

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