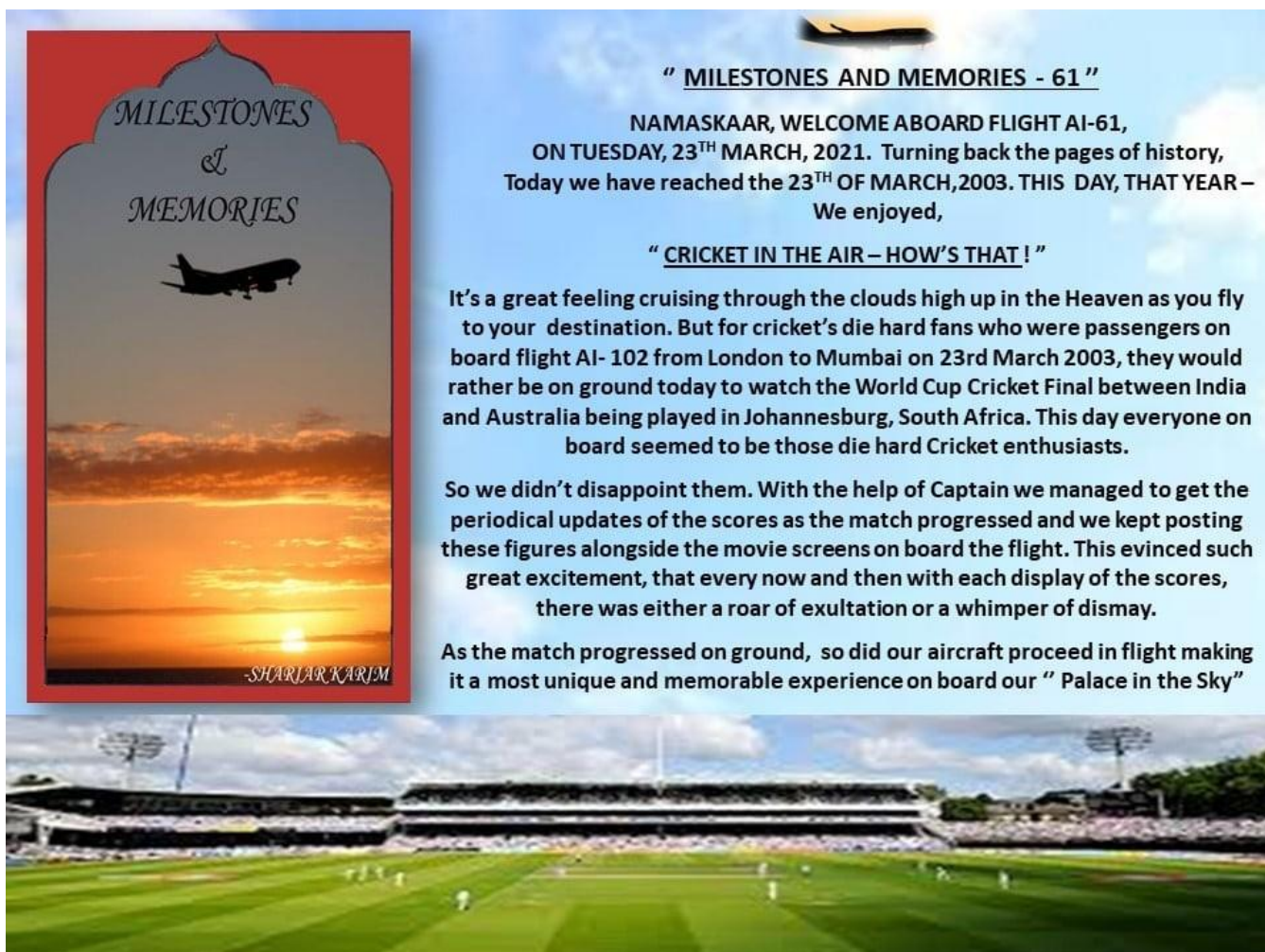


ODYSSEY AI – 61 with Shariar Karim's “MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”

LAST FLIGHT : AI -60 on 19th March 2021 “My 500th Flight as an I.F.S.”

