

AIR INDIA TO FLY NON-STOP BETWEEN BENGALURU AND LONDON GATWICK FROM 18 AUGUST

GURUGRAM, 07 June 2024: Air India has announced it will start non-stop services between Bengaluru and London Gatwick (LGW) starting 18 August 2024, making Bengaluru the fifth Indian city to be connected to the UK's second-largest airport.

The service, which will further strengthen Air India's presence in the UK, reinforces the strong economic and cultural links between India and the UK.

Air India will operate 5x weekly between Bengaluru and London Gatwick, thus taking the total count of its flights to and from London Gatwick to 17x weekly.

The airline will use its Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft on the route, featuring 18 flat beds in Business class and 238 spacious seats in Economy.

"We are delighted to offer our guests convenient, non-stop flights between Bengaluru and London Gatwick. This new route caters to the growing demand for travel between these two important business and leisure destinations, and strengthens our commitment to expanding our global network," said **Campbell Wilson, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Air India.**

SCHEDULE OF FLIGHTS BETWEEN BENGALURU AND LONDON GATWICK Effective 18 August 2024				
Flight #	Sector	Departure	Arrival	Days of Operation
AI177	Bengaluru-London Gatwick	1305 Hrs	1905 Hrs	Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sun
AI178	London Gatwick-Bengaluru	2035 Hrs	1050 Hrs (+1)	Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sun

All times are local. (+1) denotes next day arrival.

Bookings for the flights progressively open today on all channels, including Air India's official website (www.airindia.com), mobile app, and authorised travel agents and partners.

Air India currently connects four other Indian cities to London Gatwick, namely Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Goa, and Kochi. The airline additionally operates 31x weekly to London Heathrow, and 6x weekly to and from Birmingham.

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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