Airport Transit

Airport Transit Visas for Germany are required by nationals of the following countries:

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(Please refer to the list of exceptions below, as highlighted by the * asterisks.)

Airport transit means that the traveller stays during his/her stay in Germany in an international transit area in an airport.

**Only five airports in Germany have an International Transit Area:**
1. Cologne/Bonn (transit only possible between 4:30 am and 11:00 pm)
2. Düsseldorf (transit only possible between 6:00 am and 9:00 pm and only if the airline has arranged the transit with airport security, please check with your airline)
3. Frankfurt/Main
4. Hamburg (limited time frame only from 4:30 am to 11:30 pm)
5. Munich

**Airport transit privilege DOES NOT APPLY and you WILL NEED a visitor visa:**
1. if you have to pick up your baggage and/or have to check in again (please verify with your airline).
2. if you are transiting through two or more airports in the Schengen countries (for example: Miami-Frankfurt-Paris-India).
3. if you hold an open ticket.
4. if your stay in the international transit area exceeds 12 hours.

**General Exceptions:**
Nationals of the above-mentioned countries DO NOT require an airport transit visa if
• they possess a valid visa for the UK, Ireland, Japan, Canada, USA, Romania, Bulgaria, Cyprus or Lichtenstein or
• they are a partner (married, common-law or same-sex) or child of an EU/EEA/EFTA national and hold an Irish "Residence Card of a Family Member of an EEA National" (FamEU) or
• they are holders of diplomatic passports or
• they are in possession of a valid visa for a Member State of the EU, Canada, Japan or the United States of America, or when they return from these countries after having used the visa

**Other Exceptions (see numbers above for specific countries):**
*1 Turkish holders of Service and Official passports do NOT require an Airport Transit Visa for Germany.
*2 Jordan nationals do NOT require an Airport Transit Visa if:
• a) they have a visa for Australia, Israel or New Zealand and a confirmed flight ticket or boarding card for the flight to this country. The exception is only valid for this trip from Jordan to the countries listed above.
• b) and after their stay in the countries mentioned above for the return to Jordan with a confirmed flight ticket or boarding card and the transit time in Germany does not exceed 12 hours.