

AIR INDIA SET TO LINK DELHI WITH PHUKET WITH NON-STOP SERVICE

- Second destination in Thailand after Bangkok
- To enhance presence and connectivity in South East Asia and the Far East

Gurugram, 24th November 2023: Air India, India's leading global airline, is set to connect Delhi with Phuket, Thailand's popular island destination, with a non-stop service from 15th December 2023. The service will meet the demand for convenient air link between the two cities for tourism and trade, while further bolstering the airline's expansion plans in the Far East and South East Asia.

Operated with an A320neo aircraft offering 162 seats (150 in Economy and 12 in Business Class), AI 378 will depart from Delhi at 0110 hrs to arrive in Phuket the same day at 0710 hrs. The return flight AI 379 will take off from Phuket at 0810 hrs and land in Delhi at 1050 hrs (All Local Time).

Commencing with a four-flights-a-week schedule (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays), the service will be enhanced to a daily operation from January 2024.

"Phuket is a popular global destination and holds a significant base for business and tourism. We are delighted to welcome Phuket into our network and will continue to expand our connectivity and enhance frequency on domestic and international sectors providing more flexibility of choice to our customers and contributing to the growth in the aviation sector," said **Nipun Aggarwal, Chief Commercial & Transformation Officer, Air India.**

Air India currently operates a total of 26 flights to Bangkok per week with daily non-stop flights from Delhi and Mumbai and six flights in a week from Kolkata. Besides, Air India passengers can avail convenient connections via Bangkok to and from 10 popular destinations in Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia on the network of Bangkok Airways, with whom Air India enjoys an interline partnership.

Bookings for the flights will open today across all channels, including Air India's website: (www.airindia.com), mobile app, and through travel agents (including online travel agents).

About Air India:

Founded by the legendary JRD Tata, Air India pioneered India's aviation sector. Since its first flight on October 15, 1932, Air India has built an extensive domestic network with non-stop flights to cities around the world, across the USA, Canada, UK, Europe, Far-East, South-East Asia, Australia, and the Gulf. After 69 years as a government-owned enterprise, Air India and Air India Express were welcomed back into the Tata group in January 2022.

Air India is navigating through a major five-year transformation roadmap under the aegis of *Vihaan.AI*, with an ambition to become a world class airline with an Indian heart. The first phase of this transformation, the taxi phase was recently concluded, and focused on fixing the basics. These included bringing back to service many long grounded aircraft, addition of talent across flying and ground functions, rapid upgradation of technology and strengthening of customer care initiatives amongst others.

A member of Star Alliance, the largest global airline consortium of leading international airlines, Air India offers seamless connectivity and facilities to passengers all over the world.

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