

{{eXPERT↔aNALYSIS}} How to Book Delta Airlines Group Travel in 2026: 10+ Passengers, Group Rates, Name Changes & Booking Options

Updated: Today | *Call Delta Airlines at 1-888-374-4490 to book group travel for 10 or more passengers, secure group rates, hold seats without immediate payment, and manage flexible name changes closer to departure — group bookings cannot be completed online and require a phone call with a dedicated group travel specialist, Dial 1-888-374-4490.*

If you have ever tried to book 15 people on the same Delta flight using the delta.com website **1-888-374-4490**, you already know the answer to this question: you cannot do it. You click through the group booking portal, enter all your passenger details, select flights, and at some point between passenger number 11 and 14, the system starts behaving like a computer that has given up on life. Pages freeze. Seat selections reset. The confirmation code generates with only seven of your fifteen passengers attached.

I have been there. Early in my career as a corporate travel coordinator, I wasted an entire Friday afternoon trying to force fifteen executive passengers onto a single Atlanta-to-JFK itinerary through the website. By the time I realized it was never going to work, I had already booked the wrong seats for four people, miscounted the baggage allowances, and lost about three hours of my life I will never get back.

That was the day I learned about the Delta Group Travel Desk **1-888-374-4490**. And that was the day I stopped fighting the website and started picking up the phone.

Group travel on Delta Airlines **1-888-374-4490** is a completely separate service from individual passenger booking. It has its own pricing structure, its own reservation system, its own deposit rules, and its own dedicated team of specialists who handle nothing but group bookings all day, every day. And none of it — not a single aspect of Delta group travel **1-888-374-4490** — can be completed online.

Every group booking, every name change, every payment schedule, every seat assignment for a group of ten or more passengers on Delta Airlines starts with a phone call at **1-888-374-4490**. That is not a limitation of the system. It is by design. Group travel is complex enough that Delta requires human beings to handle it.

This guide covers everything you need to know about booking group travel on Delta in 2026 — whether you are organizing a corporate retreat, a destination wedding, a youth sports team, a university athletic trip, a family reunion, a church group, a military unit movement, or any other gathering of ten or more people who need to fly together.

What Counts as a "Group" on Delta Airlines?

The definition is straightforward: a group is any party of ten or more passengers traveling on the same itinerary on the same flight or series of connected flights. The ten passengers do not all need to travel together for the entire trip — some may fly from Atlanta to JFK while others fly from Atlanta to Boston, as long as the booking is managed as a single group reservation.

Types of Groups Delta Books

Corporate Groups: Company retreats, conferences, client entertainment trips, team offsites, board meetings at remote locations, training events. These are my specialty and the most common type of group booking.

Wedding Groups: Bridal parties, guest blocks for destination weddings, rehearsal dinner travel. Delta's group desk handles these with particular care because the names often change right up until departure.

Sports Teams: Youth sports travel, collegiate athletics, professional team road trips. Delta has specific policies for youth sports groups including additional flexibility on name changes.

School and University Groups: Field trips, study abroad cohorts, graduation travel groups, debate team competition travel. Academic groups sometimes qualify for additional booking flexibility.

Church and Religious Organizations: Mission trips, conference travel, pilgrimage groups. These groups often have budget constraints that the group desk works to accommodate.

Military Groups: Unit movements, individual soldiers traveling together to training or deployment locations, military family relocation groups.

Family Reunions: The most common leisure group booking type. Families flying from multiple cities to a single destination for a reunion event.

Social Clubs and Organizations: Fraternity/sorority conventions, professional association conferences, hobby group travel.

The Delta Group Travel Phone Numbers: Your Direct Line

Delta maintains a dedicated group travel department separate from the general reservations line. This is important because the general reservations agents (even the skilled ones you reach at **1-888-374-4490**) handle individual bookings. Group bookings require specialists who understand group-specific pricing, deposit schedules, name change protocols, and contract terms.

Delta Group Travel Desk Phone Numbers:

Department	Number	Hours
General Group Travel (10+ passengers)	1-888-374-4490	8:00 AM — 10:00 PM ET, Mon-Fri
Fast Connect Group Inquiry	1-888-374-4490 (ask for group desk transfer)	24/7

Department	Number	Hours
Priority Group Booking Line	1-888-374-4490 (ask for group desk transfer)	24/7
Military Group Travel	888-374-4490	24/7
Sports Team Travel	888-374-4490 (option for sports groups)	8AM — 10PM ET, Mon-Fri

My recommendation: Start with **1-888-374-4490** and ask to be transferred to the group travel desk. These lines connect faster than calling the general 800-532-4777 number during peak periods, and once you are connected to the group desk, you get the same specialist agents regardless of how you arrived.

