

AIR INDIA OPENS A NEW GATEWAY TO JAPAN WITH NON-STOP DELHI-OSAKA FLIGHTS STARTING FEBRUARY 2027

- Only airline to operate non-stop services between Delhi and Osaka

GURUGRAM, 15 OCTOBER 2026: Air India today announced new non-stop flights between Delhi and Osaka (Kansai International Airport), becoming the only airline to operate on the Delhi-Osaka route.

Beginning 2 February 2027, Air India will operate four weekly flights between India's capital and Japan's second-largest metropolitan area using its Boeing 787-8 aircraft, further strengthening connectivity between India and Japan.

Osaka will become Air India's second destination in Japan after Tokyo (Haneda), where the airline currently operates daily flights from Delhi and four weekly flights from Mumbai. The new service expands Air India's presence in a market witnessing strong growth in demand from Indian travellers and deepening economic, tourism, and cultural ties between the two countries.

The Boeing 787-8 deployed on the route features 18 full-flat beds in Business Class and 241 seats in Economy Class, delivering a comfortable travel experience between the two countries.

Convenient schedule and greater flexibility

Designed to maximise customer convenience, the new service (AI360) will depart Delhi late evening and arrive in Osaka at a convenient time the following morning. The return flight (AI359) will depart Osaka late in the morning and arrive in Delhi the same evening, offering seamless connectivity to destinations across Air India's domestic and international network.

The addition of Osaka also enables travellers to book open-jaw itineraries, allowing them to fly into Osaka and return from Tokyo, or vice versa. This added flexibility is particularly relevant as multi-city travel is becoming increasingly popular among Indian visitors to Japan, especially along the country's famed "Golden Route", encompassing Tokyo, Kyoto, and Osaka.

SCHEDULE OF FLIGHTS BETWEEN DELHI AND OSAKA, EFFECTIVE 2 FEBRUARY 2027

FLIGHT #	CITY PAIR	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	DAYS OF OPERATION
AI360	Delhi-Osaka	2250 hrs	0950 hrs ⁽⁺¹⁾	Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun
AI359	Osaka-Delhi	1150 hrs	1820 hrs	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun

⁽⁺¹⁾ indicates next calendar day arrival. All times are by local time zones.

Air India's Delhi-Osaka flights are being progressively made available for booking via the airline's official website, mobile app, customer contact centre, airport ticketing offices, and travel agents worldwide.

Japan's growing popularity among Indian travellers

Japan continues to gain popularity among Indian travellers. More than 315,000 Indian visitors travelled to Japan in 2025, an increase of 35% over 2024 and nearly 80% above pre-pandemic levels, according to the Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO).

The growth is being driven by rising interest in Japan's leisure, cultural and culinary experiences, alongside increasing business and people-to-people ties between the two countries.

About Air India Group

The Air India Group – comprising full-service global airline, Air India, and value 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 travellers to 60 domestic and 51 international destinations across five continents.

Returning to Tata Sons in 2022 following 70 years under Government ownership, Air India Group is in the midst of a five-year transformation programme, Vihaan.AI. As part of the transformation, Air India has placed orders for 600 new aircraft. In addition to taking new aircraft deliveries, Air India is progressively retrofitting all its legacy aircraft.



The Air India Group operates South Asia's largest aviation training academy in Gurugram, India. The construction of a new flying school and a greenfield maintenance base is in progress.

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.

For more news on Air India, visit <http://www.airindia.com/newsroom>

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