

AIR INDIA TO RESUME OPERATIONS TO MAINLAND CHINA WITH NON-STOP FLIGHTS TO SHANGHAI FROM FEBRUARY 2026

- Delhi-Shanghai service to operate four times weekly, starting 01 February 2026
- Mumbai-Shanghai service planned for launch in 2026, subject to regulatory approvals

GURUGRAM, 17 November 2025: Air India today announced the resumption of its non-stop flights between Delhi and Shanghai (PVG), effective 01 February 2026, marking Air India's return to mainland China after nearly six years. Subject to the requisite regulatory approvals, Air India also intends to introduce non-stop flights between Mumbai and Shanghai in 2026.

Shanghai is the 48th international destination to be served by Air India group, which continues to carry more passengers internationally than any other airline in India.

Air India will operate four times a week between Delhi and Shanghai using its twin-aisle Boeing 787-8 aircraft, featuring 18 flat beds in Business Class and 238 spacious seats in Economy Class.

The reinstatement of Air India's services to Shanghai follows recent India-China diplomatic agreements that restored the air links paused in early 2020. Air India first launched non-stop services to mainland China in October 2000.

Campbell Wilson, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Air India, said, "The resumption of our Delhi-Shanghai services is more than a route launch. It is a bridge between two great, ancient civilisations and modern economic powerhouses. At Air India, we are happy to reconnect one of the world's most vital air corridors, enabling travellers to pursue opportunities in business, trade, healthcare, education and culture with the comfort and warm Indian hospitality that define Air India."

SCHEDULE OF FLIGHTS BETWEEN DELHI (DEL) AND SHANGHAI (PVG)				
Effective 01 February 2026				
Flight #	Sector	Departure	Arrival	Days of Operation
AI352	Delhi-Shanghai	1200 Hrs	2020 Hrs	Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays
AI351	Shanghai-Delhi	2200 Hrs	0315 Hrs ⁺¹	Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays
<i>All times are indicated in local time zones. ⁺¹indicates next day arrival.</i>				

The restored air link is expected to further boost exchanges in pharmaceuticals, technology, education, and several other spheres.

Bookings for Air India's flights between Delhi and Shanghai are being progressively opened on all channels, including Air India's website, mobile app, airport ticketing offices, contact centres, and through travel agents worldwide.



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 48 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.

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