

The Most Luxurious Airport Lounges in the World

(Courtesy of The Discoverer, Jersey Griggs)

Curious to see how the other half lives? Take a peek inside these upscale airport lounges, where cramped cabins and crowded security lines become a distant memory. From French champagne to private napping rooms, these luxurious airport lounges are sure to satisfy your need to be pampered.

Emirates First-Class Lounge

DUBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

The city of [Dubai](#) is known for its over-the-top opulence and the [Emirates First-Class Lounge](#) at Dubai International Airport is no exception. First-class passengers are able to access this exclusive space, which is both indulgent and massive. Running the length of the terminal, the sheer size and abundance of amenities offered by Emirates are astounding. The lounge provides private duty-free stores for personal shopping, a wine cellar, and a cigar bar. In addition to social lounges, there are quiet zones for sleeping and relaxing, while spa offerings range from massages to hair styling services. Best of all, boarding is hassle-free since elevators allow first-class passengers to access the jet bridge directly from the lounge.

Finnair Platinum Wing Lounge

HELSINKI AIRPORT, FINLAND

Should business or pleasure take you to Finland, make sure you spend time in Helsinki's [Finnair Platinum Wing Lounge](#). It's quite the relaxing way to start or end your trip. Reserved for Finnair frequent fliers in addition to [oneworld](#) emerald members, this sleek, modern lounge is sure to impress. Inspired by everything Nordic, from the minimal design aesthetic to the food and beverage provided, the Platinum Wing Lounge feels like a luxurious oasis. With enough seats for 155 passengers, the exclusive space is often uncrowded and quite peaceful. In addition to the private showers available for guests, the lounge also offers a Finnish smoke sauna to sweat out toxins before your next flight.

Qantas First-Class Lounge

SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AUSTRALIA

Although Qantas also has first-class lounges in Los Angeles and Melbourne, [the lounge at Sydney International Airport](#) is its best by far. At 23,000 square feet, the space was designed using feng shui principles, which allows for optimum energy flow within the modern décor. The entrance to the lounge features an Instagram-worthy vertical garden and the individual spa rooms are decorated similarly with live plants adorning the walls. In addition to being a business space for working travelers, there are also several cozy reading nooks and open lounging spaces. From the expansive, light-filled windows to the long Carrera marble-top bar, everything about this lounge allows for beauty and ease.

Cathay Pacific, The Pier, First

HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, HONG KONG

Cathay Pacific's first-class lounge, which is simply called [The Pier, First](#), aims to be a welcoming home away from home for travelers. The lounge was intentionally designed in warm, earthy tones with dark wood and bronze finishings used throughout. If you're hungry, head to "The Dining Room" for a gourmet meal or "The Pantry" to partake in a plentiful buffet. The lounge's "Living Room" provides plenty of open seating and an inviting horseshoe-shaped bar. If privacy is what you're after, there are also several individual rooms for napping, lounging, or working. To promote the sense of well being and relaxation we seek in our homes, the spa specializes in reflexology foot massages to revitalize the weariest of travelers.

Air France First-Class Lounge

CHARLES DE GAULLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FRANCE

Most people fall in love with Paris for its beauty, style, and delectable food. If you're lucky enough to be a first-class passenger on Air France, you'll find Charles de Gaulle's [First-Class Lounge](#) is no different. In addition to its gourmet restaurant and bountiful buffet, the chic bar flows with French champagne at all hours of the day. The bathrooms are completely private and spacious shower rooms come equipped with fancy shampoos and cozy robes. Whether you choose to board first or last, you'll be traveling in style.

American Express Centurion Lounge

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AIRPORT, UNITED STATES

American Express

This stateside lounge is likely the most attainable on the list since those with the American Express Platinum or Centurion cards are allowed complimentary access. The [American Express Centurion Lounge](#) still offers a luxurious respite from the rest of Dallas-Fort Worth, which is a busy hub for American Airlines. During long delays or overnight stays, the Centurion is an elegant place for passengers to recharge and refresh between flights. In addition to private conference rooms, high-speed WiFi, and a computer bar, the Dallas Centurion features a delicious menu crafted by a James Beard Award-winning chef and handmade, complimentary cocktails. Plus, there's a soundproof room for kids, private showers, and a spa for relaxing amidst the chaos.

Al Safwa First Class Lounge

HAMAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, DOHA, QATAR

Qatar Airways

Platinum members of Qatar Airways can find five-star luxury when they travel to or through Hamad International Airport in Doha, Qatar. The stunning [Al Safwa First Class Lounge](#) is a stunning open space that combines Arabian grandeur with ultramodern features. This oasis of luxury includes cavernous open spaces, which offer a nice respite from a cramped airplane cabin, Islamic art installations, including a waterfall feature, and delicious dining options. Best of all is the lounge's Qspa, where you can relax in a jacuzzi, enjoy a mani-pedi, or find serenity in the relaxation room.