Combine business and personal travel

About this strategy

You may be able to combine business and personal travel and still deduct certain trip expenses. To qualify, a domestic trip must be primarily for business purposes. You should assess all the time and activities on your trip and whether the majority were related to business. You can't deduct expenses for any trips that were primarily personal. If you travel outside the U.S., you'll also have to allocate your expenses between business and personal costs in proportion to the number of days you spent on non-business activities.

Strategy requirements

- The taxpayer and/or spouse should have business income, rental income, farm income, or partnership income.
- The travel expenses must be ordinary and necessary.
- The primary purpose of the travel is business in nature.
- The taxpayer can substantiate the business activities and time, especially if traveling outside the United States.- Personal expenses and activities aren't deductible.

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Business travel expenses where the intent is primarily for business and the time spent on business activities far exceeds any personal activities.

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