

## **AIR INDIA ENTERS CODESHARE PARTNERSHIP WITH UZBEKISTAN AIRWAYS**

**GURUGRAM, 31 March 2026:** Air India today announced that it has entered into a new codeshare partnership with Uzbekistan Airways, strengthening its growing international network and enhancing connectivity between India and Central Asia.

Effective 20 March 2026, Air India has begun placing its 'AI' designator code on Uzbekistan Airways' flights operating on key India–Uzbekistan routes, including Delhi-Tashkent, Mumbai-Tashkent, Goa-Tashkent (seasonal route).

The new codeshare partnership provides Air India guests seamless access to Tashkent from major Indian gateways, with convenient onward domestic and international connections on Air India's extensive route network on a single ticket and baggage checked through to their final destination.

Air India and Uzbekistan Airways also maintain an interline partnership which further provides onward connections from Tashkent to Bukhara, Qarshi, Nukus, Urgench, Termez, Samarkand, Fergana, and Namangan.

**Nipun Aggarwal, Chief Commercial Officer, Air India,** said: "We are delighted to partner with Uzbekistan Airways as we continue to expand Air India's global footprint. Tashkent is an increasingly important destination for leisure, business, and cultural travel, and this partnership allows us to offer our guests more choice and convenience while strengthening India's air links with Central Asia."

**Shukhrat Khudaykulov, Chairman of the Board of Uzbekistan Airways, JSC,** noted: "The signing of the codeshare agreement between Uzbekistan Airways JSC and Air India opens a new chapter in the development of aviation cooperation between our countries. For us, this is a significant step in expanding our international route network and creating additional opportunities for our passengers. On behalf of Uzbekistan Airways JSC, I would like to express my gratitude to our partners at Air India for their trust and constructive cooperation. We anticipate that this agreement will serve as a solid foundation for the further development of our partnership and the implementation of new joint initiatives in the aviation industry."

The codeshare flights are open for bookings on all channels, including Air India's official website ([www.airindia.com](http://www.airindia.com)), mobile app, and through travel agents.

### **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 59 domestic and 51 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 600 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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## About Uzbekistan Airways JSC

Uzbekistan Airways — The Wings of Central Asia

Since its foundation in 1992, the national airline Uzbekistan Airways has become a symbol of the open skies of independent Uzbekistan. By connecting Tashkent with major cities across Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and North America, the airline builds air bridges between cultures, countries, and generations.

The modern fleet, comprising Airbus and Boeing family aircraft, combines advanced technology, comfort, and a high level of environmental sustainability. Long-haul aircraft allow us to confidently cross oceans, while narrow-body airliners ensure convenient regional and medium-haul flights.

The technical reliability of Uzbekistan Airways is ensured by the team at Uzbekistan Airways Technics — the largest aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) facility in Central Asia, boasting over a century of history. Engineers and technical specialists perform a full cycle of aircraft maintenance, utilizing modern equipment and adhering to the highest international quality and safety standards.

An essential role in the airline's development is played by the Training Center, which trains pilots, cabin crew, and aviation specialists. It features state-of-the-art simulators, specialized programs, and advanced teaching methodologies. The center also hosts a pilot school that conducts training according to European EASA standards in cooperation with a partner flight school in the European Union, shaping a new generation of professional flight personnel.

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