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For tech savvy travellers carrying a couple of mobile devices, access to power charging stations are essential while in transit.

Frequent travellers depend on mobile gadgets, particularly business travellers, but leisure travellers are far from immune. One study revealed not surprisingly, that 97% of business travellers carry at least one mobile device.

With travelling kids laden with their own entertainment-specific devices, families can be hungry power consumers whilst in transit. Keeping gadgets powered up is one of the most frustrating chores for frequent travellers. Even if you travel with a portable 'power pack' you'll soon need to find a way to charge it along with all your other devices. Airport lounges cater to this need well, but for those without lounge access here is the Skyscanner lowdown on 10 airports that offer free gadget charging options.

1. Changi Airport Singapore

Take a bow Singapore, you're one cool cat when it comes to keeping travellers happy and fully charged. It's no surprise that travellers voted Changi number 1 in the World's Top Airports of 2015. Seats come equipped with power sockets and charging stations are located in all terminals in prime locations. Nice one.

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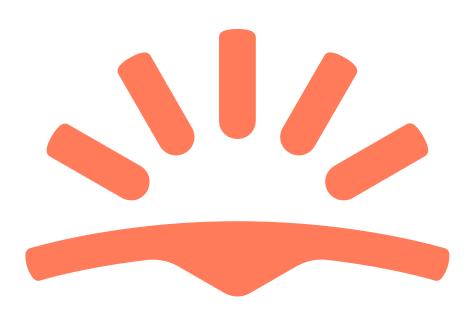


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2. Chicago O'Hare International Airport

Chicago O'Hare gets it right with charging stations located across the entire airport. Sponsored four-to-eight seat rows of desk-like booths are pretty cool. Travellers get a power outlet, a seat and a platform to rest equipment on without fear of laptops or phones falling to the floor. These booths alone make Chicago a winner for travellers in transit, but they take it a step further with rows of seats that incorporate power outlets below the seats as standard.

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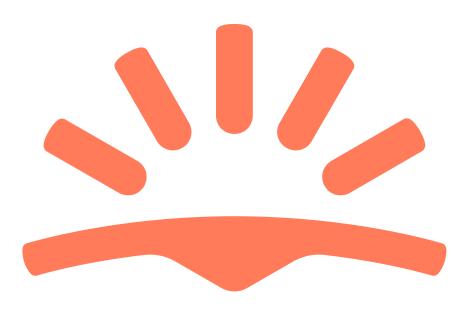


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3. Denver International Airport

Another American airport that caters well to gadget-heavy travellers. Charging stations are numerous, conveniently located near departure gates and they're free. What more could a power-hungry traveller ask for!

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4. Vancouver International Airport

The good folk at Vancouver International Airport are well aware that travellers' needs have changed over the years. They also realise that passengers were never thrilled with sitting on the floor next to random power points trying to desperately get some juice into their devices before boarding. So they installed 110 charging stations between seats throughout their terminals, with each station featuring six power points and two USB ports. Trust the Canadians to return some dignity to the often undignified business of long-haul travel.

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5. Las Vegas McCarran International Airport

Tech-savvy travellers are the beneficiaries of Las Vegas's airport upgrade with a couple thousand power sockets and USB ports installed in T1. They're everywhere travellers want them to be – under seats, inside bars and beside tables in restaurants. The word on the street is that lounge chairs with in-built outlets will soon be installed in waiting areas where power points are currently limited.

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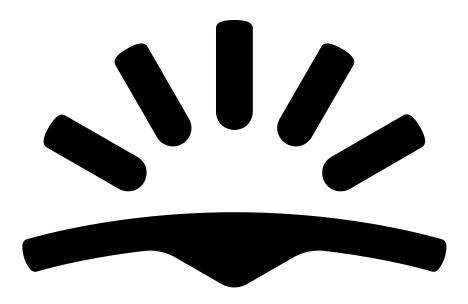


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6. Hong Kong International Airport

Over 250 charging points are installed throughout T1. Look for them in seating areas on levels 4 to 7. Additionally, the Airport Express station has kiosks with jacks supplied for all major phone types – a lifesaver if you've forgotten or lost your charger!

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7. London Heathrow Airport

Officially the world's most mobile-friendly airport with over 3,000 plug sockets located in departure lounges across five terminals. That's pretty good odds for finding an available socket to charge up before a 24 hour journey back to Australia.

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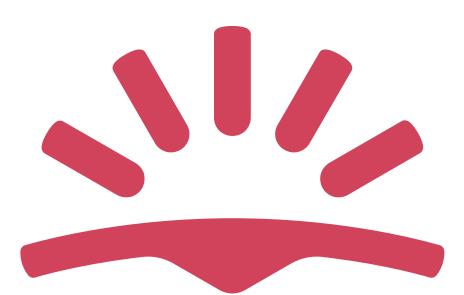


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8. Los Angeles International Airport

Almost \$2bn in airport upgrades will buy a lot of power points so there wasn't a lot of change left in the 'upgrade budget' a few years back at Tom Bradley International Terminal. Power outlets are located at 50% of seats at departure gates. Approximately 60 work-station counters have made life a lot easier for travellers at one of America's busiest airports.

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9. Tokyo Narita International Airport

It comes as no real surprise to find that the tech-savvy Japanese are leading the way at Narita Airport. Free charging stations and power points are everywhere. Find them in domestic and international terminals, both before and after immigration, at departure gates and food halls. There's no excuse whatsoever to find yourself out of juice when transiting in Tokyo.

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10. Munich Airport

The Germans are no shrinking violet when it comes to switched on solutions and Munich Airport is no exception. Complimentary charging stations support over 1,400 power sockets and almost 1,200 USB charging ports conveniently located near departure gates in T1 and T2. German ingenuity at its finest!

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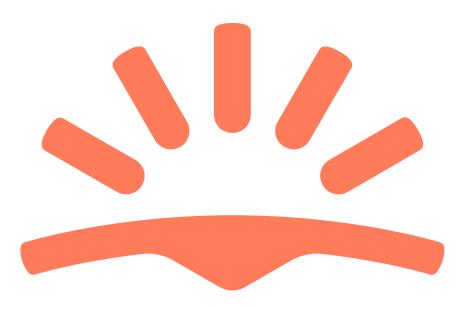


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