

# REPORT: AIRLINES: SOUTH ASIA

## What you need to know

July 2022

This report presents a roundup of what's been happening to airlines in South Asia over the last month.

### Major airlines

#### IndiGo

##### Bahrain flights start

India's largest airline, IndiGo, will launch [daily](#) flights from Mumbai to Bahrain on [August 1](#). Bahrain becomes the airline's 25<sup>th</sup> international destination and means IndiGo now serves all six countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council.

##### Turkish codeshare reactivated

IndiGo has resumed codeshare flights with Turkish Airlines. Initially, both airlines are selling tickets with Turkish Airlines as the marketing carrier and IndiGo as the operating airline. Turkish will add its code to IndiGo's Delhi-Istanbul services and on domestic flights to Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai.

#### SriLankan Airlines

##### Codeshare agreed with Kuwait Airways

During June, SriLankan Airlines signed a new codeshare partnership with Kuwait Airways. The two airlines will market on each other's flights between Colombo and Kuwait. The relationship may be expanded to include frequent flyer programs.

### Other airlines

#### SpiceJet

##### Airline receives warning from regulator

Indian low-cost carrier SpiceJet has received a show-cause notice from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) following a number of operational incidents. The airline has been given until the end of July to respond. The DGCA has raised question about the safety of SpiceJet's operations.

#### Vistara

##### Bangkok flights announced

Full-service Indian carrier Vistara will launch direct flights from Mumbai to Bangkok on [August 5](#). It will offer [five weekly](#) flights on the route. The airline has recently increased frequency on its Delhi-Bangkok service to [daily](#).

## Start-up airlines

### Akasa Air

#### August launch announced

Having received its air operator's certificate, Indian low-cost carrier start-up Akasa Air has announced plans for the start of commercial operations on [August 7](#).

Initially operating a pair of Boeing 737 Max jets, it will commence services with [four daily](#) flights from Mumbai to Ahmedabad, where it will go head-to-head with Air India, Go First, IndiGo and Vistara. This will be followed on [August 13](#) by the start of [four daily](#) flights from Bangalore to Kochi, a route already operated by Air India, AirAsia India and IndiGo.

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