

## **Air India and Lufthansa Group expand codeshare partnership to 60 new routes**

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New Delhi: Air India and the Lufthansa Group have expanded their codeshare partnership to 60 new routes enhancing connectivity between the Indian subcontinent and Europe. This development includes a new codeshare agreement with Austrian Airlines and the extension of existing arrangements with Lufthansa and SWISS. The collaboration now includes nearly 100 codeshare routes, covering 12 Indian and 26 European cities and select destinations in the Americas.

This partnership facilitates Air India passengers to access a broader network of destinations across Europe and the Americas via key Lufthansa Group hubs in Frankfurt, Vienna, and Zurich. Conversely, Lufthansa Group customers gain improved access to Air India's domestic routes within India and select international destinations. This reciprocal arrangement aims to provide seamless travel experiences for passengers traversing these regions.

Under the new codeshare agreement, Air India will place its 'AI' designator code on flights operated by Lufthansa, SWISS, and Austrian Airlines to various European and American cities. Notable destinations include:

Lufthansa (via Frankfurt): Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Copenhagen, Geneva, Hamburg, Lyon, Manchester, Munich, Nice, Oslo, Prague, Stockholm, Stuttgart, Valencia, Washington D.C., Rio de Janeiro, and São Paulo.

SWISS (via Zurich): Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Copenhagen, Dublin, Geneva, Hamburg, Luxembourg, Manchester, Marseille, Nice, Oslo, Prague, Stockholm, and Valencia.

Austrian Airlines (via Vienna): Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Copenhagen, Düsseldorf, Geneva, Hamburg, Lyon, Manchester, Munich, Nice, Oslo, Prague, Stockholm, Stuttgart, and Valencia.

Additionally, Lufthansa Group carriers will add their respective codes to Air India's domestic flights to 15 Indian cities, including Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Goa (Mopa and Dabolim), Hyderabad, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Pune, and Thiruvananthapuram. Internationally, codeshare services will extend to Kathmandu, Melbourne, and Sydney from Delhi and Mumbai.

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