

Of course, when schedules get messed up, any terminal can become a frustrating scene of delays, cancellations, angry crowds and ear-splitting noise. However, on those rare occasions when everything goes well, some international airports are actually pleasant places to hang out.

Consider recent responses from experienced traveling seniors report on their preferences. Here are the top five outside the USA for this year, not necessarily in rank order:

Schiphol, Amsterdam: Free museum and art gallery. Hong Kong: Who wants to sit when there's a nine-hole golf course? Singapore Changi: Soak tired senior bones in the rooftop pool. Munich: How could you not like an airport biergarten? London Heathrow: English pubs, frequent live concerts.