



Airport Transit

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

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

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

Airport transit means that a 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. Berlin Brandenburg
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.

General exceptions:

Nationals of the above mentioned countries **DO NOT** require an airport transit visa if

- Holders of valid visas and national residence permits of the EU and Schengen states.
- Holders of certain national residence permits of the following countries: Andorra, Japan, Canada, San Marino, United States of America
- Holders of valid visas issued by the EEA states (EU states and Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) as well as Japan, Canada and the United States of America.
- Family members of EU citizens entitled to freedom of movement (spouse/life partner, children, grandchildren under 21 years of age. Parents and grandparents, provided they are maintained by the Union citizen).

Other exceptions (see numbers above for specific country):

***1** Turkish holders of Service and Official passports do NOT require an Airport Transit Visa for Germany.

***2** Jordanian nationals do NOT require an Airport Transit Visa:

- if they hold a visa for either Australia, Israel or New Zealand and the confirmed flight ticket or boarding card for the flight. This applies only to flights to above mentioned countries and return flights from these countries to Jordan.
- on their return to Jordan from above mentioned countries: confirmed flight ticket or boarding pass is compulsory.
- Transit time in Germany is not to exceed 12 hours.