

## AIR INDIA UPGRADES PRODUCT AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE ON MORE INTERNATIONAL ROUTES THIS SUMMER

- Increased frequency from Delhi to Toronto, Seoul (Incheon), and Shanghai
- Retrofitted B787-8 to operate Mumbai-London (Heathrow) flights
- Introducing First Class on Delhi-Melbourne flights
- New product deployment with Premium Economy on Delhi-Tokyo and Delhi-Toronto routes

**GURUGRAM, 16 February 2026:** Air India today announced it will deploy aircraft featuring new, retrofitted or upgraded cabin interiors on additional, key international routes as part of its Northern Summer Schedule 2026, thus adding capacity and boosting connectivity on select long-haul routes.

The changes to Air India's schedule and product deployment on select international routes are as follow.

### Between February and March 2026:

- Effective 14 February, Air India's **Delhi-Tokyo (Haneda)** operates with B787-9 aircraft, featuring a three-class cabin configuration, thus introducing Premium Economy on the route. This deployment adds 2408 seats between Delhi and Tokyo (Haneda) every month.
- Starting 01 March, **Delhi-Toronto** frequency increases from 7x weekly to 10x weekly.
- Starting 29 March, **Delhi-Seoul (Incheon)** frequency increases from 5x weekly to 6x weekly, and the newly launched **Delhi-Shanghai** flights increase from 4x weekly to 5x weekly, thus adding 2048 seats on each of the routes every month.

### From 01 July 2026:

- **Mumbai-London (Heathrow)** flights will operate with a combination of Air India's incoming new B787-9 and retrofitted legacy B787-8 aircraft, both featuring all-new cabin interiors. These flights will replace the currently deployed B777-300ER on the route, which already feature upgraded cabin interiors.
- **Delhi-Melbourne** daily flights will operate with Air India's B777-300ER featuring upgraded cabin interiors, thus introducing First Class on the route. The aircraft features 8 suites in First Class, 40 fully flat beds in Business Class and 280 seats in Economy Class, adding nearly 4,000 seats every month between Delhi and Melbourne.

### From 01 August 2026:

- **Bengaluru-London (Heathrow)** flights will operate with the airline's retrofitted B787-8 aircraft, featuring new cabin interiors, thus introducing Premium Economy on the route. With this, all Air India flights to and from London (Heathrow) will be serviced by aircraft featuring new cabin interiors.
- 7x weekly flights on the **Delhi-Toronto** route will operate with Air India's incoming, new B787-9 aircraft, featuring all-new cabin interiors in a three-class configuration and introducing Premium Economy on the route. The remainder 3x weekly flights will continue to operate with Air India's legacy B777-300ER. With this, more than 50% of Air India's North America flights will be operated with new or upgraded cabin interiors.
- Air India's flights to **Birmingham from Amritsar and Delhi**, and to **London (Gatwick) from Ahmedabad and Amritsar** will be operated with Air India's legacy B777-300ER, replacing the currently deployed legacy B787-8 and introducing First Class on these routes.

### New and retrofitted B787s

Air India began retrofitting its legacy B787-8 last year in an exercise that will see 26 legacy B787-8 aircraft refitted with brand-new cabin interiors custom-styled for Air India as well as the repainting of these aircraft in the airline's vibrant, new livery. The first two of these retrofitted aircraft are expected to return to service in the coming weeks, with several more to be retrofitted progressively throughout 2026.

Additionally, Air India expects deliveries of three new, line-fit (or made-for-Air India) B787-9 and two line-fit A350-1000 aircraft in 2026.

Together, the expanded deployment of new product, additional frequencies on key international routes and steady fleet induction reflect Air India's continued progress in building a modern, globally competitive full-service carrier.

#### **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 57 domestic and 49 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 570 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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