

World's Five Best Airports for Senior Travelers

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We've had an opportunity to travel around the world and experience many airports. As older travelers, comfort-related amenities, good signage and short distances between facilities make our journeys easier and more comfortable. We vote the world's best airports for senior travelers:

Changi, Singapore: If there ever can be an airport where you'll be happy to miss a connecting flight, this is it. Changi offers a rooftop swimming pool, hot whirlpool, spa with free foot massages and sky-high sliding board. And if you tire of the sunshine, there's also a movie theater and game rooms, along with some of the best airport restaurants on the planet.

The sparkling airport interior is also a pleasure to experience, with shops, gardens and hiking trails surrounded by greenery and friendly critters. And if you're really lucky enough to have to wait several hours for your next flight, Changi offers free tours of beautiful downtown Singapore, just 20 minutes away. changiairport.com *Amsterdam Schipol:* Travelers at this ultra-modern airport can enjoy a massage or play slot machines and poker at the casino. Many waiting area seats are not the usual rows of rock-hard wood or metal benches. They're individual cushioned couches with slant backs for music listening or snoozing. Schiphol is about 30 minutes from downtown Amsterdam.

When heading to and from the airport in springtime daylight, you'll see large fields of brilliantly-colored tulips along the way. Schipol also offers excellent dining and shopping options, with delicious locally-made candies and baked goods. schiphol.nl

Hong Kong: One of the world's busiest hubs, Hong Kong International Airport is tops for luxury and convenience. For seniors who want to relive younger days, they'll find a Disneyland just 15 minutes away.

There are exhibits throughout the airport, some allowing interactions with history, costume, music, theater and other enjoyable activities. There are almost limitless choices of restaurants,

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as well as shops that display the latest in Chinese silks and other quality goods. hongkongairport.com

Vancouver International: This Western Canada airport, just a few miles from the city's downtown, displays its Pacific Northwest Coast Native art traditions. One of the best features is its welcome atmosphere to passengers.

Volunteers, Green Coat Ambassadors, roam this beautiful seniors-friendly airport to help travelers. In your hometown airport, could you imagine grumpy employees turning into polite volunteers who smilingly offer to help you find your flight? yvr.ca

Tampa International: This mid-Florida airport boasts a "layout designed for a minimum of walking," making it one of the most senior-friendly in the world. It also features helpers, called Volunteer Ambassadors. They aid passengers, including harried seniors, to find their way around. There's also a USO Center for veterans of all ages for rest and exchanging war stories. tampaairport.com