

ETIHAD AIRWAYS OFFERS ENHANCED ACCESS TO INDIA FOLLOWING CODESHARE EXPANSION WITH JET AIRWAYS

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, has announced a major expansion of its codeshare agreement with Jet Airways, offering travellers enhanced connections throughout India, and linking India with even more destinations worldwide.

The two airlines have obtained regulatory approval to codeshare on 43 additional routes, bringing the total number of services in their codeshare agreement to 71.

As part of the expansion, Etihad Airways has placed its 'EY' code on domestic services in India for the first time, with the codeshare agreement now including 31 Jet Airways routes from hubs in Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Bangalore to regional centres in Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Goa, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kochi, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mangalore, Patna, Trivandrum and Vadodara.

The codeshare agreement has also been updated to incorporate Jet Airways' international connections from Mumbai and Delhi to the Asian tourism and economic hubs of Singapore, Hong Kong and Bangkok, together with services linking Chennai to Abu Dhabi and Singapore.

Furthermore, Jet Airways has strengthened its offering to the US and Europe by codesharing on additional Etihad Airways routes between Abu Dhabi and Chicago, New York, Dublin and Milan.

James Hogan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Etihad Airways, said: "As one of the world's fastest-growing travel markets, India has become increasingly important to Etihad Airways. Our current network of Indian destinations, consisting of Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kochi, Kozhikode, Mumbai, New Delhi and Trivandrum, is further supported by the relationship we have developed with our equity alliance partner Jet Airways.

"This codeshare expansion is a milestone development for both airlines. In addition to placing our 'EY' code on domestic flights within India for the first time, the agreement now covers all six of Jet Airways' services to Abu Dhabi. This has multiple benefits for travellers, such as

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expanded network reach, more frequent services, and increased convenience. Jet Airways' guests also benefit from seamless connections to more destinations globally, with the airline's '9W' code placed on almost 20 per cent more Etihad Airways routes than previously offered."

The new codeshare routes are now available for sale and enable members of the integrated Etihad Guest and JetPrivilege frequent flyer programs to earn and redeem miles, while also benefiting from reciprocal tier level recognition across the global networks of both airlines.

Prior to this expansion, Etihad Airways codeshared on seven routes operated by Jet Airways, with the agreement covering flights between Abu Dhabi and Mumbai, Delhi, Cochin, Bangalore and Hyderabad, together with connections from Brussels to Newark and Toronto.

In addition, Jet Airways codeshared on 21 Etihad Airways routes to India (Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kozhikode, Mumbai, New Delhi and Trivandrum), Europe (Amsterdam, Brussels, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Geneva, Manchester, Munich and Paris), the U.S. (Washington DC), Australia (Brisbane), and Africa (Johannesburg and Nairobi).

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About Etihad Airways

Etihad Airways began operations in 2003, and in 2013 carried 11.5 million passengers. From its Abu Dhabi base Etihad Airways flies to 103 existing or announced passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas. The airline has a fleet of 99 Airbus and Boeing aircraft, and more than 220 aircraft on firm order, including 71 Boeing 787s, 25 Boeing 777-X, 62 Airbus A350s and 10 Airbus A380s. Etihad Airways holds equity investments in airberlin, Air Seychelles, Virgin Australia, Aer Lingus, Air Serbia and Jet Airways, and is seeking regulatory approval to invest in Swiss-based regional carrier Darwin Airline. For more information, please visit: www.etihad.com