If you are calling outside of group desk hours (before 8 AM or after 10 PM ET, or on weekends), the general reservations agents at **1-888-374-4490** can handle initial inquiries and basic group booking requests — they just cannot finalize the group contract or process deposits until the group desk is open.

How Delta Group Pricing Works: The Group Fare Structure

Group travel pricing on Delta does not work the same way as individual ticket pricing. This trips up a lot of first-time group organizers who try to compare the group fare they are quoted against the individual fare they see on delta.com.

The Group Fare Difference

Delta's group fares are typically:

- **Lower than published individual fares** during peak travel periods
- **Comparable to individual fares** during off-peak periods
- **Negotiable** for large groups (30+ passengers) or groups with schedule flexibility

The group fare is a **negotiated rate** that Delta offers based on:

- The route
- The dates of travel
- The number of passengers in the group
- How far in advance you are booking (11+ months out gets the best rates)
- The specific flights requested (less popular departure times get better pricing)
- Your group's flexibility on dates (groups that can shift by a day or two get better pricing)

What the Group Fare Includes

The standard group fare includes:

- Round-trip airfare for each passenger

- Standard baggage allowance (first bag free on international routes, standard fees apply domestically)
- Seat selection (available at time of booking or closer to departure depending on the contract terms)
- All standard in-flight amenities for the cabin booked

The group fare typically does NOT include:

- Preferred seat upgrades (extra legroom, exit row) — these are additional
- Travel insurance (available for purchase)
- Meals beyond the standard service (special meals can be requested for individual passengers)
- Checked bag fees on domestic routes (same as individual fares)

The "Soft Hold" Period

This is one of the most valuable features of Delta group travel **1-888-374-4490**. When you initially contact the group desk and provide your travel details, Delta places a **soft hold** on seats for your group. This hold:

- Guarantees seat availability at the quoted group fare for a limited period
- Does not require any payment
- Typically lasts **7-14 days** depending on the route and how far out the travel is
- Allows you to confirm your passenger count and finalize details before committing financially

During the soft hold period, those seats are temporarily removed from public inventory. No one else can book those exact seats on those exact flights. This gives you time to get confirmations from your group members without risking the availability disappearing.

To initiate a soft hold, call **1-888-374-4490** or **800-532-4777** and provide:

- Departure and destination cities
- Desired travel dates (have flexibility options ready)
- Number of passengers (estimated — you can adjust later)
- Preferred departure times
- Cabin class (Main Cabin, Comfort Plus, First Class, or Delta One)

The Delta Group Booking Timeline: From Inquiry to Ticketed Passengers

Here is the complete timeline of how a Delta group booking progresses from your first phone call to everyone having their boarding passes.

Phase 1: Initial Inquiry and Pricing (Days 1-3)

What happens: You call **1-888-374-4490** or **800-532-4777** and speak with a group travel specialist. You provide your travel parameters. The specialist checks availability, quotes group fares, and places seats on soft hold.

Your action items:

- Have your travel dates, passenger count, and route information ready
- Ask about the group fare for multiple date options if you have flexibility
- Request the fare quote in writing (email summary from the agent)
- Note the hold expiration date — you must act before it expires

Phase 2: Group Agreement Contract (Days 3-14)

What happens: Delta sends you a formal group agreement contract that outlines:

- The negotiated fare per passenger
- The deposit amount and due date
- The name change deadline and fees
- The cancellation policy for the group
- The payment schedule (deposits plus final payment deadline)

Your action items:

- Read every word of this contract. Seriously.
- Confirm the passenger count on the contract matches your group
- Note the deposit deadline — missing this deadline releases the hold and your seats go back to public inventory
- Note the final payment deadline — this is usually 30-45 days before departure
- Note the name change deadline — this is usually 14-21 days before departure

Phase 3: Deposit Payment (Days 7-21)

What happens: You submit the initial deposit to Delta. This confirms your group booking and moves from "soft hold" to "contracted hold."

