

**THE (MINI)
AVIATION
CAREER
GUIDE**

**A QUICK INTRODUCTION TO
YOUR NEXT (AND BEST)
ADVENTURE**

HELLO + WELCOME

SO, YOU'RE CURIOUS ABOUT THE AVIATION LIFESTYLE, BUT YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW WHERE TO START?

(HOPEFULLY) This FREE Mini Aviation Guide will be the little piece of inspiration to give you insight and direction of where and how to step next.

This is only a high-level overview as there are many more opportunities, nuances and variances to a career in aviation. It will be up to you to continue to step into your bright future and experience, **“A world unlike any other”** for yourself.

Thanks again for joining the adventure. So happy and grateful to have you here with us.

Xoxo,

Kara
Flight Attendant Life

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PAY ME TO TRAVEL?!?! YES PLEASE!!!

AVIATION IS MORE THAN TRAVEL PERKS, BUT A REWARDING AND WONDERFUL LIFESTYLE.

Many decide to become flight attendants or pilots because they want to be paid to travel, but did you know there is more to the job than the travel perks? I'm not talking about the downsides of jetlag and crazy hours but sharing that there truly are MANY WONDERFUL benefits for pursuing an aviation job. There are many more career options in aviation besides being a flight attendant or pilot, but for the purposes of this guide, we will focus on pursuing a job as flight crew.

Due to firsthand, tried-and-true knowledge of becoming a flight attendant, in both commercial and corporate aviation, the guide will offer in-depth insight into those fields and share an overview of a career path as a pilot.

Please take a minute to look through the FREE resources available on PAGE XX of this guide. For additional support or join one of the online courses that assist with interviewing tips, resume writing advice, and other secrets of landing your dream aviation job.

So, let's take-off into commercial aviation. Time to see if being a commercial flight attendant is for YOU!

COMMERCIAL FLIGHT ATTENDANT

JOB OUTLOOK + SCHEDULES + PAY

'Flight attendant' is seen as a glamorous profession— full adventure and fun. Unquestionably, traveling the world for work is a unique and exciting opportunity, but there is more to the career than simply adventure. There are few other jobs where going to “the office” three days a week is completely acceptable or when dinner in Paris is a regular ‘after work’ activity.

Creating a life of meaning and challenge outside of the job will be essential to long-term personal happiness and growth, but truly, from my own knowledge and experience, working as a commercial flight attendant is one of the best jobs in the world.

Job Outlook

Statistics show that many agree with that sentiment— that being a flight attendant is pretty fetch. Rumour or truth has it that it is easier to be accepted into Harvard than land a job as a flight attendant with Delta Airlines. That being said, all jobs that are worth having will be competitive. The important point to note is for an interested candidate to find clarity in what he or she wants and not let fears hold them back.

If you or anyone you know wants to be a flight attendant, never let one rejection or unsuccessful interview deter you from pursuing the career.

COMMERCIAL FLIGHT ATTENDANT

SCHEDULES, PAY, & JOB OUTLOOK

Schedules

A flight attendant's schedule is varied depending on the employer/airline. Some airlines offer incredible schedule flexibility for new hires. Usually schedules are determined on a monthly basis and referred to as bids, bidding, lines, etc. Reserve is the act of being on-call and an experience that most new flight attendants (and even long time gypsy jet setters) endure. It's not that bad. It just takes a little getting used to. Flight attendants do work many weekends and holidays, which can be a huge adjustment for some, but most flight attendants will say, "I wouldn't trade this for a 9-to-5, EVER!"

Pay

As far as pay goes, do some research on various airlines and average income levels. Income for new flight attendants is on the rise and contracts are getting better. Companies with some of the best compensation contracts are Southwest and Alaska Airlines.

Take some time to browse through blog posts on

www.flightattendantlife.com to help you get a better idea of the life of a commercial flight attendant.

CORPORATE FLIGHT ATTENDANT

SCHEDULES, PAY, & JOB OUTLOOK

The curiosity over pursuing a career as a ‘corporate flight attendant’ has increased exponentially. Once upon a time, many didn’t even know there were private jets that hired in-flight professionals as part of the crew. Although the career as a private jet cabin attendant remains exclusive, many are looking and searching for ways to break into the industry.

Becoming a corporate flight attendant is even more competitive than working in commercial aviation. There are simply very few jobs which go to the experienced cabin attendants who ‘know someone.’ That being said, anything is possible in life if you want it enough.

Job Outlook

Competition is stiff for corporate flight attendant positions. Generally, it’s very rare to land a full-time private jet flight attendant job straight from an online job posting. Most resumes must be submitted upon recommendation and only those with two + plus years of experience in the industry are generally considered. Most newly trained cabin attendants find their lucky break by being on a ‘contract’ or ‘freelance’ basis; ‘getting in’ by taking what’s known as a ‘pop-up.’ ‘Pop ups’ are short notice trips that need a cabin attendant crewed ASAP. When no one else is available, a newbie often gets thrown onto one of those and that begins a career.

CORPORATE FLIGHT ATTENDANT

SCHEDULES, PAY, & JOB OUTLOOK

Schedules

For corporate flight attendant, there are no schedules, no certainties, and nothing truly predictable. Every jet job is different in its own way. Literally, a corporate flight attendant could go anywhere, at anytime. You just never know what's next in private aviation. This can be a very exciting or difficult way to live— depending on how you choose to see it.

Pay

The appeal of being a corporate flight attendant not only hinges on the all-expenses paid 'workations' to some of the beautiful places in the world, but the pay is also attractive. An approximately \$5000 training investment opens the doors for the POTENTIAL to make over \$100k per year. Generally, corporate flight attendants in the United States make \$400-\$700 per day on contract and anywhere from \$35k-\$175k for full-time positions. I realize that I just stated a HUGE range, which gives little surety or security...

Welcome to private jet cabin attendant life.

For more stories, insider info, and information on becoming a private jet cabin attendant, visit www.flightattendantlife.com.

PROFESSIONAL PILOT

SCHEDULES, PAY, & JOB OUTLOOK

'Pilot life' is another type of adventure. Currently, professional pilots— who meet the qualifications and experience level required— are a hot commodity. Airlines are canceling flights left and right because the companies simply cannot find enough pilots. Private jet operators are struggling to keep their pilots on staff as corporate pilots are leaving for better paying jobs that offer schedules and flexibility. It's a pilot's market and never has it been a better time to pursue a job in the front.

Schedules

Pilots have all types of schedules— some with a great degree of flexibility and some with little. Airline pilots, cargo pilots, military pilots, private jet pilots— there are so many different avenues to take to achieve an incredible and rewarding career as a professional aviator. As a pilot, it's quite accurate to say that schedules will always be slightly unconventional.

Pay

Wages for entry-level professional pilot positions are increasing quickly. Many second year airline pilots make over \$150k per year. Professional pilots invest a significant amount of time and money to reach a comfortable level of success in their career. Being a pilot is a great career choice for those who love flying and hope to create a very enjoyable lifestyle in the process.

For more on pilot life, please visit ['A Pilot Life.'](#)