

BEFORE YOU CATCH YOUR FLIGHT ...



Think about an airport. You go there, you check in and then you catch your flight. Is that all you can do? No, airports have lots of interesting things to do.

If you go to Changi Airport in Singapore, you can go down the world's tallest slide. In Terminal 3, there's a 12-metre-high slide for children and adults.

Do you want to feel very relaxed before your flight? Try the beautiful Zen Garden at Dubai Airport. Or if you are feeling very tired, there are Napcabs at Munich Airport. They are very small rooms where you can sleep for one or two hours.



Terminal 3 Changi Airport, Singapore

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Airport name	Changi Airport	Dubai International	Munich International
A city	Singapore	Dubai	Munich
B size	1 _____	2 _____	1,575 hectares
C year opened	1981	3 _____	4 _____
D number of terminals	5 _____	6 _____	two
E cost (US\$) of changes	7 _____ (Terminal 4)	4.5 billion (Terminal 3)	8 _____ (Terminal 2 new area)



Dubai International Airport

MINI CITIES

These days, airports are like small cities. They all have lots of shops and restaurants and they are big. Changi Airport has an area of 2,500 hectares (that's 25 square kilometres). Munich Airport is a bit smaller with 1,575 hectares. But Dubai Airport is very big with an area of 2,900 square hectares.

All these airports have grown over the years. Changi Airport opened with one terminal in 1981. It now has four terminals. Dubai Airport was very small when it opened in 1960. It now has three terminals. Munich Airport opened with one terminal in 1992. It now has two terminals and Terminal 2 also has an extra new area.

CHANGES AREN'T CHEAP

It costs a lot of money to make airports bigger and better. For example, Terminal 3 at Dubai Airport cost 4.5 billion dollars. Munich Airport's new area for Terminal 2 cost 695 million dollars. And Terminal 4 at Changi Airport cost 730 million dollars.

Munich International Airport

