

## AI Express to launch flights to Bangkok, Phuket

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New Delhi: Air India Express, owned by the Tata Group, is set to launch flights to Bangkok and Phuket in the coming months, expanding its international network.

Currently, the carrier flies to 14 international cities, mostly in the Middle East, and 35 domestic destinations.

It has a fleet of 90 aircraft and operates more than 400 flights daily.

A senior official told news agency that the airline will be expanding its operations and plans to start services to Bangkok and Phuket in Thailand.

The airline is expanding its network and this week announced that it will start flights to Jammu and Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair) from December 1.

It has services to 14 overseas destinations -- Abu Dhabi, Doha, Dubai, Kuwait, Ras al-Khaimah, Riyadh, Al Ain, Bahrain, Dammam, Jeddah, Muscat, Salalah, Sharjah and Singapore.

Another official in the know said the carrier is focused on expanding its presence in the leisure travel segment and continuing to strengthen routes mainly catering to the expat community.

Among other options, the airline has introduced 'XPress Holidays', a platform on its website through which passengers can book accommodation, transport and sightseeing activities along with the flight.

Earlier this month, the airline completed the merger of AIX Connect (formerly AirAsia India) with itself.

Air India Express' fleet has 61 Boeing 737s and 29 Airbus A320s.

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