

## MEDIA NOTE

### Air India & Air India Express Enhance West Asia Operations on 7 March to Bring Stranded Travellers Home

Around 50 flights planned to and from Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Jeddah, Muscat, Ras Al Khaimah and Sharjah

**Gurugram, 06 March 2026:** With airspace over Saudi Arabia and Oman open, Air India and Air India Express continue to operate scheduled flights to and from Jeddah and Muscat. Airspace closures in other parts of West Asia still impact operations, and scheduled commercial flights to the affected regions remain suspended until further notice. To support guests stranded in the region, both airlines are operating additional non-scheduled commercial flights on 7 March with necessary clearances from Indian and local authorities. Air India Express will operate 43 flights across the region on 7 March, and together the airlines are connecting Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Jeddah, Muscat, Ras Al Khaimah and Sharjah with major Indian cities.

The following **scheduled flights** are planned to operate on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026:

Country	Airport	Airline	Sector	Flight no
Oman	Muscat (MCT)	Air India Express	Mumbai - Muscat - Mumbai	IX235 / IX236
			Delhi - Muscat - Delhi	IX163 / IX164
			Kochi - Muscat - Kochi	IX431 / IX432
			Kochi - Muscat - Kochi	IX441 / IX442
			Kozhikode - Muscat - Kozhikode	IX337 / IX338
			Kozhikode - Muscat - Kozhikode	IX318 / IX317
			Thiruvananthapuram - Muscat - Thiruvananthapuram	IX550 / IX549
Saudia Arabia	Jeddah (JED)	Air India	Delhi - Jeddah - Delhi	AI2255 / AI2256
			Mumbai - Jeddah - Mumbai	AI2251 / AI2252
			Mumbai - Jeddah - Mumbai	AI2245 / AI2246
		Air India Express	Kozhikode - Jeddah - Kozhikode	IX397 / IX398
			Mangaluru - Jeddah	IX845
			Jeddah - Hyderabad	IX940

The following additional non-scheduled flights are planned for 7 March. Since these flights are intended primarily for stranded travellers, priority will be given to guests holding existing bookings with either carrier.

Country	Airport	Airline	Sector	Flight no
UAE	Dubai (DXB)	Air India	Mumbai - Dubai - Delhi	AI4201 / AI4202
			Delhi - Dubai - Delhi	AI4205 / AI4206
		Air India Express	Mumbai - Dubai - Mumbai	IX2117 / IX2118
			Mumbai - Dubai - Mumbai	IX1117 / IX1118
			Delhi - Dubai - Delhi	IX2115 / IX2116
			Bengaluru - Dubai - Bengaluru	IX1115 / IX1116
	Ras Al Khaimah (RKT)	Air India Express	Mumbai - Ras Al Khaimah - Mumbai	IX1121 / IX1122
			Mumbai - Ras Al Khaimah - Mumbai	IX6605 / IX6606
			Kochi - Ras Al Khaimah - Kochi	IX1123 / IX1125

			Delhi - Ras Al Khaimah - Delhi	IX6603 / IX6604
			Bengaluru - Ras Al Khaimah - Bengaluru	IX6701 / IX6702
	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	Air India Express	Mumbai - Abu Dhabi - Mumbai	IX257 / IX268
			Bengaluru - Abu Dhabi - Bengaluru	IX865 / IX866
	Sharjah (SHJ)	Air India Express	Mumbai - Sharjah - Mumbai	IX251 / IX252
			Bengaluru - Sharjah - Bengaluru	IX6607 / IX6608
Oman	Muscat (MCT)	Air India Express	Mumbai - Muscat - Mumbai	IX1112 / IX1113
			Delhi - Muscat - Delhi	IX6601 / IX6602

Air India guests booked to travel from any point in the West Asia region (with tickets issued until 4 March 2026 and originally planned travel between 28 February and 8 March 2026) can conveniently rebook their flights to India on a future date within one month of originally intended travel date without any additional charges or otherwise applicable fare difference.

Air India guests are advised to raise their rebooking or cancellation requests on the airline's website at <http://airindia.com> or contact the 24x7 customer support hotline at **+911169329333** or **+911169329999**.

Air India Express guests booked to travel from any station in the UAE can conveniently rebook their flights without additional charges on Air India Express' *additional commercial flights* operating from any UAE station to any destination in India.

**Example:**

A guest with an active booking on a cancelled **Dubai – Jaipur** flight can now move their booking to a **Ras Al Khaimah – Delhi** flight at no extra cost.

Air India and Air India Express are proactively reaching out to impacted guests using the mobile numbers registered with the airline to provide rebooking options. Guests are requested to ensure their **current and active mobile numbers** are updated with the airline to receive these important notifications.

AIX Guests with active bookings can also rebook their flights through our AI-powered digital assistant **Tia**, available on WhatsApp at **+91 63600 12345**.

Air India group is exploring every opportunity to operate other additional ad-hoc flights to and from destinations in West Asia.

Air India's services to Europe (including the United Kingdom) and North America are operating as per schedule since 2 March 2026 on safe alternative routes. Due to the extended routing in the current circumstances, flights from India to North America are making technical stops at Rome (Fiumicino) or Vienna before continuing to the respective destinations.

**List of routes on which Air India or Air India Express operations remain suspended until further notice:**

Country	Route	Airline
UAE	Abu Dhabi to Bengaluru, Delhi, Kannur, Kochi, Kozhikode, Mangaluru, Mumbai, Pune, Thiruvananthapuram, and Tiruchirapalli,	Air India Express
	Ras Al-Khaimah to Kannur, and Kozhikode	
	Sharjah to Amritsar, Delhi, Indore, Kannur, Kochi, Kozhikode, Surat, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirapalli, Varanasi, and Vijayawada	

	Dubai to Amritsar, Goa, Jaipur, Lucknow, Kozhikode, Kannur, Kochi, Mangaluru, Surat, Thiruvananthapuram, and Tiruchirapalli	
	Dubai to Kochi, Hyderabad, and Kochi	Air India
Oman	Salalah to Kozhikode, Kochi	Air India Express
Saudi Arabia	Riyadh to Bengaluru, Lucknow, Kannur, Kozhikode, Kannur, and Thiruvananthapuram	Air India Express
	Riyadh to Delhi, and Mumbai	Air India
	Dammam to Bengaluru, Delhi, Kozhikode, Kochi, Mangaluru, Tiruchirapalli, and Thiruvananthapuram	Air India Express
	Dammam to Mumbai	Air India
Kuwait	Kuwait to Bengaluru, Kochi, Kozhikode, Mangaluru, and Tiruchirapalli	Air India Express
Bahrain	Bahrain to Kozhikode, Kochi, and Mangaluru	Air India Express
Qatar	Doha to Kannur, Kochi, Kozhikode, Mangaluru, Thiruvananthapuram	Air India Express
	Doha to Delhi and Mumbai	Air India

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