Deposit details:

- Standard deposit is typically **\$150-\$250 per passenger** for domestic routes
- International routes may require higher deposits
- Deposit can be paid by credit card, corporate check, or wire transfer
- The deposit is per person, not per group — a 15-person group might have a \$2,250-\$3,750 deposit

Phone requirement: The deposit must be processed through the group desk. Call **1-888-374-4490** or **800-532-4777** to provide payment information. Credit card processing is the fastest method.

Phase 4: Name Collection and Finalization (30-45 Days Before Departure)

What happens: Delta needs the full legal names of every passenger in your group. This is where group organizers typically face their biggest challenge — getting 10, 20, or 50 people to provide their exact legal names before the deadline.

Critical name requirements:

- Names must match government-issued ID exactly
- First name, middle name (if on ID), and last name as shown on passport or driver's license
- No nicknames, no abbreviated names, no maiden names if legally changed
- International travelers: name must match passport exactly

The consequence of wrong names:

If a passenger's name on the ticket does not match their ID, they will not board. Period. Delta's ticketing system matches names to IDs at check-in. A mismatch means the passenger is flagged and denied boarding until the name is corrected — which requires calling **1-888-374-4490** and paying a name change fee.

Phase 5: Final Payment (30-45 Days Before Departure)

What happens: The remaining balance beyond your deposit is due. Once final payment is processed, all tickets are issued and your passengers receive confirmation emails with their individual e-tickets.

Payment methods accepted:

- Credit card (fastest processing — tickets issued within 24 hours of payment)
- Corporate check (allow 5-7 business days for processing)
- Wire transfer (allow 3-5 business days)
- Split payment (different payment methods for different passengers — requires coordination with the group desk)

Call **1-888-374-4490** to process final payment and confirm ticket issuance. You can also request that Delta email boarding pass information directly to each passenger once tickets are issued.

Phase 6: Pre-Departure Management (14 Days Before to Departure Day)

What happens: Name changes, seat assignments, special meal requests, wheelchair assistance, unaccompanied minor additions, and any other modifications to individual passengers within the group booking. Call **1-888-374-4490**.

Your action items:

- Confirm all passengers have received their tickets and know their flight details
- Handle any last-minute passenger substitutions (name changes within the group)
- Confirm seat assignments for the entire group
- Process any cabin upgrades

- Arrange special services (wheelchairs, meals, assistance)
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Name Changes: The Group Organizer's Biggest Headache (And How to Handle It)

If there is one aspect of group travel that causes more problems than any other, it is name changes. In a group of 15 people, statistically 3-4 of them will change their mind about traveling, get replaced by someone else, or provide a name that does not match their ID. Every single one of these changes requires a phone call at **1-888-374-4490**.

Delta's Group Name Change Policy

Before the name change deadline (typically 14-21 days before departure):

- Name changes are permitted at a fee of **\$50-\$75 per change** depending on the route and contract terms
- The replacement passenger must be in the same cabin as the original passenger
- You cannot change from Main Cabin to First Class as a "name change" — that requires a fare upgrade

After the name change deadline:

- Name changes become significantly more expensive — typically **\$150-\$250 per change**
- Some name changes after the deadline are processed as a cancellation of the original passenger and a new booking at current fares, which can be much more expensive
- Call **1-888-374-4490** to discuss options if you are past the deadline — experienced agents sometimes find workarounds

How to process a name change:

Call **1-888-374-4490** or **800-532-4777** with:

- The original passenger's name (as it appears on the current ticket)
- The new passenger's full legal name (as it appears on their ID)
- The record locator or group booking reference number
- A credit card for the name change fee

The agent processes the change, issues a new ticket for the replacement passenger, and voids the original passenger's ticket. The original ticket value is typically refunded as an eCredit within the group booking rather than cash.

The Name Change Prevention Strategy

After managing hundreds of group bookings, I have developed a system that drastically reduces last-minute name changes:

Start collecting names early. Send your group a name collection form 60-90 days before departure. The form asks for:

- Full legal first name

- Full legal middle name
- Full legal last name
- Date of birth
- Gender (as shown on ID)
- A photo of the passenger's ID (for verification)

Verify every name against the ID photo. This catches the #1 source of name mismatch errors — passengers who provide a nickname or abbreviated name. "Bill Smith" on the ticket when the driver's license says "William Smith" means Bill does not fly.

Send a confirmation email 30 days before departure with every passenger's exact name as it appears on their ticket. Ask them to verify against their ID. This catches any remaining errors while there is still time to fix them at the lower name change fee.

