

## Media Release



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### AIR INDIA TO LAUNCH DIRECT FLIGHTS DAILY FROM ITALY

Air India, the national airline of India, announces the launch of daily direct flights to Delhi from **Rome Fiumicino** and **Milan Malpensa** from **6 June 2014**.

The links on Italy will be triangular: **Delhi - Rome Fiumicino Airport - Milan Malpensa, 4 times a week** (Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday), with the following schedule:

| COD. IATA | Route          | From  | To       |
|-----------|----------------|-------|----------|
| AI 123    | Delhi- Roma    | 14:20 | 19:05    |
| AI 122    | Roma-Milano    | 20:40 | 22:00    |
| AI 122    | Milano – Delhi | 23:30 | 10:15 +1 |

and **Delhi - Milan Malpensa - Rome Fiumicino, 3 times a week** (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday), with the following schedule:

| COD. IATA | Route                  | From  | To        |
|-----------|------------------------|-------|-----------|
| AI 123    | Delhi- Milano Malpensa | 14:20 | 19:30     |
| AI 122    | Milano Malpensa –Roma  | 21:00 | 22:10     |
| AI 122    | Roma – Delhi           | 23:35 | 10:15 +1* |

\* +1 = next day

The Indian carrier is **the first to operate from Italy with Boeing B787 Dreamliner**, the state-of-art *wide-body* aircraft for passenger transportation, **configured in two classes**, of which **238 seats in Economy Class** and **18 seats in the Executive Class**.

With a steady growth in international air transport, Air India **is back in Italy after 15 years of absence** with the firm conviction to enhance and promote trade exchange between the two countries.

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The **Jt. Secretary of Civil Aviation of India, Mr. Arun Kumar** along with his delegation flew in from India. "We are raising our business model based on direct flights," said **Chairman and CEO of Air India, Rohit Nandan**, "a winning formula that offers travelers a better product at the most competitive rates."

After **Birmingham, Melbourne and Sydney**, Rome and Milan become part of the network and it will be **soon** inaugurated the **Delhi-Moscow route**.

From today on, Air India is able to offer **seamless connections to the South-East Asia with Kathmandu, Bangkok, Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Tokyo and Osaka**, and to **Australia**, with **Sydney and Melbourne**.

In Europe, these new direct flights are in addition to daily connections to Paris, Frankfurt and London.

In order to furtherly improve service and renewal of the fleet, we are pleased to announce the **imminent entrance** of Air India as the **29th member of the Star Alliance**.

### Air India

Air India Limited is the national airline of India born in 1932 and founded by JRD Tata. In 1948, with the independence of India, 49% of the airline was acquired by the local government, with an additional option of purchase of 2%, becoming the official national carrier. In 2007 Air India merges with Indian Airlines, the second national airline Indian, inserts the first Boeing 777-200LR and opens its first non-stop flight Mumbai- New York. In 2009 Frankfurt became its international hub with connections from and to Ahmedabad, Chennai (via Mumbai), Chicago, Delhi, Hyderabad (via Delhi), Mumbai and New York.

Air India, through its two international gateway, the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi and the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport in Mumbai, currently connects 31 international destinations distributed in 19 countries in Europe, North America, Australia, Africa and Asia and 62 regional destinations. Air India has a number of codeshare agreements: Lufthansa, Deutsche Bahn, Austrian Airlines, Swiss Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Ethiopian Airlines, Egypt Air, Air Mauritius, Singapore Airlines, South African Airways, Asiana Air and Kuwait Airways.

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