

AIR INDIA AND IHG HOTELS & RESORTS ANNOUNCE LANDMARK LOYALTY PARTNERSHIP

- The partnership connects Air India's Maharaja Club and IHG One Rewards, giving members new ways to earn and exchange loyalty rewards

GURUGRAM, 04 SEPTEMBER 2026: Air India, India's leading global airline, and [IHG Hotels & Resorts](#), one of the world's leading hospitality companies, today announced a new partnership, enabling Air India's Maharaja Club members to earn reward points during stays at [IHG Hotels & Resorts](#), while giving IHG One Rewards members the flexibility to exchange their points for Maharaja Points.

The partnership brings together IHG's global portfolio of more than 7,100 hotels in over 100 countries with Air India's network across India and five continents to offer members greater value, choice and flexibility across their travel journey.

Earn Maharaja Points through stays at IHG Hotels & Resorts worldwide

Through the partnership, Air India's Maharaja Club members can earn Maharaja Points when staying at IHG Hotels & Resorts worldwide. Members will earn 2 Maharaja Points for every US\$1 spent at most IHG Hotels and Resorts, while stays at Candlewood Suites, Staybridge Suites, IHG Residences and IHG Army Hotels will earn 1 Maharaja Point for every US\$1 spent.

Members will also have the flexibility to convert their [IHG One Rewards](#) Points into Maharaja Points, with 1,000 IHG One Rewards Points exchangeable for 200 Maharaja Points. The minimum exchange threshold is 1,000 IHG One Rewards Points, giving members flexibility in how they use their loyalty rewards towards future travel.

The partnership builds on IHG One Rewards' focus on offering greater flexibility to its growing membership base, while further expanding Maharaja Club's partner ecosystem and opportunities for members to earn Maharaja Points beyond their airline spend.

Sudeep Jain, Managing Director, South West Asia, IHG Hotels & Resorts, said: "India continues to be one of IHG's most important growth markets, and we are focused on expanding our presence while building deeper and more meaningful engagement with our guests. Our partnership with Air India brings together two leading travel brands and creates greater value for members across their journeys. By connecting IHG One Rewards with Maharaja Club, we are giving our members more choice and flexibility in how they use their rewards, while strengthening the reach and relevance of IHG One Rewards in India. This partnership further supports our ambition to grow our loyalty base and drive preference for our hotels as we continue to expand our portfolio across the country."

Award-winning IHG One Rewards is one of the world's largest hotel loyalty programmes with a growing base of over 160 million members, globally.

Sunil Suresh, Head of Marketing, Loyalty and E-commerce, Air India, said: "Maharaja Club is evolving alongside Air India's transformation, with a strong emphasis on creating richer experiences for our members beyond the flight itself. By partnering with IHG Hotels & Resorts, we are extending the programme's reach into another important part of the travel journey and making it easier for members to benefit from their loyalty across a broader range of travel experiences. As we continue to grow the Maharaja Club ecosystem, our vision is to make Maharaja Points an increasingly relevant part of our members' travel and lifestyle journeys, with more opportunities to earn and redeem them across categories, markets and moments that matter most to our customers."

Special launch offer for members

To mark the launch of the partnership, Maharaja Club members will be eligible to earn 3x Maharaja Points on qualifying stays between 15 September and 31 December 2026, with no blackout dates applicable during the period. Members are required to register for the promotion to benefit from the offer.

The partnership also reflects IHG's continued commitment to India and its long-term growth strategy in the market, strengthening its loyalty proposition and creating more opportunities to engage travellers across their travel journeys.

IHG currently has 53 hotels operating across seven brands in India, including [Six Senses](#), [InterContinental Hotels and Resorts](#) Vignette Collection, [Crowne Plaza](#), [voco Hotels](#), [Holiday Inn Resort](#) and [Holiday Inn Express](#), and a strong pipeline of 110 hotels due to open in the next 3-5 years.

Air India recently marked the milestone of having added more than 100 brands to Maharaja Club's partnership network between FY2023 and FY2026, as it evolves into a modern, globally relevant, lifestyle-led loyalty programme. Over FY2026, Maharaja Club members completed more than 4.2 million transactions across partner brands spanning travel, hospitality, lifestyle and everyday spend categories.

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About IHG Hotels & Resorts

[IHG Hotels & Resorts](#) (tickers: LON:IHG for Ordinary Shares; NYSE:IHG for ADRs) is a global hospitality company, with a purpose to provide True Hospitality for Good.

With a family of 21 hotel brands and [IHG One Rewards](#), one of the world's largest hotel loyalty programmes with over 160 million members, IHG has more than one million rooms across 7,100 hotels in over 100 countries, and a development pipeline of a further 2,400 properties.

- **Luxury & Lifestyle:** [Six Senses](#), [Regent](#), [InterContinental](#), [Vignette Collection](#), [Kimpton](#), [Hotel Indigo](#)
- **Premium:** [Noted Collection](#), [voco](#), [Ruby](#), [HUALUXE](#), [Crowne Plaza](#), [EVEN](#)
- **Essentials:** [Holiday Inn Express](#), [Holiday Inn Hotels & Resorts](#), [Garner](#), [avid](#)
- **Suites:** [Atwell Suites](#), [Staybridge Suites](#), [Holiday Inn Club Vacations](#), [Candlewood Suites](#)
- **Exclusive Partners:** [Iberostar Beachfront Resorts](#)

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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.



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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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