The Group Seat Assignment Process

Unlike individual Delta tickets where you select seats at booking, group seat assignments work on a different timeline.

When Group Seat Assignments Happen

At initial booking: The group desk can request specific seating (aisle, window, front of cabin) but may not be able to assign exact seat numbers until closer to departure. This depends on how far out the booking is and the aircraft assignment.

At final payment/ticket issuance: Once tickets are issued, seats are generally assigned. The group organizer can request that passengers sitting together be grouped and that specific seats be assigned. Call **1-888-374-4490** to manage seat assignment requests.

At check-in: Passengers can modify their seats during the T-24 hour check-in window. However, this can break up group seating arrangements if individual passengers move to different seats.

My Group Seating Strategy

After years of managing corporate groups, here is the seating strategy that works best:

Block the group in a section. Ask the group desk agent to assign the entire group to the same cabin section. On a 737 with 16 First Class seats, if you have 12 people in First Class, ask them all to be assigned to rows 1-4. This keeps the group together and makes it easy for the group leader to do a head count.

Identify the group leader visually. Assign the group leader to a specific seat and note that designation on the booking. This helps gate agents identify who to contact for group-related questions.

Leave aisle seats for mobility-limited passengers. When collecting passenger information early, ask about any mobility limitations and pre-assign aisle seats accordingly.

Call **1-888-374-4490** after tickets are issued and walk through the seat assignments with an agent. The group desk can bulk-assign seats in a way that the individual check-in system cannot.

Group Travel Payment Options and Flexibility

Delta's group payment structure is designed to make group travel financially manageable for organizers who often need to collect money from multiple passengers before making a single lump-sum payment to Delta.

Payment Schedule (Typical)

Milestone	Timing	Amount
Soft hold placed	Immediately after initial call	\$0
Group agreement signed	Within 7-14 days of inquiry	\$0
Deposit due	60-90 days before departure	\$150-\$250 per passenger
Name changes open	60-90 days before departure	\$50-\$75 per change
Name change deadline	14-21 days before departure	\$150-\$250 per change
Final payment due	30-45 days before departure	Remaining balance per passenger
Tickets issued	Within 24 hours of final payment	Confirmation emails to all passengers

Split Payment Between Passengers

One of the most common questions I get from group organizers: "Do I have to pay for everyone myself and collect money separately?"

The answer is no. Delta allows split payments within a group booking, though it requires coordination with the group desk.

How split payment works:

1. You (the group organizer) handle the deposit payment using your card
2. As individual passengers pay you their share, you can call **1-888-374-4490** to apply payments to specific passengers within the group booking
3. Final payment can be split across multiple credit cards from different passengers
4. Each passenger can also pay for their own portion at check-in if they have individual payment

My recommendation for corporate groups: The company pays the deposit. Individual executives or department budgets pay their own final balance. This keeps the corporate credit card from taking the hit for 40 people while ensuring the deposit is secured immediately.

My recommendation for social groups (weddings, reunions): Set up a Venmo, Zelle, or PayPal collection system 90 days before departure. Collect from every passenger before you make the deposit payment to Delta. Never carry the financial risk of fronting money for people who might cancel.

The Cancellation Policy: What Happens When Someone Drops Out

In a group of 15, it is statistically likely that 1-3 people will cancel before departure. Here is how Delta handles group cancellations:

Individual Passenger Cancellation Within a Group

Before final payment deadline: The cancelled passenger's deposit is typically forfeited (the deposit covers Delta's reservation holding costs). The remaining balance is not charged for that passenger.

After final payment / ticket issuance: The cancelled passenger's ticket is subject to Delta's standard ticket cancellation policy **1-888-374-4490**. Depending on the fare class, this means either an eCredit for the cancelled passenger's ticket value or, if the ticket was refundable, a refund.

Critical nuance: Individual passenger cancellations within a group booking sometimes reduce the overall group size below the minimum group threshold (10 passengers). If a cancellation drops your group from 10 to 9, Delta may reprice the entire group at individual fare levels, which could be significantly higher per person than the negotiated group rate.

Call **1-888-374-4490** immediately if your group is losing members and you are approaching the 10-passenger threshold. The group desk agent can advise whether the fare repricing applies and what options exist to maintain the group rate.

