



MAXIMIZING STOPOVER AND LAYOVER FLIGHT SCHEDULE

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How to **ALWAYS** travel with the benefit of visiting 2 countries for the price of one ticket.

On every airline

AT NO EXTRA FLIGHT COST

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How this works.

Every airline or national carrier **MUST** touch down at their country hub, which is usually the capital city when traveling from one country to another.

e.g Qatar airways will touch down in Doha first, Turkish airline will connect in Istanbul first, Air France will first go to Paris e.t.c on **ALL** their connecting flight.



So on EVERY connecting flight;

If you want to see the country or capital city;
You should book your flight with a

LONG LAYOVER
or
STOPOVER

Learn to make the most of
layovers and stopover programs


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Diff between LAYOVER and STOPOVER

Layover is stopping at the connecting city for only a few hours (up to 23hrs).

Stopover is stopping at the connecting city for longer than 23hrs (up to several days)



All connecting flights **layover** in their country's hub, which is usually the capital city.

Whilst you can practically book **stopover** on any trip, not all airlines offer stopover **as a program**



Stopover means you have decided to stop in the city for a few days, either on a single or multi-city booking option.

Stopover program is when the airline provides the stop as part of the single city booking option and sometimes offers the stopover with free city tours and/or accommodation.

A woman with long dark hair, wearing sunglasses, a red patterned long-sleeved shirt, and red pants, stands in the foreground on a paved area. Behind her is the base of the Eiffel Tower, with its intricate metal lattice structure visible. The tower extends upwards into a clear blue sky. A glass and metal fence runs across the middle ground. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

Stopover Program or Not

Not to worry, even when the airline does not specifically provide stopover as a program, you can still hack a good deal when you book your stopover on multi-city trip option.



Example of Airlines that provide stopover programs and how to use them.

Qatar Airways - Offers a stopover of up to 3 days on either leg of the flight.

Turkish Airline - Provides a stopover with a free city tour on one leg of the trip and free accommodation (must be booked alongside the flight) on the other leg.

There are several others...always look out for these deals when planning your itinerary.



IMPORTANT NOTE!

Whether you are on an 8 hr layover or a 3 day stopover, you **CANNOT** access your **checked-in bag** until you reach your final destination.

So, make sure all your essentials such as mini toiletries (less than 100ml for liquids) and extra clothing are in your carry-on bag.



IMPORTANT NOTE!

Depending on your nationality, you **MAY need a visa** to enter the connecting city during your layover or stopover.

Make sure you check the immigration / visa requirements, otherwise, you may be stuck at the airport.



IMPORTANT NOTE!

When planning to stopover, make sure you book your **accommodation** alongside the flight to avoid surprises.

Utilize the airline's website and/or directories for direct benefits and good discounts.

A woman in a red dress stands in the foreground, looking towards the camera. Behind her is the Eiffel Tower, which is the central focus of the background. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The overall scene is a travel-related image.

IMPORTANT NOTE!

If you have a layover flight to the city, make sure you have enough time to go to town and return to the airport before your connecting flight departs.

I suggest **at least an 8-hour layover**, considering the distance from the airport to the city and the size of the airport for security checks when returning to board.


If your layover is **longer than 12 hours** and includes an overnight stay, you may be entitled to free accommodation for the night. Check with the airline.



Tips from my most recent Layover

How I visited **Kenya** on a trip to
South Africa

1. I booked a Kenya Airways itinerary.
2. Processed Kenya eTA. This allowed me to enter Nairobi.
3. Ensured my layover was long enough (8 hrs) to travel to and from the airport and still have time to see the city and have lunch at a local restaurant.
4. Packed change of clothes and mini toiletries in my carry-on bag.
5. Used Uber to travel to and from airport/city. It is way cheaper than Airport taxis.



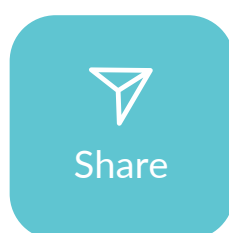
Going forward, you **MUST** take advantage of long **LAYOVERS** and **STOPOVERS**, especially for countries or cities you have not visited before and, of course, if you have extra time.

AT NO EXTRA FLIGHT COST!
That's the good part

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