

## AIR INDIA ANNOUNCES 2025 NETWORK UPDATES, REVEALS UPGRADED PRODUCTS ON MORE ROUTES IN NEW YEAR

- All Delhi-Bangkok flights to be operated by Air India's retrofitted A320neo
- Flights to Frankfurt and Singapore from Delhi and Mumbai to offer modern cabin interiors
- Optimised flight schedules to enable two-way connections between East and West via India

**GURUGRAM, 16 December 2024:** Air India today announced significant updates to its international route network starting 2025. The changes will see Air India deploy its best aircraft to key gateways in Southeast Asia and Europe, complementing the deployment of its flagship A350 and B777 with upgraded cabin interiors on multiple U.S. and UK routes earlier.

The updates also lead to optimised flight schedules for key international routes to offer greater flexibility to travellers as well as to enable seamless intercontinental travel between North America or Europe and Australia or Southeast Asia via Air India's hubs in Delhi and Mumbai.

### Retrofitted A320neo on Delhi-Bangkok route

Air India will deploy its retrofitted A320neo on all flights between Delhi and Bangkok from 16 January 2025. The retrofitted aircraft feature fully refreshed interiors across three classes: Economy, Premium Economy, and Business Class. *Vista Stream*, Air India's complimentary wireless inflight entertainment (IFE) streaming service, is available on these aircraft for travellers to access 1600+ hours of rich entertainment content on their personal electronic devices.

Air India will also begin operating a fourth daily Delhi-Bangkok service from 01 January 2025, increasing frequency on the route from three times daily. The new service leads to evenly spaced departures to and from Bangkok throughout the day, offering both business and leisure travellers more choice. The increased frequency connects Bangkok to several destinations in North America and Europe via Air India's hub in Delhi. Travellers from cities such as New York, Chicago, Washington D.C., Toronto, Vancouver, London Heathrow, Frankfurt, Paris, Milan, and Amsterdam can take seamless one-stop flights to Bangkok via Delhi and vice-versa.

### Upgraded interiors on flights to Frankfurt and Singapore

Air India also announced the deployment of the erstwhile Vistara A321neo and B787-9 aircraft on the following routes:

- Delhi-Frankfurt and Mumbai-Frankfurt: Now operating on B787-9
- Delhi-Singapore: Once daily on B787-9 and twice daily on A321neo (from 01 January 2025)
- Mumbai-Singapore: Twice daily on A321neo (from 01 January 2025)

This optimised fleet deployment will provide the latest generation cabin interiors, including fully flat beds in Business Class and the consistent availability of Premium Economy on these routes. Air India is amongst the few airlines in Asia to offer fully flat beds on its single-aisle A321neo aircraft in Business Class. These A321neo and B787-9 aircraft offer an immersive inflight entertainment experience on HD screens across cabins as well as WiFi internet connectivity on board.

Travellers to and from Singapore can also conveniently connect to various destinations in the United States, Canada, and Europe via Delhi or Mumbai.

## **Optimized schedules for Frankfurt, Paris, Sydney, and Melbourne flights**

Effective 01 February 2025, Air India has optimised the schedule of its flights on the Delhi-Frankfurt and Delhi-Paris routes. The new flight times now offer both daytime and nighttime departures on each route in both directions, providing greater flexibility to travellers. Air India has also retimed its daily flights on the Delhi-Sydney and Delhi-Melbourne routes to enable seamless two-way connectivity between Europe and Australia or points in Southeast Asia via Delhi.

This means travellers from London, Paris, and Frankfurt can now easily take one-stop connections to Sydney and Melbourne in Australia, and to points like Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, and Ho Chi Minh City in Southeast Asia via Delhi.

### **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 placed the then largest-ever order for 470 new aircraft in 2023. 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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