

AIR INDIA'S NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH MALDIVIAN PROVIDES EASY ACCESS TO 16 HIDDEN GEMS ACROSS THE MALDIVES

GURUGRAM, 05 December 2025: Air India, India's leading global airline, and Maldivian, the national airline of the Maldives, have entered a bilateral interline partnership aimed at boosting connectivity between the two countries.

Through this new partnership, Air India provides its guests convenient access to 16 islands across the Maldives through Maldivian's extensive network, enabling smooth connections via Malé to islands across the archipelago such as Hanimaadhoo, Kooddoo, Gan, Kaadedhdhoo, Kulhudhuffushi, Dharavandhoo, Maafaru, and Kadhdoo, among others.

This also enables Maldivian to welcome Air India guests from Delhi and Mumbai or those connecting through these large hubs onto Maldivian-operated flights from Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram to Malé and Hanimaadhoo Island.

The interline partnership enables guests of both carriers to seamlessly travel on a single itinerary that combine Air India and Maldivian flights, ensuring convenient connections and coordinated baggage handling.

*"The Maldives continues to be one of the most preferred leisure destinations for Indian travellers, and this interline partnership with Maldivian opens the door to the country's lesser-explored atolls and islands", said **Nipun Aggarwal, Chief Commercial Officer, Air India**. "By combining Air India's extensive global network with Maldivian's reach across domestic points beyond Malé, guests can now discover the true diversity of the archipelago on a single itinerary."*

Air India is the only carrier operating daily flights between Delhi and Malé, providing a direct capital-to-capital link. Air India deploys more than 55,000 seats to the Maldives annually (in one direction), contributing significantly to the country's tourism and trade.

With an extensive worldwide network spanning five continents, Air India not only carries passengers from India to the Maldives, but also those from several points in Europe, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East via Delhi.

*"This partnership marks a new chapter in our efforts to expand accessibility to the Maldives and provide connectivity for passengers traveling beyond Malé to the atolls," said **Ibrahim Iyas, Managing Director of Maldivian**. "With Air India's strong network and our reach within the Maldives, this collaboration will play a key role in supporting tourism and business travel between our nations."*

The partnership aligns with both airlines' goals to enhance regional cooperation and support tourism growth through stronger network integration, smoother connections, and improved customer experience.

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 55 domestic and 46 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 2025, 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.

For more stories on Air India, visit <http://www.airindia.com/newsroom>

About Maldivian

Maldivian, the national airline of the Maldives, excels in providing extensive domestic and international connectivity. Our fleet serves 17 domestic airports and international destinations such as India, China and beyond. As the leading domestic carrier, Maldivian operates the largest wheel-based fleet in the country, complemented by specialised seaplane services for seamless tourist transportation. Maldivian currently operates a fleet of 26 aircraft, including one A320, one A330-200, eight Dash 8 aircraft, eleven DHC-6 Twin Otters, and five ATRs. Maldivian is positioning itself to meet the growing demand for travel between the Maldives and key destinations globally. Maldivian epitomises the spirit of the Maldives, offering exceptional air travel services that highlight the natural beauty and warm hospitality of the island nation. For more information, please visit [\[www.maldivian.aero\]](http://www.maldivian.aero).

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