

Vistara to not accept bookings after November 11, 2024

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Delhi : Indian full-service airline Vistara has announced to no longer accept bookings after November 11, 2024, as it prepares to merge with Air India in the coming months.

Following the merger, Vistara's aircraft will be operated by Air India and all bookings for travel after November 11 will be directed to Air India's website.

About the development, Vinod Kannan, Chief Executive Officer, Vistara, said, "As we progress further in our growth journey, we want to emphasise that this merger is about offering them more choice with a larger fleet and a wider network, while elevating the overall travel experience. We are excited about this new phase in our journey and look forward to welcoming our customers again soon-as Air India."

On the other hand, Singapore Airlines has received the Indian government's approval for foreign direct investment (FDI) in the Air India Group. Singapore Airlines holds a 49 per cent share in Vistara and will eventually have a 25.1 per cent share in the consolidated Air India after the merger.

The Tata Group, which owns Vistara and Air India, is moving ahead swiftly with the merger of the two airlines. Recent developments and reports suggest that everything will be finalised this year.

About the progress, Campbell Wilson, CEO, Air India, said, "Cross-functional teams from Air India and Vistara have been working together for many months to make the transition of aircraft, flying crew, ground-based colleagues and, most importantly, our valued customers, into the new Air India as seamless as possible. The joint team looks forward to offering our guests an expanded network, additional flight options, an enhanced frequent flyer programme and the best of both antecedent airlines."