



Airport Transit visa

Nationals of the following countries are required to be in possession of an airport transit visa when passing through the international transit area of airports in Germany:

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

Exceptions:

Nationals of the above named countries Do NOT require an airport transit visa if

1. they hold a valid visa for the United States of America, or
2. they hold a used valid or expired visa issued by the USA and return from the USA and travel to a non-Schengen Member State within 24 hours after the expiration of their visa, or
3. they hold one of the following residence permits:
 - × Form I-551 permanent resident card (valid for 2 to 10 years),
 - × Form I-551 Alien registration receipt card (valid for 2 to 10 years),
 - × Form I-551 Alien registration receipt card (no expiry date),
 - × Form I-327 Re-entry document (valid for two years — issued to holders of a I-551)
 - × Resident alien card (valid for 2 or 10 years or no expiry date. This document guarantees the holder's return only if his stay outside the USA has not exceeded one year),
 - × Permit to re-enter (valid for two years. This document guarantees the holder's return only if his stay outside the USA has not exceeded two years),
 - × Valid temporary residence stamp in a valid passport (valid for one year from the date of issue).

Please note that the advance parole (I-512) and the approval notice (I-797) are not valid documents for visa free airport transit. An airport transit visa must be obtained.

4. they hold a valid visa for a Schengen Member State, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Ireland, Japan, Romania or UK, or
5. they hold a used valid or expired visa issued by Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Ireland, Japan, Romania or UK and return from the country of visa issuance and travel to a non-Schengen Member State.

Additional exceptions according to marked * countries above:

*1 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 the above mentioned countries and return flights from these countries to Jordan.
- × on your return to Jordan from the above mentioned countries: Confirmed flight ticket or boarding pass is compulsory.
- × Transit time in Germany is not to exceed 12 hours.

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

Please note that an airport transit visa only allows a short stay in the international transit area of some airports:

- × Frankfurt/Main (open 24 hours)
- × Munich (open 24 hours)
- × Hamburg (4:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. only)
- × Düsseldorf (6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. only) and if the airline has arranged the transit beforehand with the authorities responsible for cross-border security (the Federal Police)
- × Cologne/Bonn (4:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. only)
- × Berlin (06:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. only) at Berlin-Tegel, for Air Berlin passengers only. The airline has to arrange the transit beforehand with the authorities responsible for cross-border security (the Federal Police). The connection time must be at least 75 minutes.

Airport transit privilege does not apply and you will need a visitor visa if

1. you have to pick up your baggage and/or have to check-in again (please verify with your airline) or
2. you are transiting through two or more airports in the Schengen Countries (for example: Miami-Frankfurt-Paris-India or New York-Frankfurt-Munich-India) or
3. you hold an open ticket.