

Yes, You Can Do Full-Face Makeup in an Airport Bathroom — Here's How

Arrive refreshed and camera ready.

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No matter how cute you look at the start of a long-haul flight, there's a good chance you're going to look a little disheveled by the end of it — assuming you're a real human and all.

“Unless you spend your entire flight drinking water and misting yourself with thermal water, your face is just not going to look fresh by the time your redeye lands,” shares [Kaffe Cosmetics](#) beauty director, Liora Asaf. “During the flight you need to make sure you're drinking, sleeping, and relaxing — at least give your skin the basics it needs to be able to get back into beauty-shape after the flight. If you spend six hours watching movies and drinking wine, you're asking for flaky, dull skin by the time you hit land again.”

After you've landed at your glamorous final destination, the key is to make a beeline for the bright lights of the public bathrooms just beyond the gate. Makeup artists agree that if you have to choose the lighting of either the airplane bathroom or the one near your gate, the gate always wins.

“There's open air and usually a lot of fluorescent lighting at the gate, and while that's not ideal for makeup, it's about a thousand times better than trying to put your face on while rocking and rolling 30,000 feet above the ground, and in dim lighting to boot.”

Mastering your five-minute-or-less (because honestly, how long can you stand hanging out in a public bathroom?) gate-ready beauty game comes down to packing just the right essentials in your carryon.

Professional makeup artist [Jessika Bekteshi](#) helped narrow down the list of what you'll really need to do to make yourself glow like a pro after a long flight.

5. Carry a stick of universal tint to serve both cheeks and lips.

Adding just a dab of deep, rosy pink to cheeks and lips instantly breathes new life into a tired, just-off-a-plane face. Skip the foundations and heavy contouring for now. Try a formula that's TSA-friendly, easy to maneuver, and doesn't require brushes or additional tools in the airport bathroom. One to try: [Votré Vu Rouge Color Accent for Lips and Face](#), \$29.

