

AIR INDIA BOLSTERS WINTER NETWORK WITH NEW ROUTES TO KHAJURAHO AND JAISALMER

- *New flights to Khajuraho linking Delhi and Varanasi*
- *New flights to Jaisalmer from Mumbai*
- *Increased frequency to Gaya*

GURUGRAM, 11 March 2026: Air India today announced enhancements to its domestic route network, effective Northern Winter Schedule 2026, strengthening connectivity to some of India's iconic heritage and spiritual destinations.

Starting 25 October 2026, Air India will operate daily flights to Khajuraho, linking the city to Delhi and Varanasi. The airline will also operate non-stop daily flights between Mumbai and Jaisalmer, complementing its existing Delhi-Jaisalmer winter services, as well as increased frequency to Gaya from Delhi.

Khajuraho flights for tri-city tours

Air India's new services are designed to boost connectivity and convenience for tourists to explore Khajuraho, renowned for its UNESCO World Heritage-listed temples, and Varanasi, the spiritual heart of India, on a single seamless trip. The new flights will operate daily on a triangular circuit with an alternating routing pattern, as follows, providing flexible options for travellers to prioritise their preferred order of visits to both destinations, while ensuring seamless connections via Delhi to destinations across Europe, Southeast Asia and the Far East.

Flight routing:

- **On Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays:** Delhi → Khajuraho → Varanasi → Delhi
- **On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays:** Delhi → Varanasi → Khajuraho → Delhi

Delhi-Khajuraho-Varanasi has emerged as a sought-after tourist circuit for discerning travellers seeking deeper immersion in India's spiritual and artistic legacy, combining Varanasi's ancient ghats and storied bylanes with Khajuraho's medieval temple structures.

Connecting Mumbai with Jaisalmer and boosting connectivity to Gaya

Air India's new seasonal service between Mumbai and Jaisalmer starting 25 October 2026 expands access to the popular destination in Rajasthan. This new route complements Air India's existing daily Delhi-Jaisalmer flights and provides guests from western India direct connectivity to the Jaisalmer during the peak winter tourism season.

Air India will add an additional daily frequency between Delhi and Gaya this winter, offering both morning and afternoon departures in each direction, thus improving access and adding flexibility for travellers.

Connecting East-West via India

The new flights are timed to enable seamless onward connections for guests travelling from destinations across Europe (including the UK), Southeast Asia, and the Far East into Khajuraho, Varanasi, or Gaya. This will help to position these timeless Indian destinations more strongly on international itineraries. The flights conveniently connect to/from destinations including but not limited to London (Heathrow), Birmingham, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Milan, Paris, Vienna, Zurich, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Bali (Denpasar), Seoul (Incheon), Hong Kong, and Tokyo (Haneda).

SCHEDULE OF FLIGHTS BETWEEN DELHI AND KHAJURAHO EFFECTIVE 25 OCTOBER 2026				
FLIGHT #	SECTOR	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	DAYS OF OPERATION
AI2568	Delhi-Khajuraho	1325 hrs	1440 hrs	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun
AI2568	Khajuraho-Varanasi	1530 hrs	1615 hrs	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun
AI2568	Varanasi-Delhi	1705 hrs	1830 hrs	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun
AI2567	Delhi-Varanasi	1325 hrs	1450 hrs	Tue, Thu, Sat
AI2567	Varanasi-Khajuraho	1540 hrs	1625 hrs	Tue, Thu, Sat
AI2567	Khajuraho-Delhi	1715 hrs	1830 hrs	Tue, Thu, Sat
SCHEDULE OF FLIGHTS BETWEEN MUMBAI (BOM) AND JAISALMER (JSA) Effective 25 OCTOBER 2026				
FLIGHT #	CITY PAIR	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	DAYS OF OPERATION
AI2563	Mumbai-Jaisalmer	1000 hrs	1140 hrs	Daily
AI2564	Jaisalmer-Mumbai	1250 hrs	1430 hrs	Daily
SCHEDULE OF FLIGHTS BETWEEN DELHI (DEL) AND GAYA (GAY) Effective 25 OCTOBER 2026				
FLIGHT #	CITY PAIR	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	DAYS OF OPERATION
AI2561	Delhi-Gaya	0745 hrs	0915 hrs	Daily
AI2562	Gaya-Delhi	1000 hrs	1125 hrs	Daily
AI429 (existing)	Delhi-Gaya	1500 hrs	1640 hrs	Daily
AI 430 (existing)	Gaya-Delhi	1715 hrs	1845 hrs	Daily

*All flight times are in local time zone

Bookings open

The new flights are available for bookings through all channels, including Air India's official website (www.airindia.com), mobile app and through travel agents.

About Air India group

The Air India group – comprising of 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 customers to 59 domestic and 51 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 600 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 2026, 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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