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FREE GUIDE

# The *Spotwyz* Airport Guide

*30 hacks seasoned travelers know... and nobody tells you.*

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AIRPORT HACKS

Save time, money and stress, from takeoff to landing.

SECTION 01

# Before you fly

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1. **Check your credit card benefits.**
   Many premium cards include free airport lounge access, often through Priority Pass.

2. **No lounge card?**
   Many lounges sell day passes online, sometimes cheaper than eating at the airport.

3. **Join a trusted traveler program.**
   NEXUS, Global Entry or TSA PreCheck let you skip the long security lines.

4. **Check in as soon as check-in opens.**
   It's the best moment to grab the best seats.

5. **Download the airline app.**
   Gate changes and delays often show up there before the airport screens.

6. **Screenshot your boarding pass.**
   Just in case you lose Wi-Fi or battery.

7. **Download offline maps of your destination.**
   Do it before you leave, so you can find your way the moment you land, even with no signal.

# Packing hacks



8 **Tie a bright ribbon or tag on your suitcase.**
You'll spot it on the carousel in seconds.

9 **Put a Bluetooth tracker in your checked bag.**
An AirTag or similar tracker tells you exactly where your suitcase is.

10 **Take a photo of your bag and its tag.**
If it gets lost, your claim will be much faster.

11 **Keep a change of clothes and your meds in your carry-on.**
If your bag arrives late, you're not caught off guard.

12 **Power banks always go in your carry-on.**
They're not allowed in checked bags.

13 **Pack a pen for arrival forms.**
Flight attendants rarely have one to lend, and everyone scrambles for one when customs cards are handed out.

# At the airport

14 **Bring an empty water bottle and fill it after security.**
Liquids over 100 ml aren't allowed through screening, and water is often very expensive once you're past it. Many airports have free refill stations.

15 **Wear slip-on shoes and keep your liquids on top of your bag.**
You'll get through security much faster.

16 **Walk to the farthest security checkpoint.**
It's often the least busy.

17 **Ask the gate agent if better seats opened up.**
It's free to ask.

## 04 Money & problems

18 **Skip airport currency exchange counters.**
The rates are bad. Use an ATM or a card with no foreign transaction fees.

19 **Always pick the local currency at the card machine.**
When it asks "pay in your currency or local currency?", local is almost always cheaper.

20 **Flight delayed or cancelled?**
Rebook in the app while you wait in line. In Canada and Europe, you may be owed compensation if the delay is the airline's fault.

# Pro moves

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21 **Book the first flight of the morning.**
Delays pile up during the day, so early flights are more likely to leave on time.

22 **Book connecting flights on a single ticket.**
If you miss your connection, the airline has to rebook you. With two separate tickets, it's your problem.

23 **Set a price alert on Google Flights.**
Instead of buying right away, you get notified when the price drops.

24 **Check your passport's expiry date.**
Many countries require it to be valid at least 6 months after you arrive, or you can be denied boarding.

25 **Keep a photo of your passport on your phone.**
If it's lost or stolen, it's much easier to replace.

BONUS TIP

## Keep this guide *on your phone*.

Download it before you leave: it works offline, even in airplane mode.

# Pro moves (continued)

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26 **Weigh your bag at home.**
A small luggage scale costs little. Overweight fees at the counter cost a lot.

27 **Buying alcohol or perfume at duty free before a layover?**
Keep it in the sealed bag with the receipt. Otherwise, it can be confiscated at your connection's security check.

28 **Turn off data roaming before landing.**
Your phone can connect to the local network the moment you land and hit you with a big bill.

29 **Look at the airport map.**
Many airports have showers, nap zones and quiet rooms, sometimes free, that almost nobody knows about.

30 **Long layover?**
Check if the airport or airline offers a free city tour for transit passengers. Some airports do, like Singapore.

SAFE TRAVELS

## The best is still *out there*.

These hacks save you time at the airport. Spotwyz helps you make the most of every minute once you land.

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# Travel like *a local*.

Spotwyz is a platform that gives travelers the best tips to save time and money. We help you discover the least crowded places in each country, so you can live a unique experience, as if you were a local.

- Hidden places tourists never see
- Real, tested tips from locals
- More time living your trip, less time searching

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