

There you are, sitting in the departure lounge watching the clock, or ¹ _____. And the most frustrating thing is that outside the airport there is a foreign city which you'd really like to look around, full of great
05 tourist attractions, restaurants, and shops. But you don't want to leave the airport, because ² _____, and will miss your flight.

Frenchman Emmanuel Rozenblum and his sister were on a stopover at Warsaw's main airport three years ago.
10 But ³ _____, so they decided to go into town.

'We left the airport on our own,' says Mr Rozenblum, 'but we didn't know which bus to take, and
4 _____.'

They caught their flight, and ⁵ _____. Millions of
15 air travellers make stopovers every year, so Emmanuel thought he could organize short guided trips into the nearest city or countryside.

His idea is that a guide picks up the travellers at the airport, takes them quickly around the sights and to a
20 restaurant, and then ⁶ _____.

In March 2015, he and business partner Anna Veyrenc started their 'stopover tours' business, called TripAside, in Paris. ⁷ _____, and today it has expanded to Frankfurt, London, Brussels, Rome, and Madrid.
25 Now other small companies are offering similar tours worldwide, from Beijing to Moscow. So, next time you have a long stopover between flights, ⁸ _____ – book a tour!

Adapted from the British newspaper The Guardian

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