

## AIR INDIA WELCOMES GUESTS TO NEW FLAGSHIP MAHARAJA LOUNGE AT DELHI AIRPORT STARTING TODAY

**GURUGRAM, 16 FEBRUARY 2026:** Air India, today, opens the doors of its first flagship Maharaja Lounge at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport Terminal 3, warmly welcoming guests to experience a blend of authentic Indian hospitality and contemporary luxury. N. Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons and Air India, inaugurated the lounge ahead of its opening, marking a defining moment in the airline's ongoing transformation journey.

Spread across 16,000 sq. ft. at the international pier of Terminal 3, The Maharaja Lounge can accommodate nearly 300 guests and features an expansive 'Business Class' and an exclusive 'First Class' section called 'Air India First', each offering distinct zones tailored to different travel moods and needs. The lounge will be progressively opened to guests travelling in First and Business Class as well as Maharaja Club Platinum and Gold members, and eligible Star Alliance Gold members starting 16 February 2026.

Its signature spaces include:

- **The Aviator's Bar** pays tribute to the airline's origins, drawing inspiration from the historic 1932 flight piloted by J. R. D. Tata from Karachi to Bombay. The ceiling design echoes the propeller of the Puss Moth aircraft, while the bar offers a curated selection of premium wines and whiskies.
- **The Globetrotter's Study** offers a quiet, well-appointed workspace with a curated book collection, ample charging points and high-speed connectivity.
- **The Serenity Area** provides enclosed recliners for guests seeking rest and relaxation before departure.
- **The Crystal Bar**, the centrepiece of the 'First Class' section, serves sparkling wines, champagnes and signature cocktails in an elegant setting inspired by subtle Indian motifs.
- **Sleep Suites** in the 'First Class' lounge offer guests the opportunity for restorative pre-flight rest.

The Delhi flagship lounge is the first in a series of new-generation lounges planned at key airports in India and internationally, reinforcing Air India's commitment to building a world-class airline with an Indian heart.

### 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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