

## **AIR INDIA BEGINS DEPLOYING B777-300ER WITH UPGRADED CABIN INTERIORS ON FLIGHTS TO MELBOURNE FROM 1 JULY**

- Delhi-Melbourne flights will now operate with Boeing 777-300ER featuring upgraded cabin interiors
- Introducing First Class cabins on Delhi-Melbourne flights

**GURUGRAM, 30 JUNE 2026:** Air India will deploy its B777-300ER aircraft featuring upgraded cabin interiors on flights between Delhi and Melbourne, effective 1 July, replacing the existing aircraft. This marks a significant enhancement in premium seat capacity on the route, comfort, and on-board experience, including the introduction of First Class on the route.

Configured in a three-class layout, Air India's upgraded Boeing 777-300ER features 08 First Class suites, 40 fully flat Business Class beds, and 280 Economy Class seats, representing a substantial increase in premium capacity compared to the existing B787-8 on this route, which features 28 Business Class and 241 Economy Class seats.

The deployment brings a more consistent and elevated long-haul product to Air India's Melbourne services, aligned with the airline's ongoing transformation into a world-class global carrier.

### **Elevated Onboard Experience**

Air India guests to Melbourne will now benefit from a wide range of enhancements including:

- **Luxurious private suites in First Class**, offering leather-upholstered seats that convert into fully flat beds, privacy doors, an elevated on-ground and dining experience, and personalised service.
- **Significantly upgraded Business Class product**, with fully flat beds offering enhanced comfort, space, and privacy, alongside improved soft product elements.
- **Wi-Fi internet connectivity**, introduced on this route for the first time, enabling guests to stay connected with work or loved ones throughout their flight.
- **Refreshed food & beverage offering**, including thoughtfully curated menus featuring the best of global cuisine alongside Indian favourites, complemented by a selection of premium wines and spirits.
- **Enhanced inflight entertainment**, with a richer and more diverse content library across movies, TV shows, music, and more, catering to global tastes

### **Seamless experience on ground and in air**

The aircraft upgrade complements Air India's broader investments in elevating the end-to-end customer journey. This includes access to the airline's **new flagship Maharaja Lounge at Delhi Airport** for eligible premium customers, offering a refined pre-flight experience with upgraded dining, seating, and service.

Together, these enhancements reflect Air India's continued focus on modernising its fleet, upgrading its product offering, and delivering a seamless, high-quality experience across touchpoints.

### **Connecting India with Australia and beyond**

Australia remains a key international market for Air India, with strong and growing demand for both business and leisure travel. The introduction of the Boeing 777-300ER on the Delhi-Melbourne route underscores the airline's commitment to strengthening connectivity while offering a more competitive and globally benchmarked product.

Air India currently operates 4x weekly non-stop flights between Delhi and Melbourne and is scheduled to operate 7x weekly services on the route from 01 September 2026. The airline's Delhi-Melbourne service also provides travellers with convenient, same-terminal connections via Delhi to destinations across Europe, including London Heathrow, Frankfurt, Paris, Rome, Milan, Zurich, among others.

Air India also operates non-stop flights between Delhi and Sydney, enabling similar seamless onward connections to and from destinations in the UK and rest of Europe.

**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.

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