

The Foodist's Favorite Airport Eateries, from JFK to NRT



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Is there anything more depressing than a limp, plastic-wrapped turkey sandwich from an airport kiosk? No, there is not. That's why *BA* restaurant and drinks editor **Andrew Knowlton** pit-stops at these airport restaurants instead.

Blue Smoke on the Road, JFK

At Delta's Terminal 4, I order a double burger to go at [Shake Shack](#), then head to the bar at sister restaurant [Blue Smoke](#) for a shot of Wild Turkey 101 and maybe some spicy pimiento cheese.

Tortas Frontera, O'Hare

The breakfast egg-and-chorizo torta at **Rick Bayless's** Mexican sandwich shop might be the best bite in any airport in the world. And the prickly-pear agua fresca sure beats a \$5 bottle of water.

The Larder at Tavern, LAX

Herb-roasted organic chicken? With curried cauliflower? From chef **Suzanne Goin**? In the international terminal?! Yes, you could say it's better than a slice from Sbarro.

One Flew South, Hartsfield-Jackson in Atlanta

If I'm not eating Popeye's, I'm making a special trip over to this proper restaurant in Terminal E for shrimp and grits and a classic Old Fashioned.

Root Down, Denver International Airport

Good tap beer has always been a bonus of flying through the Mile High City, but now I can add a Colombian-style griddled cheese made with corn cakes and a pretzel brownie à la mode from one of Denver's best restaurants.



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Mention: One Flew South

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Sushi Kyotatsu, Narita Airport, Tokyo

Near Gate 34 in Terminal 1 of Tokyo's Narita Airport is a magical place called Sushi Kyotatsu—the best airport restaurant in the world. It's not just good-for-an-airport good, it's good-for-*Tokyo* good. The best meal I had on my trip to China last year? Sushi Kyotatsu on the way home: super-fresh fish, frosty mugs of Sapporo, friendly waiters, and skilled chefs—everything you've come *not* to expect from airport food.

Yo Sushi, Oslo

I know what you are thinking...sushi in Oslo? But I've been through this airport a million times and it's the most consistent spot here. Sushi is made fresh daily (rotary) and damn if the dumplings aren't 100 percent better than they should be.

Any Bojangles or Popeyes at any Southern airport: ATL, BNA, CLT, RDU

If there's one in an airport, I'll find it.

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