

- a Read the article about TripAside. Do you think it's a good idea?

No more boring stopovers – go on a guided tour!

Few things are more depressing than spending hours in an airport terminal waiting for a connecting flight.



Emmanuel Rozenblum and Anna Veyrenc launched their business in Paris

There you are, sitting in the departure lounge watching the clock, or ¹ _____. And the most frustrating thing is that outside the airport there is a foreign city which you'd really like to look around, full of great
05 tourist attractions, restaurants, and shops. But you don't want to leave the airport, because ² _____, and will miss your flight.

Frenchman Emmanuel Rozenblum and his sister were on a stopover at Warsaw's main airport three years ago.
10 But ³ _____, so they decided to go into town.

'We left the airport on our own,' says Mr Rozenblum, 'but we didn't know which bus to take, and
4 _____.'

They caught their flight, and ⁵ _____. Millions of
15 air travellers make stopovers every year, so Emmanuel thought he could organize short guided trips into the nearest city or countryside.

His idea is that a guide picks up the travellers at the airport, takes them quickly around the sights and to a
20 restaurant, and then ⁶ _____.

In March 2015, he and business partner Anna Veyrenc started their 'stopover tours' business, called TripAside in Paris. ⁷ _____, and today it has expanded to Frankfurt, London, Brussels, Rome, and Madrid.

25 Now other small companies are offering similar tours worldwide, from Beijing to Moscow. So, next time you have a long stopover between flights, ⁸ _____ – book a tour!

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- b Read the article again and complete it with the missing phrases A–H.

- A don't just go to sleep at the airport
- B It was an immediate success
- C the experience gave Emmanuel the idea for a new business
- D looking around the duty-free shop for the eighth time
- E they really didn't want to spend eight hours waiting for their connecting flight
- F we were really stressed about getting back in time
- G guarantees to get them back to the airport in time for their connecting flight
- H you're terrified that you won't get back in time

- c Look at some words and phrases from the article related to air travel. What do you think they mean?

stopover (AmE layover) connecting flight
departure lounge duty-free shop air traveller

- d 3.4 Listen to a traveller meeting his guide at an airport. Which city is he in?



- e Listen again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false). Correct the F sentences.

- 1 Jake isn't very tired. **T F**
- 2 He hasn't been to Europe before. **T F**
- 3 His next flight is to Lisbon. **T F**
- 4 He's travelling to a conference. **T F**
- 5 He doesn't know anybody there. **T F**
- 6 The tour includes visits to historic sites. **T F**
- 7 He isn't planning to buy anything for himself. **T F**
- 8 They don't have time to stop for lunch. **T F**
- 9 The weather forecast isn't very good. **T F**
- 10 He's looking forward to the tour. **T F**