

### **ETIHAD AIRWAYS TO STRENGTHEN INDIA NETWORK WITH THIRD DAILY MUMBAI AND NEW DELHI FLIGHTS**

- Third daily frequency to Mumbai and New Delhi to commence during first half of 2015, providing travellers with more choice and greater connectivity
- Etihad Airways and Jet Airways' network from Abu Dhabi to increase to 217 weekly flights to 14 destinations across India - more frequencies between the UAE and India than any other individual carrier
- Etihad Airways to continue focus on India network development, with additional services, aircraft upgrades and deployment of the airline's latest fleet and product

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, has announced that Mumbai and New Delhi will become its first destinations in India to be served with triple-daily flights, strengthening its unparalleled offering with Jet Airways into and out of the country.

Both cities will be upgraded from their current double-daily frequencies, with the third daily flight to Mumbai starting on 15 February 2015 and to New Delhi on 1 May 2015. The development will provide business and leisure travellers with more options throughout the day between the UAE and India, and enhance India's connections with markets across Etihad Airways' global network.

Along with Jet Airways' services, both airlines will connect Abu Dhabi to 14 Indian cities, with over 200 return flights each week. This includes five flights a day to Mumbai, four flights a day to New Delhi, three flights a day to Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad and Kochi, two flights a day to Ahmedabad and Kozhikode, and daily flights to Jaipur and Trivandrum.

Etihad Airways will also launch a daily service to Kolkata, capital of West Bengal, on 15 February 2015 to support its long-term development plan in India, and Jet Airways has announced it will soon launch daily services between Abu Dhabi and Goa, Lucknow and Pune.

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In addition to the airline's network developments, Etihad Airways has upgraded its aircraft on a number of Indian routes, including the debut of three-class, wide-body aircraft on select flights. The airline will also operate its new Boeing 787-9 on Mumbai evening services in January 2015.

James Hogan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Etihad Airways, said: "India is expected to become the world's third largest air passenger market within the next 20 years, and we are focused on providing travellers with the best possible offering into and out of the country, in terms of world-class service, extensive network coverage and multiple flight options each day.

"Already in the first half of 2014, more than 620,000 passengers flew on our India services, a substantial increase of 51 per cent year-on-year. The launch of triple-daily services to Mumbai and New Delhi, our most popular routes in India, will allow us to meet growing market demand.

"Our relationship with Jet Airways will also continue to play an important role. Both airlines' depth and breadth in India is stronger than any of our regional competitors and there are significant opportunities to increase our frequencies on existing routes, and introduce more Indian destinations into our network, which will set us even further apart from other airlines."

Flights on Etihad Airways' triple-daily Mumbai and New Delhi services can be booked now on [www.etihad.com](http://www.etihad.com), through the airline's contact centres, or via travel agents.

## **Etihad Airways schedule for Mumbai flights, effective 15 February 2015:**

<b>Flight Number</b>	<b>Origin</b>	<b>Departs</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Arrives</b>	<b>Aircraft</b>	<b>Operation</b>
EY206	Abu Dhabi	22:00	Mumbai	03:00 +1	B787	Existing
EY205	Mumbai	04:30	Abu Dhabi	06:25	B787	Existing
EY204	Abu Dhabi	15:45	Mumbai	20:25	A320	Existing
EY203	Mumbai	21:40	Abu Dhabi	23:40	A320	Existing
EY212	Abu Dhabi	03:00	Mumbai	07:40	A320	New
EY213	Mumbai	09:30	Abu Dhabi	11:30	A320	New

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## Etihad Airways schedule for New Delhi flights, effective 1 May 2015:

Flight Number	Origin	Departs	Destination	Arrives	Aircraft	Operation
EY224	Abu Dhabi	15:25	New Delhi	20:40	B777	Existing
EY223	New Delhi	22:10	Abu Dhabi	00:15 +1	B777	Existing
EY218	Abu Dhabi	22:05	New Delhi	03:20 +1	B777	Existing
EY211	New Delhi	04:50	Abu Dhabi	06:55	B777	Existing
EY228	Abu Dhabi	03:00	New Delhi	08:15	A320	New
EY229	New Delhi	09:05	Abu Dhabi	11:30	A320	New

Note: All departures and arrivals are listed in local time.

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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 111 existing or announced passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas. The airline has a fleet of 105 Airbus and Boeing aircraft, and more than 200 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 in the process of formalising equity investments in Alitalia and Swiss-based Etihad Regional\*. For more information, please visit: [www.etihad.com](http://www.etihad.com)

\*Operated by Darwin Airline