XLR is our newest aircraft and not only offers all-aisle access lie-flat seats in United Polaris but now also includes seats in Economy Plus with extra leg and elbow room. Our customers are going to love all these new options."

On each XLR, one row will have large, custom-designed tables stretching from armrest to armrest

across the open middle seats, giving passengers sitting in the window or aisle seat extra space to stretch out on longer international flights. The table is permanently fixed, with a soft leather-like covering and two indentations for cups. And the extra space is in addition to the three inches of additional legroom already offered in Economy Plus on the XLR.