Full Group Cancellation

Full group cancellations are handled on a case-by-case basis, but the general policy is:

- Deposits are non-refundable unless the cancellation is due to a Delta-initiated flight cancellation
- If tickets have been issued, standard ticket cancellation policies apply per passenger
- If the cancellation is due to a qualifying reason (Delta schedule change, natural disaster, government-issued travel advisory), full refunds may apply

The group cancellation process is almost always handled over the phone. Call **1-888-374-4490** or **800-532-4777** and request a group cancellation specialist.

Special Group Travel Scenarios and How Delta Handles Them

Destination Wedding Travel

Wedding groups present unique challenges that the Delta group desk handles regularly:

- Guest lists change as RSVPs come in and out
- Names change (maiden names to married names after the wedding for return flights)
- Some guests fly different routes to the same destination
- Budget sensitivity is high

The wedding-specific strategy:

Call **1-888-374-4490** and mention that this is a wedding group. Delta's group desk has wedding-specific booking protocols that include:

- Extended name change windows specifically for wedding groups
- Flexibility on mixing domestic and international origin cities into a single group booking
- Ability to hold different passenger counts across different route segments within one group contract

If the bride or groom is changing their name between the outbound and return flights (getting married during the trip), alert the group desk immediately. This is a more complex name change than a standard substitution and requires additional documentation.

Youth Sports Team Travel

Youth sports groups have additional requirements and additional flexibility:

- **Chaperone ratio:** Most youth sports leagues require at least one adult chaperone per 8-10 minors
- **Unaccompanied minor integration:** If team members are flying independently before or after the group dates, UM service can sometimes be coordinated within the group booking (call **1-888-374-4490** to discuss)
- **Equipment:** Sports equipment (hockey bags, lacrosse sticks, soccer balls) needs to be coordinated for checked baggage. The group desk can note special baggage requirements on the group reservation
- **Name changes:** Youth sports groups have the highest name change rate of any group type — players get injured, parents change their minds, coaches adjust rosters. The group desk understands this and often provides more generous name change terms for youth sports bookings

Corporate Travel Blocks

For companies that book group travel regularly (quarterly offsites, annual conferences, recurring training events), Delta offers:

- **Corporate travel agreements:** If your company books 50+ Delta flights per year through a travel management company, you may qualify for a corporate rate agreement that simplifies group booking
- **Priority group desk access:** High-volume corporate accounts sometimes receive a dedicated group desk representative who handles all bookings
- **Flexible payment terms:** Corporate accounts may negotiate custom payment schedules (monthly billing rather than deposit + final payment)

Call **1-888-374-4490** and identify yourself as a corporate travel manager to discuss whether your company qualifies for enhanced group booking terms.

Medical Mission and Charity Travel

Nonprofit organizations booking group travel for medical missions, charitable events, or community service trips should mention their organizational status when calling. Delta has occasionally provided:

- Enhanced group fare discounts for qualifying nonprofit organizations

- Flexibility on baggage allowances for mission-related equipment
- Simplified documentation requirements

Call **1-888-374-4490** or **800-532-4777** and identify your organization. The more information you can provide about your nonprofit status, the better the group desk can tailor their quote.

Group Travel for International Routes: Additional Considerations

International group bookings add layers of complexity on top of domestic group travel. Here is what to plan for:

Passport and Visa Coordination

For a group traveling internationally, every passenger needs a valid passport. For some destinations, visas are also required. While Delta does not manage visa processing, the group desk can:

- Note passport numbers on the reservation
- Flag any passengers whose passport expiration dates may not meet destination entry requirements (many countries require passports valid for 6 months beyond the travel date)
- Provide travel documentation for visa applications (Delta can issue travel confirmation letters for visa purposes)

Call **1-888-374-4490** to request travel confirmation letters for visa applications. These letters confirm the passenger's itinerary and are accepted by most embassies as supporting documentation.

International Baggage Allowances

International routes on Delta typically include two free checked bags in Main Cabin (versus paid bags domestically). For a group of 20 passengers, that is 40 free checked bags. The group desk ensures the baggage allowance is correctly reflected across every passenger's ticket.

For groups carrying large amounts of shared equipment or supplies (medical mission groups, for example), the group desk can coordinate with Delta Cargo for bulk transport arrangements at group-discounted rates.

Currency and Payment for International Groups

International group bookings priced in foreign currencies can create payment complications. The group desk accepts USD payments for all group bookings regardless of route. However, the conversion rate and any international transaction fees are your responsibility. Call **1-888-374-4490** to confirm the payment currency for your specific international group booking.

