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Stopovers in Frankfurt are effortless.

Passport holders from some nations require a transit visa when transiting through Frankfurt. We recommend that you check with your airline or your consulate.

You may not even be checked.

If you are traveling between EU countries that have ratified the Schengen Treaty, there are no passport or customs checks at all. Currently, these are: Belgium, Germany, France, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Austria, Greece, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic and Hungary. Those arriving from or traveling to any other country must have their passports checked in Frankfurt.

Tip for your stay in Frankfurt:

Frankfurt Airport is a world of a thousand possibilities for shopping, having interesting experiences and enjoying yourself (<http://www.airportcity-frankfurt.com/cms/default/rubrik/9/9809.experience.htm>). So it's definitely worth your while to check it out — provided that you have enough time to leave the transit zone. In this case, of course, you officially enter Germany and must therefore comply with all immigration requirements. It's nowhere near as bad as it sounds, however: you simply go through the passport check, possibly customs as well, and you may have to show that you have a visa. To be on the safe side, leave enough time for the security and passport checks when re-entering the transit zone.

In the transit zone as well, you will find many shops, places to eat and drink, and other things to do to pass the time.