

## InterGlobe Air Transport appointed as the exclusive General Sales Agent (GSA) for Manta Air

Introduces direct flights between Bengaluru and Dhaalu Airport from March 2024



**National, February 29, 2024:** InterGlobe Air Transport Limited, a leading General Sales Agent (GSA) for multiple international airlines in India, today announced its partnership with Manta Air, the fastest growing airline in the Maldives, to launch direct flights from India to Dhaalu Airport, Maldives.

Through this partnership, InterGlobe Air Transport and Manta Air intend to elevate air travel between India and the Maldives by establishing direct flights from Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport to the Maldives' Dhaalu Airport. This service will enable passengers to skip the inconvenience and additional expense of transiting through a busy hub and land directly amidst the pristine beaches and luxurious resorts of Dhaalu. This seamless connection whisks the travellers straight to Dhaalu's breathtaking beauty, making the Maldivian getaway faster, smoother, and even more unforgettable.

**Siddhanta Sharma, President & CEO, InterGlobe Air Transport**, said, "We are delighted to partner with Manta Air to launch direct flights between the Maldives and India. At InterGlobe Air Transport, we have always been committed to not just connecting destinations but also enhancing the travel experience for our customers, and Manta Air's seamless journeys and exclusive immigration processes at Dhaalu Airport will ensure swift transfers to the travellers. Through our wide travel distribution network and extensive corporate customer base, we look forward to supporting Manta Air in expanding their presence in the Indian market."

**Mohamed Khaleel, CEO of Manta Air** comments "This announcement marks a pivotal moment in our company's trajectory – we are progressing from being a leading domestic and seaplane carrier in the Maldives to an international airline operator. With Manta Air's expansion through a new direct flight route from India to the Maldives we anticipate a surge in travel interest and bookings from Indian tourists. This strategic move aims to enhance the guest experience and boost bookings for resorts in Dhaalu atoll, particularly Kandima,

RIU Hotel, and Niyama Private Island, which are all located in close proximity to the airport. By facilitating easier and more affordable travel access to the Maldives, we foresee a substantial increase in travel demand from Bengaluru and across India in 2024 and beyond."

Manta Air and Dhaalu Airport will facilitate convenient and easy immigration and customs clearance processes exclusively for Manta Air guests arriving to Dhaalu Airport from India, enabling quick transfers to some of the country's best resorts. Starting from 1st March 2024, Manta Air will operate three flights per week on Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday.

## About InterGlobe Air Transport

InterGlobe Air Transport is a leading airline and travel management company representing some of the world's largest airlines, a global car rental company, and a leading hotel booking site in India. Since 1989, the company has been constantly pushing boundaries, providing diverse expertise, and adapting to the evolving travel landscape. InterGlobe Air Transport's success lies in its unwavering commitment to its partners and customers, fostered through long-lasting relationships built on trust, transparency, and exceptional service. InterGlobe Air Transport is present across major Indian cities and has overseas offices in the UK, the UAE, and Qatar.

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## About Manta Air

Manta Air is the fastest growing airline in the Maldives, operating ATR72-600 wheelbase aircrafts and DHC6 twin-otter seaplanes. The company registered its business in 2018 and started its first commercial flights in Feb 2019. Since the launching of its services in 2019, Manta Air has experienced immense growth in demand. The airline has helped eliminate uncertainty of flight timings and set new standards in services since its establishment. The airline currently operates fixed schedules domestic and seaplane flights to more than thirty hotel destinations, providing coverage to six regional atolls and three key airports across the country. Manta has a combined fleet size of 21 aircrafts and is a fully owned and operated Maldivian hoteliers.

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