THIS FLIGHT : AI-61 23 on March 2021 “CRICKET IN THE AIR – HOW’S THAT !”

NEXT FLIGHT: AI -62 on 24 March 2021 “Making a Difference to make Air--India Different”



“ MILESTONES AND MEMORIES - 61 ”

NAMASKAAR, WELCOME ABOARD FLIGHT AI-61,
ON TUESDAY, 23TH MARCH, 2021. Turning back the pages of history,
Today we have reached the 23TH OF MARCH, 2003. THIS DAY, THAT YEAR –
We enjoyed,

“ CRICKET IN THE AIR – HOW’S THAT ! ”

It’s a great feeling cruising through the clouds high up in the Heaven as you fly to your destination. But for cricket’s die hard fans who were passengers on board flight AI- 102 from London to Mumbai on 23rd March 2003, they would rather be on ground today to watch the World Cup Cricket Final between India and Australia being played in Johannesburg, South Africa. This day everyone on board seemed to be those die hard Cricket enthusiasts.

So we didn’t disappoint them. With the help of Captain we managed to get the periodical updates of the scores as the match progressed and we kept posting these figures alongside the movie screens on board the flight. This evinced such great excitement, that every now and then with each display of the scores, there was either a roar of exultation or a whimper of dismay.

As the match progressed on ground, so did our aircraft proceed in flight making it a most unique and memorable experience on board our “ Palace in the Sky”



MARCH 23, 2003

ICC Cricket World Cup

**SOUTH AFRICA 2003
Johannesburg**



FINAL INDIA Vs AUSTRALIA

Cricket In The Air – How's That !



SPECIAL IN FLIGHT ANNOUNCEMENT

Good morning ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of AIR INDIA, Capt. Bapat, Capt. Badge and all the crew, this is Shariar Karim, your In Flight Supervisor, welcoming you to this Special flight on this special day. Special to all sports lovers, special to all cricket fans and special, especially to all Indians, for today is Cricket's World Cup Final Day.

After 43 days of competitive cricket, in which 14 of the world's best cricket playing nations fought 53 matches to reach the Final, finally two have vanquished all others to face each other for the ultimate crown. Today is the big day when India play Australia for cricket's biggest and most coveted Trophy-The World Cup

- Announcement Continues . . .

Flight AI 102 took off from London for Mumbai around the time the cricket world cup Final commenced between India and Australia in Johannesburg, South Africa. This announcement was made at the beginning of the flight with the constant display of the scores in response to the tremendous interest the match evinced from our passengers on board.



ANNOUNCEMENT
CONTINUES

As we begin this flight and head towards India, the battle royal has just begun in Johannesburg, South Africa and whilst over a billion Indians in India and all over the world are glued to their T.V sets to witness the drama as it unfolds on Earth, we in the Heavens, aboard AI- 102 will also be following the match as it progresses throughout our flight.

Ladies and gentlemen AIR INDIA is proud to bring you a regular update of the scores, by means of our manually operated score board displayed alongside your video screen.

So we invite you, our valued guests to please sit back and enjoy the greatest sporting spectacle on Earth as we bring you the scores aboard your 'Palace in the Sky.'

SCORE BOARD

WORLD CUP
VIGNETTES

AUSTRALIA V INDIA
2003 WORLD CUP FINAL - JOHANNESBURG

AUSTRALIA - 359/2

50 OVERS

RT PONTING

140*

HARBHAJAN SINGH

2/49

DR MARTYN

88*

YUVRAJ SINGH

0/12

AC GILCHRIST

57

V SEHWAG

0/14

INDIA - 234

39.2 OVERS

V SEHWAG

82

GD MCGRATH

3/52

R DRAVID

47

A SYMONDS

2/7

SC GANGULY

24

B LEE

2/31

AUSTRALIA WON BY 125 RUNS