

## AIR INDIA STRENGTHENS INTERNATIONAL ROUTE NETWORK IN NORTHERN SUMMER SCHEDULE

**GURUGRAM, 13 February 2025:** Air India today announced a number of additional frequencies on key routes as part of its Northern Summer schedule effective 30 March 2025:

### United Kingdom:

- **Delhi-London Heathrow:** Addition of 3x weekly flights, increasing from 21x to 24x weekly flights operated by a combination of Air India's flagship A350-900 and upgraded B787-9 aircraft.
- **Amritsar-Birmingham:** Increasing from 3x to 4x weekly flights
- **Amritsar-London Gatwick:** Increasing from 3x to 4x weekly flights
- **Ahmedabad-London Gatwick:** Increasing from 3x to 5x weekly flights

### Rest of Europe:

- **Delhi-Zurich:** Increasing from 4x to 5x weekly flights
- **Delhi-Vienna:** Increasing from 3x to 4x weekly flights

### Far East Asia:

- **Delhi-Seoul (Incheon):** Increasing from 4x to 5x weekly flights
- **Delhi-Hong Kong:** Switching from A321 to B787 Dreamliner on 7x weekly flights

### Africa:

- **Delhi-Nairobi:** Increasing from 3x to 4x weekly flights

The modernisation of the Airline's narrowbody aircraft is progressing well, and will complete in mid-2025, while the first of the legacy widebodies, a Boeing 787, will commence retrofit of new seats and entertainment systems in April and re-enter service in October 2025. Thereafter, two-to-three B787s will be inducted per month until all 27 legacy aircraft have been upgraded.

Retrofit of the legacy Boeing 777 fleet with new seats and entertainment systems, originally due to commence in 2025, will now commence in early 2026 due to production constraints at the selected seat supplier. In the meantime, Air India is taking the opportunity to refresh as many other elements of the B777 interiors as feasible during 2025, ahead of the full retrofit program.

Arising from the retrofit program and consequent temporary reduction in the operational fleet, the Airline will suspend its non-stop Mumbai-Melbourne service between 30 March and 13 September 2025, and the non-stop Kochi-London Gatwick route from 30 March 2025 until further notice. Air India will continue to operate 12x weekly flights to London Gatwick from Amritsar, Ahmedabad and Goa.

### **About Air India group**

The Air India group – comprising of full-service global airline Air India and low-cost regional carrier Air India Express – is spearheading a new era of Indian aviation. The Air India story began in 1932 when JRD Tata piloted the airline's inaugural flight and opened the skies for aviation in India. Today, Air India group employs more than 30,000 people, operates over 300 aircraft and carries customers to 55 domestic and 48 international destinations across five continents.

Returning to the Tata Sons in 2022 following 70 years under Government ownership, Air India group is in the midst of a five-year transformation program, Vihaan.AI. As part of the transformation, Air India has placed an order for 570 new aircraft. In 2024, sister airlines Air Asia India and Vistara were successfully merged into Air India Express and Air India, respectively, and the Airline opened South Asia's largest aviation training academy. A new flying school is scheduled

to open in 2025, and construction of a greenfield maintenance base, to be operational in 2026, is underway. In addition to receiving new aircraft, all existing aircraft are progressively undergoing a full interior refit.

With transformation underway across all facets of the business and India's rich legacy of hospitality, Air India is committed to being a world class global airline with an Indian heart.

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