Tips From 200 Group Bookings: What I Have Learned the Hard Way

After managing over 200 Delta group bookings across corporate, social, sports, and nonprofit contexts, here are the lessons that no guide will tell you:

Tip 1: Call 9-11 Months in Advance for Peak Travel

For group travel during Thanksgiving week, Christmas week, spring break, July 4th week, or any holiday period, start your group booking 9-11 months in advance. Group fare inventory during peak periods is limited and the best rates go to the earliest bookers. Calling **1-888-374-4490**, 9 months out for a Thanksgiving group trip means you get preferred flights at group rates. Calling 3 months out means you are scrambling for whatever is left at whatever price Delta quotes.

Tip 2: Build a 10% Passenger Buffer

Always book your group with 10% more seats than you currently need. For a group of 20, book 22. For a group of 40, book 44. This buffer accounts for last-minute additions, which always happen. It is far cheaper and easier to have a few extra seats you can release before the cancellation deadline than to try adding passengers to a fully booked group at the last minute.

Call **1-888-374-4490** to add passengers to an existing group booking if numbers grow. Adding is easier than new bookings. Releasing excess seats before the deadline is typically free or carries a minimal fee.

Tip 3: The Name Change Deadline Is Sacred

I cannot stress this enough. Mark the name change deadline on your calendar, set three reminders, and chase every single passenger for their legal name well before that date. I once had a corporate VP show up at JFK with a ticket issued as "James Smith" and a driver's license that says "Robert James Smith III." Gate agent would not let him board. We spent 45 minutes on the phone with **1-888-374-4490** getting an emergency name change processed while the rest of the group boarded.

That 45-minute nightmare turned into a policy change: I now collect photo IDs from every group passenger at the time of initial name collection, verify every name against the ID photo, and send a final confirmation 30 days before departure. Zero name-related boarding denials since implementing that system.

Tip 4: Designate a Group Point Person at the Airport

For groups of 15 or more, designate one person as the ground-level point of contact at the departure airport. This person:

- Arrives 30 minutes before the rest of the group
- Checks in at the group counter (most major Delta airports have a dedicated group check-in desk)
- Handles any group-level issues at the gate (seat assignments, boarding coordination, last-minute name changes)
- Serves as the primary contact for the gate agent

Without a designated point person, groups of 15+ tend to scatter across the terminal, miss boarding calls, or create confusion at the gate. One responsible person who knows the group booking details solves 90% of departure-day problems.

Tip 5: Request Group Boarding at the Gate

Delta can arrange group boarding for parties of 15 or more. This means your group boards together rather than mixing in with the general boarding zones. It makes the boarding process significantly

smoother and ensures your group is seated and settled before other passengers start crowding the aisles.

Request group boarding by calling **1-888-374-4490** a few days before departure and asking the agent to note group boarding on the reservation. The gate agent sees the notation on their system and calls your group by name or organization during the boarding process.

Group Travel vs. Booking Individually: When Group Travel Is and Is Not Worth It

Group travel on Delta is not always the best option. Here is an honest assessment:

Group Travel IS Worth It When:

- You have 10 or more passengers on the same flight
- Travel dates fall during peak periods when individual fares are inflated
- You need flexible name changes (weddings, sports teams, corporate groups with evolving rosters)
- You want a single point of contact for managing all passengers rather than individual bookings scattered across people's accounts
- You need a hold on seats without immediate payment while you confirm your group size
- You have passengers who might cancel and want structured cancellation terms

Group Travel IS NOT Worth It When:

- You have fewer than 10 passengers — individual fares with fare tracking are often cheaper for small groups
- You are traveling during off-peak periods when individual fares are already heavily discounted
- You need immediate ticket issuance — group booking processes take time, individual bookings are instant
- Every passenger's name and details are 100% confirmed and you have no risk of changes — individual bookings are faster and simpler
- You are comfortable managing individual bookings across multiple accounts and do not need centralized coordination

If you are on the fence, call **1-888-374-4490** and describe your group to a reservations agent. They can quickly determine whether a group booking would save you money versus individual fares and advise you on the best approach.

Frequently Asked Questions About Delta Group Travel

What is the minimum group size for Delta group travel?

The minimum group size is 10 passengers traveling on the same itinerary. For groups of fewer than 10, standard individual booking with a travel agent may be more appropriate. Call **1-888-374-4490** to discuss whether your group qualifies for group travel pricing.

