

TA travel tips

Airport lounges



What better way to relax before a long flight than in an airport lounge.

Most airlines have their own lounges in major airports although they will sometimes share with an alliance partner. In some cases the lounge is reserved for those travelling in Business or First Class while others also allow access to frequent flyers who have qualified for a higher level of membership.

What you can expect from a lounge varies from one airline to the next, but in general you can expect to find the following:

- Comfortable seating in a quiet environment
- A selection of hot and cold drinks (including alcohol)
- A selection of snacks such as sandwiches, cheese and crackers, fresh fruit and salad
- Wi-Fi internet access
- PCs, printers, telephones and fax machines
- Showers
- Televisions
- Newspapers and magazines

As well as airline lounges, many airports now also feature independent lounges that are open to all travellers for a small fee, regardless of airline or class of travel. The independent Bid Air Premier Club Lounges are located in both the domestic and international terminals at most South African Airports.

Certain credit cards allow free access into the Bid Air Premier Club Lounges, including:

- FNB Private Client cards
- ABSA Platinum cards
- American Express Gold cards
- Diners Club cards
- Investec Dividends cards
- Nedbank Platinum cards

Next time you fly why not pre-purchase a voucher to one of the Bid Air Premier Lounges from your Travel Associates consultant and arrive in style.

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