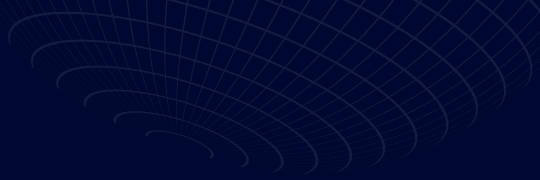


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IndiGo to launch direct Kolkata–Siem Reap flights from November 13

IndiGo will commence direct flights between Kolkata and Siem Reap, Cambodia, from November 13, 2025, operating three times weekly with Airbus A320neo aircraft. This service makes IndiGo the first Indian airline to establish direct connectivity with Cambodia, strengthening its Southeast Asia network and opening new opportunities for tourism, trade, and cultural exchange between the two countries.



Air India Express expands network to 60 destinations, adds Jodhpur and Udaipur

Air India Express will begin daily direct flights from Jodhpur and Udaipur to Delhi and Bengaluru from 1 November 2025, expanding its network to 60 destinations. With three cities in Rajasthan now on its map, the airline is strengthening regional and metro connectivity under its Winter Schedule 2025, supported by a growing fleet and recent additions across India and abroad.



After IndiGo and Akasa Air, Air India group announces operations from Navi Mumbai airport with 20 daily flights

Following IndiGo and Akasa Air, the Air India Group has announced its plans for operations from the new Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA). The low-cost carrier Air India Express will begin with 40 daily flights connecting 15 Indian cities in the first phase. The group plans to scale up to 60 daily departures by Winter 2026, including international flights, positioning NMIA as a key hub.



Akasa Air launches daily Bengaluru–Phuket flights to expand Thailand network



Akasa Air has commenced daily direct flights between Bengaluru and Phuket from October 1, 2025, marking its second India–Thailand route after Mumbai–Phuket. The new service strengthens the airline's international network and comes at a time when Thailand offers visa-free entry for Indian travellers, enhancing accessibility for both business and leisure passengers.

Air India launches first non-stop flight Between Delhi and Manila

Air India has inaugurated India's first direct air link to the Philippines with non-stop services between Delhi and Manila, starting October 1, 2025. Operated by Airbus A321LR aircraft, the flights strengthen Air India's Southeast Asia network and provide new connectivity for travellers between the two countries, while also enabling access to Europe and North America via Delhi.



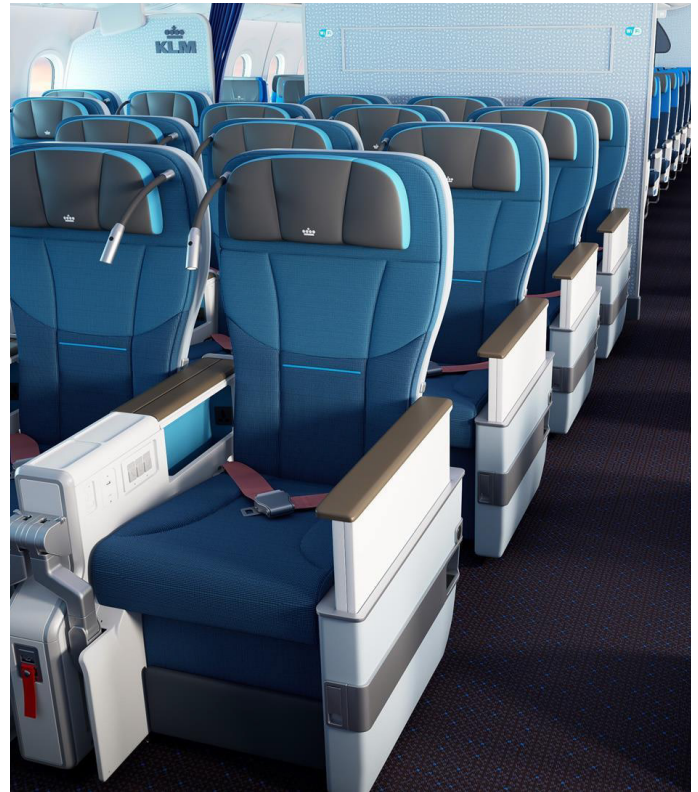
Emirates Restricts Power Bank Use

Starting October 1, Emirates is implementing new restrictions on the use and charging of power banks on flights. The new policy, driven by aviation safety concerns over lithium-ion batteries, will limit passengers to one power bank with a maximum capacity of 100 Wh. The airline will prohibit charging devices with power banks in-flight and restrict their storage to seat pockets or under seats, not overhead lockers.



KLM to add premium economy seats to meet increased demand

Dutch carrier KLM is to reconfigure the cabin layout onboard its fleet of long-haul aircraft to allow it to add more seats across all classes of travel. The airline said that it would change the layout on its wide-body Boeing aircraft to expand its Premium Comfort Class, KLM's version of premium economy, which was introduced in 2022. Currently this cabin ranges between 21 and 28 seats but will be expanded to up to 40 seats, depending on aircraft type. KLM said this could be done "without compromising" legroom for passengers.



Cathay Pacific to Relaunch Hong Kong-Seattle

Cathay Pacific will re-establish its Hong Kong-Seattle route on March 30, 2026, after suspending it at the start of the pandemic. The airline will operate the service with five weekly flights using an Airbus A350-900 aircraft, which offers Business, Premium Economy, and Economy cabins. The resumption of this service strengthens Cathay Pacific's presence in North America and serves as a reconnection for its Hong Kong hub.



Singapore Airlines and Vietnam Airlines sign codeshare agreement to boost connectivity

Singapore Airlines (SIA) and Vietnam Airlines will begin a new codeshare arrangement from 26 October 2025, covering flights between Singapore and Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, and Da Nang. Tickets go on sale from 10 October 2025. The partnership expands travel options, strengthens connectivity, and lays the foundation for deeper cooperation between the two carriers.



India expands fast track immigration program to 13 airports, streamlining travel for citizens and OCI holders

With the inclusion of Lucknow, Amritsar, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli and Kozhikode international airports, the total number of airports covered under the program has risen to 13. First launched at the Indira Gandhi International Airport here in June 2022, the program had added seven more airports – covering Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi and Ahmedabad – in January this year.



Lufthansa Group and Marriott International agree loyalty partnership

Lufthansa Group and Marriott International have announced a new strategic partnership linking their loyalty programmes. The agreement will allow members of Lufthansa’s Miles & More platform to receive more benefits and status through the Marriott Bonvoy loyalty scheme. Travellers will be able to link their Miles & More and Marriott Bonvoy accounts online. They can then earn Miles & More points while staying at hotels across Marriott’s 30-plus brands.



Radisson Hotel Group expands India footprint with 2025 openings

Radisson Hotel Group is accelerating its India growth in 2025 with new and upcoming hotel openings across business hubs, cultural destinations, and leisure markets. Recent launches include Radisson Hotel Prayagraj, with Mount Abu, Indore, Phagwara, Sasan Gir, and Delhi MG Road in the pipeline. The expansion reinforces the Group’s focus on Tier 2 and 3 markets and its alignment with India’s tourism growth strategy.





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