

AIR INDIA REMOVES ENROUTE FUEL STOP ON DELHI-TORONTO FLIGHTS FROM 1 AUGUST 2026, DEPLOYS B787-9 FEATURING BRAND-NEW PREMIUM CABIN INTERIORS

- Introducing Air India's Premium Economy service for the first time on Delhi-Toronto route
- Restores 7x weekly flights to Toronto from 1 August
- Hi-res visual assets available here: <https://we.tl/t-uaJOJpxiOmWukctO>

GURUGRAM, 22 July 2026: Air India today announced a significant upgrade to its Delhi-Toronto service, with the deployment of its brand-new Boeing 787-9 aircraft on the route from 1 August 2026, enabling the airline to remove the enroute fuel stop at Vienna and operate the service non-stop.

The removal of the fuel stop is subject to available airspaces and is intended to reduce the current flying time from Delhi to Toronto by nearly three hours, with the flying time decreasing from about 20 hours currently (including the fuel stop) to 17 hours. The return Toronto-Delhi service will continue to operate non-stop, with flying time of up to 16 hours.

The deployment of the new line-fit Boeing 787-9 aircraft, purpose-built for Air India, will make journeys between India and Canada faster and more convenient while bringing Air India's latest onboard product and premium travel experience to Canada for the first time.

From 1 August 2026, Air India will operate daily flights between Delhi and Toronto, up from the current five weekly flights. The airline had temporarily reduced frequency on the route between June and July 2026 due to unprecedented fuel price increases and broader geopolitical developments that affected flight operating conditions.

Campbell Wilson, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Air India, said: "Canada is home to one of the world's largest and most vibrant Indian diaspora communities, and Toronto has long been one of Air India's most important international gateways. As we continue transforming Air India into a world-class global airline, we are steadily expanding the availability of our newest aircraft and latest cabin products across key international routes. The introduction of our new Boeing 787-9 on the Delhi-Toronto route marks another important milestone, bringing a significantly enhanced travel experience to customers between India and Canada while extending our most premium offerings across North America."

Air India's all-new premium flying experience to Toronto

Air India's brand-new Boeing 787-9 aircraft feature a modern three-class cabin configuration, offering customers the choice of Business Class, Premium Economy, and Economy Class.

For the first time, Air India guests travelling between Delhi and Toronto will have the option of flying Premium Economy, offering more space, comfort, and enhanced service for ultra long-haul travel.

The new aircraft feature 30 private suites in Business Class, 28 Premium Economy seats, and 238 Economy seats, blending contemporary design, advanced technology, and Indian-inspired aesthetics.

Air India guests travelling to and from Toronto will now enjoy a wide range of enhancements, including:

- **Luxurious Business Class suites**, each offering direct aisle access, 79 inch fully flat bed, wireless charging, generous personal storage and immersive inflight entertainment on a large 17-inch 4K QLED HDR touchscreen – all designed to provide a comfortable and restful ultra long-haul experience.
- **A dedicated Premium Economy cabin** with wider seats in a 2-3-2 layout, 38-inch pitch providing ample legroom, generous recline, adjustable headrests, adjustable leg and calf rests, 13.3-inch 4K QLED HDR touchscreen, offering enhanced comfort and personal space.
- **Economy Class experience**, with ergonomically designed seats designed for long-haul travel, 11.6-inch 4K QLED HDR touchscreen, and improved comfort and thoughtfully integrated personal electronic device holders.

- **Next-generation inflight entertainment**, featuring a content library of over 3,000 hours, powered by the Thales AVANT Up system with high-definition touchscreens, Bluetooth audio connectivity, USB-A and USB-C charging ports, AC power outlets and an intuitive user interface across all cabins.
- **New mood lighting in the cabins** inspired by ancient Indian wellness traditions.
- **A refreshed onboard experience**, including thoughtfully curated menus showcasing Indian and international flavours, premium chinaware, glassware and tableware, plush bedding, redesigned amenity kits and other signature touches that together deliver a more refined and consistent onboard experience.

Air India flights between Delhi and Toronto on the new aircraft are available for booking across channels, including Air India's website and mobile app, customer contact centre, and through travel agents worldwide.

Schedule of flights between Delhi and Toronto (effective 1 August 2026):

Flight #	City Pair	Departure	Arrival
AI187	Delhi-Toronto	0145 Hrs	0930 Hrs
AI188	Toronto-Delhi	1230 Hrs	1405 Hrs ⁽⁺¹⁾

All timings are indicated in local time zones. ⁽⁺¹⁾ denotes next calendar day arrival.

About Air India Group

The Air India Group – comprising 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 travellers to 60 domestic and 51 international destinations across five continents.

Returning to Tata Sons in 2022 following 70 years under Government ownership, Air India Group is in the midst of a five-year transformation programme, Vihaan.AI. As part of the transformation, Air India has placed orders for 600 new aircraft. In addition to taking new aircraft deliveries, Air India is progressively retrofitting all its legacy aircraft.

The Air India Group operates South Asia's largest aviation training academy in Gurugram, India. The construction of a new flying school and a greenfield maintenance base is in progress.

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 news on Air India, visit <http://www.airindia.com/newsroom>

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