

# Need some shuteye in transit? Changi is best

**SINGAPORE:** On a shoestring, stuck or just need some shuteye?

Avoid Paris' Charles de Gaulle at all costs, but embrace Singapore's Changi, according to a survey that rated the world's 10 worst, and best, airports to sleep in.

Dirty floors, filthy, overcrowded bathrooms, bird poo and biting insects were among the biggest complaints of the 6,200 travellers who took part in the poll, by travel website The Guide to Sleeping in Airports.

"Sleeping in airports is no longer just for the young budget traveller looking to save a few bucks," said the website, which was founded by Canadian former travel agent and expert budget traveller Donna McSherry in 1996.

"People of all ages and vocations can now be seen stretched out on airport floors all around the world, whether they are there because of a long transit, flight delay or voluntarily to save money."

On the website, Charles de Gaulle airport was voted the absolute worst, followed by Sheremetyevo in Moscow, which one traveller called "hell on earth".

In the third and fourth spots were New York's John F. Kennedy and Los Angeles International Airport, while India's New Delhi airport rounded off the top five worst airports, Reuters reported.

On the flip side, Singapore's Changi was rated the cleanest and most comfortable airport to sleep in.

Wrote one passenger Julian Burn on the website: "Having travelled to at least 15 countries and have had transit to countless airports...I would definitely rate Singapore Airport as the best in the world."

The airport's Terminal (1) Operations Manager Jasbir Singh Sandhu told The Straits Times that Changi has napping areas and lounges for passengers to use for a short rest, in addition to transit hotels for those passengers who have a longer layover time.

Typical layover time for passengers on transit ranges from one to four hours.



## The best & the worst

### FIVE BEST AIRPORTS

1. Singapore Changi (above)
2. Seoul Incheon
3. Amsterdam Schiphol
4. Oslo Gardermoen
5. Hong Kong International Airport

### FIVE WORST

1. Paris Charles de Gaulle
2. Moscow Sheremetyevo
3. New York John F. Kennedy
4. Los Angeles International Airport
5. New Delhi Indira Gandhi

Source: [www.sleepinginairports.net](http://www.sleepinginairports.net)

"Some facilities (at Changi) include lounges where passengers can enjoy spas and massage services, while others have napping chairs with attached alarms for passengers to use," he said.

Travellers - who loved the airports for their amenities, friendly staff and comfortable seating - graded Seoul's Incheon as the second best, followed by Amsterdam's Schiphol, Oslo's Gardermoen and Hong Kong airport.

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