AIR INDIA EXPANDS PARTNERSHIP WITH KM MALTA AIRLINES TO IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN INDIA AND MALTA

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GURUGRAM, 27 NOVEMBER 2026: Air India today announced an expansion of its partnership with KM Malta Airlines, the national airline of Malta, upgrading the existing interline relationship between the two carriers to a codeshare agreement that will make travel between India and Malta more seamless and convenient. The enhanced partnership comes as Malta, renowned for its rich history, UNESCO World Heritage sites, Mediterranean coastline and vibrant cultural heritage, continues to grow in popularity among Indian travellers seeking distinctive leisure and business destinations in Europe.

Effective 01 December 2026, Air India will place its 'AI' designator code on KM Malta Airlines-operated services between Malta and six major European gateways, making journeys between India and Malta more convenient than ever.

Guests can fly on Air India to key European destinations such as Amsterdam, Paris, Rome, Zurich, London Gatwick and London Heathrow, where they can connect onwards to Malta on KM Malta Airlines-operated flights, all on a single ticket with their baggage checked-in through to their final destination Malta International Airport at Luqa.

"As more Indian travellers explore new international destinations, Malta is emerging as an increasingly attractive choice, thanks to its rich history, vibrant culture, and growing appeal for both leisure and business travel. This codeshare agreement brings Malta closer to Air India's guests by offering seamless one-stop connectivity, a single booking experience, and the convenience of through-checked baggage. It also strengthens Air India's growing portfolio of partnerships that extend our global reach and make international travel more accessible for our customers," said **Nipun Aggarwal, Chief Commercial Officer, Air India.**

"We are pleased to build on our partnership with Air India and make it easier for travellers from India to visit Malta. Passengers can book their full journey through Air India on one ticket and check their baggage through to Malta. India is an important market for Malta, with opportunities to grow both leisure and business travel. We look forward to welcoming more visitors from India on board," said **David Curmi, Executive Chairman, KM Malta Airlines.**

From the historic streets of Valletta and the picturesque harbour towns of the island to the turquoise waters and dramatic coastal landscapes of its sister island, Gozo, Malta offers plenty to discover. Our codeshare partnership will enable Air India guests to experience its diverse attractions, Mediterranean cuisine and laid-back island lifestyle in a single trip.

Flights under the codeshare agreement will be opened progressively and can be booked on www.airindia.com or via Air India's mobile application.

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 57 domestic and 49 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

About KM Malta Airlines

KM Malta Airlines is Malta's national airline, connecting the Maltese Islands with key destinations across Europe and beyond.

Established in 2024, KM Malta Airlines commenced operations on 31st March 2024, operating an all-Airbus A320neo fleet. The airline is committed to providing a reliable, efficient, and customer-focused travel experience, while strengthening Malta's connectivity with international markets.

With a growing network of destinations and partnerships with leading international airlines, KM Malta Airlines plays an important role in supporting Malta's tourism industry, business community and international connectivity.

For more information, visit kmmaltairlines.com.

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