

# AIR-INDIA International

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Dear Agent:

Since the inauguration of our trans-Atlantic jet service from New York to London, I have received many compliments on our food service - both in First and Economy Class.

In addition, numerous agents have asked questions regarding our cuisine. You, too, may be interested in what AIR-INDIA serves its in-flight maharajahs.

Naturally in First Class, cocktails come first, and with them passengers are offered a buffet cart consisting of hot, Indian-style hors d'oeuvres. Here are just six of the numerous items:

Rumani — crisp bacon wrapped around lightly-seasoned fresh chestnuts, and bamboo shoots - broiled.

Dilpasand — delicately flavored minced lamb, saffron rice, pine nuts, rolled in young grape vine leaves - baked and served cold with a dash of lemon sauce and crowned with edible gold leaf ... a real maharajah treatment.

Samosas — golden brown, flaky, multi-layered pastries filled with subtly spiced lamb, beef, shrimp or vegetables - baked in butter.

Malabari — light, fluffy butterfly shrimps marinated in olive oil corander, tumeric, fresh ginger, a speck of garlic, etc. - rolled in light butter and deep fried.

Murghi Basant — cakes of breast of spring chicken, marinated in white wine and exotic herbs, broiled and served on miniature skewers.

Beef Sate — cubes of choice sirloin steak - marinated in Madeira wine and Polynesian spices - broiled and served on miniature skewers.

Then comes dinner. The following menu is typical of our current service:

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## HORS D'OEUVRES

Fresh Caviar Malosol                      Medaillon of Lobster

## SOUP

Choice of:

Clear Turtle Soup                      or                      Cream of Asparagus

## ENTREES

Choice of:

Saute of Beef Burgandy                      Braised Spiced Rock Cornish  
Game Hen a la Bombay

## CHAMPAGNE

Veuve Cliquot Ponsardine

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## VIN ROUGE

Puisseguin-St. Emilion  
Vosne Romanee

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## VIN BLANC

Graves Dry Select

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Cognac, Drambuie  
Cointreau  
Creme de Menthe

## Rice Pilau

Fresh Buttered Garden Peas                      Steamed String Beans

## Potatoes Duchesse

## SALAD

Lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes

## CHEESES

Roquefort                      Camembert                      Romano                      Provolone                      Cheddar  
Gruyere

## DESSERT

Neapolitan Ice Cream

Selected Fresh Fruits

Indian Sweets

Coffee                      -                      Tea

We have been told our Economy Class dinner menu is equally appetizing. As you know, the meal must be cold but our maharajahs can enjoy the following:

A Whole Boned Rock Cornish Game Hen

- roasted and glazed with pine-apple and garnished with Chutney.

Potato Salad

Waldorf Salad

Rolls and Butter

Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee

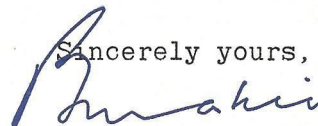
Continental breakfasts are served to both First and Economy Class passengers.

Our Indian hostesses in their colorful saris see that every passenger is served with the care, attention, and charm that has made Eastern hospitality and AIR-INDIA service renowned throughout the world. It is their wish that every passenger arrive at his destination relaxed and so pampered that he truly feels like a maharajah (or maharani, as the case may be.)

In closing, I should like to sincerely thank you for your cooperation in helping to make our first weeks of operation from the United States so successful.

I shall be writing to you from time to time about various phases of our service. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,



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