

AIRPORT HOTELS: THE BEST AND THE WORST



Traveling can be certainly a quite unpleasant experience. Waiting for flights, security measures, all these things make air traveling very tiring. When a traveler gets stuck in a traffic jam, things get even more stressful. These are some reasons that make airport hotels more and more popular these days. An airport hotel is a facility located at or near the airport. It is used mainly for short-term stopovers. Some of the hotels have quite high standards of services.

Novotel in Suvarnabhumi Airport, Bangkok for example is marketed as a four-star hotel. It is situated only two-minute shuttle bus ride from Bangkok's new Suvarnabhumi International Airport. The shuttle works 24 hour a day. The hotel's interiors are stylish. There is a huge marbled foyer with a high ceiling and there are also glass walls. In its four restaurants, a customer may taste Japanese, Chinese, European or Thai cuisine. More active visitors may want to try the outdoor pool or the hotel's fitness centre. For those who prefer pampering there is a large spa. Rooms themselves are also luxurious. They have marbled bathrooms. A guest may also enjoy Wi-Fi High speed wireless Internet service or large flat-screen television. There is a mini-bar and safe in each room. From the hotel it takes some 35 minutes by cab to the downtown Bangkok and approximately 30 minutes to the seaside resort town of Pattaya.

At the Sydney Airport in Australia, there is Hotel Ibis, which has been opened in 2003. This facility is one kilometer from the Sydney domestic airport, and three kilometers from the international airport or 20-minute cab ride from Sydney Central. Its rooms are not very spacious but the services are satisfying. Rooms are equipped with, a wall-mounted flat screen TV, internet and other amenities.

However, there are not only good airport hotels. For example Manila Airport Hotel in Philippines, Riande Aeropuerto Hotel in Panama and Resort Britannia Country House Hotel in England are among those with rather bad reputation.

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