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## What to do when stranded in an airport?

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Measure the distance around the terminal and walk 6 miles. Not all at once, of course since I didn't want to attract security as a woman acting strange. I also don't want to get all sweaty just in case I finally do get on a plane and sit next to somebody besides DH (who always accepts me as I am)

It helps that my travel clothes always include a running shirt & bra, running shoes and lightweight pants.

We were at the gate for 10 hours while the airline tried to fix the "technical difficulties" and gave us hourly updates about how the latest repair didn't work.

Finally at 8:30 pm they canceled the flight, sent all 400 of us to hotels with vouchers for dinner and breakfast.

While this wasn't an ideal ending to our month in Europe, I wasn't in the position of some travelers who were missing the start of their USA vacation, family wedding, business meetings etc. They were more upset than I was although I did wonder why there wasn't some backup, reserve plane that could be rolled out in such circumstances.

The next day we took off in a "different" plane. Upon arrival in Washington, DC there was another problem. It seems our luggage and that of many passengers was never put on the new plane.

So I don't have to do laundry yet. 30 days of dirty clothes are traveling the world without me.

I kept up my spark login streak, ran almost every day and returned only 1.5 pounds heavier. DH gained 11. Yes, that's eleven!

Now back to reality. More once the jetlag subsides.

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**SWEDE\_SU**

oh the joys:-) we have indeed been there, last time around we "won" a free night in iceland - and were glad that the night we spent there was on our return home, and not when we were heading over to sweden for a conference. by now i suspect your luggage has turned up (we had to wait for two weeks the year of the icelandic volcano while ours traveled across the ocean, the country, the state... very well-traveled luggage:-)

and welcome home again!  
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**MARYJEANSL**

Congratulations! I consider it nothing short of a miracle to not have to do thirty days' worth of laundry. Also congratulations for not having gained any weight (within the margin of error). What a wonderful trip, in spite of glitches and planes that can't be repaired. :-) It's too bad your dirty laundry can't tell stories, since I imagine its travels were pretty interesting.

2042 days ago



**CD4114015**

SO glad you're back...missed you! The weight is NOT a problem for you, I know! I have been super busy too so timing is perfect!



2044 days ago



**DOVESEYES**



2045 days ago



**LIVEDAILY**

Hope you get your luggage soon! Will the airline deliver it to you at home? Oh my, an

unfortunate weight gain for DH, and so close to Thanksgiving, too!!  
Welcome home!!

2045 days ago



**PHEBESS**

Airports can be great places to walk - and you don't get the weather, either!

But yes, flight delays and cancellations are a pain. Not so bad if you have the time, but horrid if you have a time crunch or event to get to.

2045 days ago



**MISCHAKEO**

That was frustrating. I walk laps at the airport also. It is too bad about your luggage. However gaining only 1.5 pounds is great.

2045 days ago



**HELEN\_BRU**

You got home safe and sound. That's the main thing!!!! Hope that luggage is as lucky.

2045 days ago



**LYNDALOVES2HIKE**

Not the most fun way to end the trip but definitely another 'adventure' to add to the roster! Which airline were you flying? We always take Lufthansa now because of the great service and the fact they seem to avoid problems like the one you experienced! Our 2003 trip was on a different airline and there was a storm that caused us to land briefly in Chicago before going to JFK to meet our connecting flight. Of course, we missed it and there were about 4-5,000 passengers in the same fix so this is where I learned what a major difference there is between various seat arrangements - people who booked thru discount sites like Expedia or CheapTickets.com OR who were on discount airlines had the most trouble getting another flight. We were lucky to get a hotel room and another flight the following day. Some people were stranded with no hotel room and no flight for days - yikes!



Anyway, glad you're home safe and sound and hope your dirty laundry enjoys its adventure!!



2045 days ago



**KELLIEBEAN**

Great plan staying active! I hope you luggage catches up with you soon although a break from



laundry is a good thing!  
2045 days ago



**WILSONWR**

What an interesting end to your vacation! I'm impressed you only gained a pound and a half during the trip. I'm afraid I'd be more like your DH...

2045 days ago



**ONEKIDSMOM**

What a great experience you have shared! And as for the travel... I'm with you... been known



to pace a few airports!  
to deal with it!  
2045 days ago



**SWEETNEEY**



2045 days ago



**GARDENCHRIS**

been there done that , walking around looking at things is always good . though they always got my plane fixed.

2045 days ago



**KBSPARKY**

welcome back!  
2045 days ago



**NELLJONES**

We all have our travel disaster stories. This one will be a good one to tell over many dinners to come.

2045 days ago



**JERZRN**

Wow, glad you made it home safe. Hope your luggage gets home soon!

2046 days ago



**HMBROWN1**

A month long vacation and a 1.5 pound gain. That is just a SUPER success story. Congrats to you. I hope that your luggage returns soon.

2046 days ago



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