

Indian carriers planning to order around 1,200 aircraft: CAPA

After Air India's historic order of 840 planes to Airbus and Boeing, other Indian carriers are planning to order close to 1,200 more aircraft in over 24 months, According to the Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation India (CAPA India), Indian carriers are expected to place orders for additional 1,000-1,200 aircraft, starting off with another large order from IndiGo. According to a CAPA report, almost every carrier in India is expected to order more aircraft in the next couple of years, for fleet replacement as well as growth, given that the order book for most incumbent carriers could be considered conservative relative to the growth potential of the market over the next decade and beyond.



Indians spent nearly USD 10bn on foreign travel during April-December: RBI

Indians spent around USD 10 billion on overseas travel between April and December, citing data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It is the highest ever such figure, even more than the spending in any financial year. Before this, the highest spend on overseas travel in an entire financial year was USD 7 billion in 2019-20. The RBI data showed that Indians spent USD 1.137 billion on travel in December 2022 alone. This takes the total till December in FY23 to USD 9.947 billion. When the foreign exchange spent on education, gifts and investments is taken into account, the total money sent abroad stands at USD 19.354 billion. The highest ever in this category was USD 19.61 billion in FY22.

MoT launches portals for Best Tourism Village & Rural Tourism

In order to promote rural tourism in India, Union Tourism Minister, G. Kishan Reddy launched a unique initiative 'Best Tourism Village Competition Portal' and Rural Tourism Portal. The Global Tourism Investor Summit 2023 portal was also launched on the occasion. The Ministry of Tourism is organising the 1st Global Tourism Investors' Summit during May 17-19, 2023 to showcase investable projects and opportunities in the tourism and hospitality sector in India to domestic and international investors. This is being organised in the backdrop of India's G20 Presidency this year.



Dubai welcomes 14.36 million inbound visitors in 2022

According to the recent statistics released by Dubai's Department of Economy and Tourism, the city welcomed 14.36 million foreign overnight tourists in 2022, an increase of 97 per cent YoY from the 7.28 million visitors who arrived in 2021.



I am confident that Dubai will be an even greater catalyst for the growth of global tourism and travel connectivity in the years ahead.

His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of The Executive Council of Dubai, said, "The exceptional growth in the inflow of visitors reflects Dubai's continued rise as one of the world's most connected cities and its determination to lead the world in hospitality infrastructure and service levels. The high growth shows the world that we never rest on our achievements and constantly work to raise our benchmarks. I

Air Arabia Abu Dhabi to start direct Kolkata flights on March 15

Air Arabia Abu Dhabi has announced the launch of a new direct route to Kolkata. The new flights between Abu Dhabi International Airport and Kolkata Airport will operate three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, starting from March 15, 2023.

Adel Al Ali, Group CEO, Air Arabia, said, "We are delighted to launch this new route, offering our customers an even wider choice of destinations in India.



IndiGo to operate flights between Mumbai-Silchar & Delhi-Itanagar via Kolkata

IndiGo has announced new flights between Mumbai-Silchar and Delhi-Itanagar via Kolkata, effective March 02, 2023. According to the release, these flights are aimed at strengthening domestic connectivity and offering customers

with increased flight options. The new connection between Mumbai-Silchar will cut down the air travel time by half. Vinay Malhotra, Head Global Sales, IndiGo said, "These flights have been added in response to the increasing demand for travel to these destinations. We are confident that many customers will benefit with the commencement of these connections, particularly as the summer season approaches. We are focused towards enhancing domestic connectivity and staying true to our promise of providing a courteous, on-time, hassle-free, and affordable travel experience across our wide network."