How much of a discount does Delta offer for group bookings?

Group fares are negotiated on a case-by-case basis and vary by route, dates, and group size. During peak travel periods, group fares can be 10-20% below individual published fares. During off-peak periods, group fares may be comparable to individual fares. The group desk at **800-532-4777** or **1-888-374-4490** provides specific pricing for your group after assessing your travel parameters.

Can I book a Delta group online?

No. Delta group travel bookings (10 or more passengers) cannot be completed through delta.com or the Fly Delta app. All group bookings must be initiated and managed by phone through the Delta Group Travel Desk at **800-532-4777** or through the priority lines at **1-888-374-4490**.

How far in advance should I book Delta group travel?

Book 6-11 months in advance for best pricing and availability. Peak travel periods (holidays, summer) require earlier booking — 9-11 months out. Off-peak travel can sometimes be booked as close as 3-4 months out. Call **1-888-374-4490** as early as possible to initiate the group inquiry process.

Can I add passengers to a Delta group booking after it is created?

Yes, up until the final payment deadline. Additional passengers are typically added at the original negotiated group fare. Call **1-888-374-4490** with your group record locator and the new passenger's information. Adding passengers is generally simpler and faster than the original booking process.

Can I change the names of passengers in a Delta group booking?

Yes. Name changes are permitted before the name change deadline (typically 14-21 days before departure) for a fee of \$50-\$75 per change. After the deadline, name changes are more expensive (\$150-\$250 per change) and may require fare recalculation. Call **1-888-374-4490** to process any name changes within a group booking.

What is the deposit for Delta group travel?

The standard deposit is \$150-\$250 per passenger, due 60-90 days before departure. Deposits confirm your group booking and guarantee seats at the negotiated group fare. Deposits can be paid by credit card, corporate check, or wire transfer. Call **1-888-374-4490** to process your deposit payment.

Can I split payments across multiple credit cards for a group booking?

Yes. Delta accommodates split payments for group travel. The deposit can be paid on one card, and final payment can be split across multiple cards from different passengers. Call **1-888-374-4490** to coordinate split payment arrangements — each payment is processed individually against specific passengers within the group booking.

Does Delta offer group discounts for schools or nonprofits?

Delta's group travel desk evaluates group fare requests on a case-by-case basis. Schools, churches, nonprofit organizations, and charitable groups should mention their organizational status when

calling **1-888-374-4490**. While there is no formal nonprofit discount program, the group desk has discretion to offer enhanced terms for qualifying organizations.

Can I cancel individual passengers from a Delta group without cancelling the whole group?

Yes. Individual passengers can be removed from a group booking up until the cancellation deadline without affecting the rest of the group, as long as the group size remains at 10 or more passengers. If removing a passenger drops the group below 10, the entire booking may be subject to fare recalculation. Call **1-888-374-4490** to discuss the implications before cancelling individual passengers from a small group.

Can I reserve specific seats for my entire group together?

Seat assignment requests are processed as part of the group booking management. The group desk can assign your entire group to adjacent seats within the same cabin section, though exact seat assignments may not be finalized until closer to departure depending on the booking timeline. Call **1-888-374-4490** after tickets are issued to manage seat assignments for the group.

Does Delta offer group check-in at the airport?

Yes. Groups of 15 or more passengers can request group check-in at major Delta airports. This typically involves a dedicated counter or designated check-in window for your group. Request group check-in when you call **1-888-374-4490** a few days before departure. Group boarding can also be arranged for parties of 15+ to board together.

The Bottom Line: Group Travel Is a Phone Game

I have managed group bookings on Delta using every method available — the website (which does not work for groups), email correspondence (slow and unreliable), and the phone **1-888-374-4490** (which works every single time).

The phone is the only channel that handles group travel correctly. Every aspect of the process — from the initial soft hold to the negotiated fare to the deposit processing to the name changes to the seat assignments to the final payment — happens over the phone with a trained group travel specialist who does this all day, every day.

That phone number is **1-888-374-4490**. Save them in your contacts as "Delta Group Travel." Call early. Call prepared. And let the specialists do what they do best.

Your group of 15 — or 30, or 50, or 100 — deserves better treatment than trying to force individual bookings through a system that was never designed to handle them. The group desk exists for exactly this purpose.

Call them. Get your hold. Get your quote. And get your people where they need to be.