



Airport Transit

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

Afghanistan	Bangladesh	Democratic Republic of Congo
Eritrea	Ethiopia	Ghana
India	Iran	Iraq
Jordan *2	Lebanon	Mali
Nigeria	Pakistan	Somalia
Sri Lanka	Sudan and South Sudan	Syria
Turkey *1		

*(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.