

# Economic & Operational Fallout of Pakistan's Airspace Closure for Indian Airlines

## Pakistan's Airspace Closure – Current Status

### Airspace Closure Duration



Effective till May 23, 2025  
(extendable)



Triggered in response to ongoing  
regional escalations



### Affected Zone:

Northern India's access to direct westbound  
airspace routes via Pakistan

## The Sky-High Cost of Detours



**Current CPFH (Cost Per Flight Hour):**  
~USD 10,000



**Avg Extra Flight Time/Flight:** 1.5 hours



**Daily Affected Flights:** ~120



**Monthly Loss Estimate:**

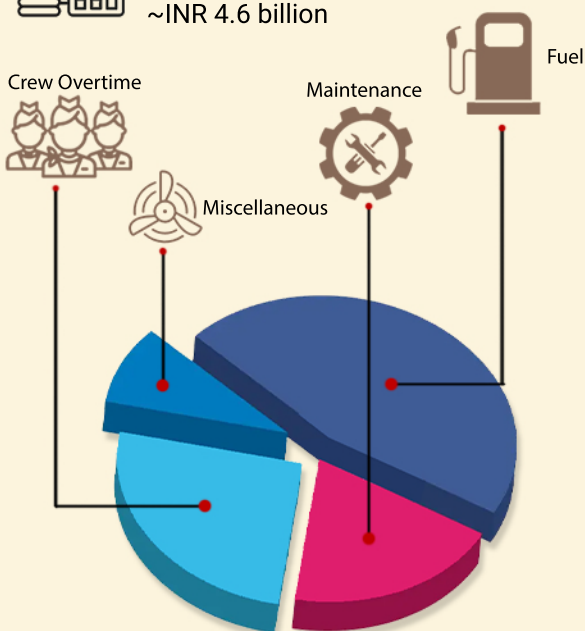
~USD 54 million  
~INR 4.6 billion

Crew Overtime

Maintenance

Fuel

Miscellaneous



## Longer Skies, Longer Journeys

Flight Route	Extra Time Due to Rerouting
✈️ Delhi – Baku	⬆️ 1.5 hours
✈️ Delhi – Tbilisi	⬆️ 1.5 hours
✈️ Tashkent – Delhi	⬆️ 3 hours
✈️ Delhi – Chicago (AI127)	⬆️ 4 hours
✈️ Delhi – Baku (6E1803)	⬆️ 40 minutes
Airlines: ✈️ IndiGo ✈️ Air India	

## Airline & Market Impact



**Most Affected:** Air India (US, Canada,  
EU long-haul routes)



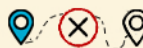
**Foreign Airlines Advantage:** More direct /  
unaffected routing



**Reduced Cargo:** Decline in belly-hold freight revenue



**More Fuel Stops:** Operational complexity



**Cancelled Routes:** Almaty & Tashkent (IndiGo)

## Passenger Pain Points

**Ticket Price Surge:**

⬆️ 30%  
to Middle East

⬆️ 40%  
to Europe &  
North America

**Passenger Burden:**

Travel Stress

Diminished  
Travel Experience



Higher Prices =  
Frustration & Inequity



Rethinking Future  
Travel Plans

## Strategic Disruption Beyond Borders



**Airspace Closure** is more  
than a Geopolitical Symbol:  
it is a Daily Operational and  
Economic Disruption.



**Regional Tensions** carry  
Transcontinental  
Economic Ripples.



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