

Air India ‘kicks off’ direct flights to Doha from Mumbai, Hyderabad and Chennai

Enhanced connectivity of 20 new weekly flights as Qatar prepares to host football extravaganza

National, September 08, 2022: Air India, India’s leading airline, today announced the introduction of 20 new flights per week to Qatar from key Indian cities. The added capacity will cater to the surge in demand expected around the football extravaganza in Qatar scheduled in November and December 2022. The flights, to be introduced from October 30, will connect Mumbai, Hyderabad and Chennai with Qatar’s capital Doha during this period. Thirteen flights per week will operate from Mumbai, four from Hyderabad and three from Chennai. These flights will be in addition to the existing daily flights to Doha from Delhi.

The additional connectivity to Qatar follows Air India’s increase of **24** new flights on its domestic network last month. These additional **24** flights included two new frequencies on each of the Delhi-Mumbai, Delhi-Bengaluru and Mumbai-Chennai routes, as well as one new frequency on the Mumbai-Bengaluru route. The strengthening of network connectivity is being enabled as more aircraft return to service.

Commenting on the introduction of new flights for Qatar, Mr. Nipun Aggarwal, Chief Commercial Officer, Air India, said, “Bringing in the football extravaganza in this part of the world, Air India aims to provide strong connectivity between India and Qatar. Football fans across Indian are excited to be in the stadiums in Qatar where the world’s best football talent will be competing with each other. Our flight schedule has been planned to make the entire travel experience convenient and seamless. Over the past few months, we have been working closely with our partners to return aircraft to service which has resulted in these additional flights. Air India hopes to continue to provide world-class flying experience for landmark sporting events in the future as well.”

Appended is the list of flights that have been added on India-Qatar route:

MUMBAI-DOHA SCHEDULE FROM 30 OCTOBER 2022								
Flight No.	Effective	To	Days of Ops	Origin	STD	Destination	STA	Aircraft
AI 0969	30-Oct-22	27-Dec-22	.2..5.7	BOM	09:45	DOH	11:15	B787-8
AI 0970	30-Oct-22	27-Dec-22	.2..5.7	DOH	12:45	BOM	18:30	B787-8
AI 0981	10-Nov-22	25-Dec-22	Daily	BOM	14:30	DOH	16:00	A319
AI 0982	10-Nov-22	25-Dec-22	Daily	DOH	17:00	BOM	22:55	A319
AI 0969	10-Nov-22	22-Dec-22	1.34...	BOM	07:15	DOH	08:45	B787-8
AI 0970	10-Nov-22	22-Dec-22	1.34...	DOH	10:15	BOM	16:00	B787-8

HYDERABAD-DOHA SCHEDULE FROM 11 NOVEMBER 2022								
Flight No.	Effective	To	Days of Ops	Origin	STD	Destination	STA	Aircraft
AI 1593	11-Nov-22	25-Dec-22	1.3.5.7	HYD	08:00	DOH	09:35	A319
AI 1594	11-Nov-22	25-Dec-22	1.3.5.7	DOH	10:15	HYD	17:00	A319

CHENNAI-DOHA SCHEDULE FROM 10 NOVEMBER 2022								
Flight No.	Effective	To	Days of Ops	Origin	STD	Destination	STA	Aircraft
AI 1591	10-Nov-22	24-Dec-22	.2.4.6.	MAA	07:40	DOH	09:15	A319
AI 1592	10-Nov-22	24-Dec-22	.2.4.6.	DOH	10:15	MAA	16:45	A319



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About Air India:

Founded by the legendary JRD Tata, Air India had pioneered India's aviation sector and the airline's history is, in fact, synonymous with the annals of civil aviation in India. Since its first flight on October 15, 1932, Air India has spread its wings to become a major international airline with a network across USA, Canada, UK, Europe, Far-East, South-East Asia, Australia and the Gulf. The airline also has an extensive domestic network, including far-flung areas of India's North-East, Ladakh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Air India has been a member of Star Alliance, the largest global airline consortium, since July, 2014.

India's first international budget carrier, Air India Express was launched in 2005 to meet the need for affordable services on short and medium haul routes- connecting smaller towns directly to the Gulf and South East Asia regions. After 69 years as a Government-owned enterprise, Air India and Air India Express were reacquired by the Tata group in January 2022. Post the acquisition, time-bound transformation milestones have been laid out and a series of steps have been initiated towards achieving the same in order to ensure Air India once again emerges as a world class airline.

About the Tata group:

Founded by Jamsetji Tata in 1868, the Tata group is a global enterprise, headquartered in India, comprising 30 companies across ten verticals. The group operates in more than 100 countries across six continents, with a mission 'To improve the quality of life of the communities we serve globally, through long-term stakeholder value creation based on Leadership with Trust'.

Tata Sons is the principal investment holding company and promoter of Tata companies. Sixty-six percent of the equity share capital of Tata Sons is held by philanthropic trusts, which support education, health, livelihood generation, and art and culture. In 2020-21, the revenue of Tata companies, taken together, was \$103 billion (INR 7.7 trillion). These companies collectively employ over 800,000 people. Each Tata company or enterprise operates independently under the guidance and supervision of its own board of directors. There are 29 publicly-listed Tata enterprises with a combined market capitalisation of \$314 billion (INR 23.4 trillion) as on December 31, 2021. Companies include Tata Consultancy Services, Tata Motors, Tata Steel, Tata Chemicals, Tata Consumer Products, Titan, Tata Capital, Tata Power, Tata Communications, Indian Hotels, Tata Digital and Tata Electronics.