



# Airport Stories

John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City is a busy international airport. Every day thousands of travelers arrive at JFK Airport from many different countries. Every one of them has a different story to tell. We spent an afternoon in the arrivals area at JFK last week talking to travelers arriving from abroad. We asked them: Why are you here?

## ON THEIR HONEYMOON

**Maki, 25, and Koji, 27,  
from Nagasaki, Japan**

Why are you here?

We're on our honeymoon. We got married last Saturday.

**Congratulations!**

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We're staying at the Kitano Hotel. We're just here for a few days.

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Everything is organized for us. Tomorrow we're taking a bus tour of the city, and in the evening we're seeing a Broadway show. Then on Tuesday we're going to a baseball game at Yankee Stadium, and on Wednesday we're flying to Boston.

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On Friday. We're going to Toronto next, and then to Montreal...



## LOOKING FOR A JOB

**Marina, 23, from Porto Alegre, Brazil**

Why are you here?

I'm going to look for a job. Maybe as an au pair, taking care of children. And I want to improve my English too, so I can get a better job when I go back home. I hope I can find some work quickly. I'm going to look through the newspaper ads today.

1 *Is this your first visit?*

Yes, it is. I'm really looking forward to living here, but I'm a little nervous, too.

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Six months or a year. It depends how things go.

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Yes, I have a friend who's working here in a restaurant. I'm going to stay with her for a few weeks until I can find my own apartment.



## A FAMILY REUNION

**Jonathan, 35, just arrived  
from Melbourne, Australia**

Why are you here?

I'm going to see my dad in Connecticut. It's his seventieth birthday tomorrow.

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No. It's going to be a big surprise for him. And it's going to be very emotional, too. I moved to Australia in 1998, and the last time I saw my dad was five years ago. It's too expensive to visit very often, and my father can't fly – he had a heart operation last year.

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By train. The whole family is waiting at my parents' house. We're going to have a big party there tomorrow night.

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Yes, for a month. It's too far to come for a short time – and I want to see all my old friends here as well as my family.

