

= Air Costa =

Air Costa is an airline headquartered at Vijayawada , India . It is owned by Indian business company LEPL Group and has a 0 @. @ 8 % market share in the Indian domestic airline market as of February 2016 . The airline commenced operations as a regional airline in October 2013 using two Embraer E @- @ 170 aircraft with the first flight taking off from its hub at Chennai on 16 October 2013 . The airline got a permit for pan India operations in December 2015 .

The airline focuses on connectivity between tier II and tier III cities in the country and has invested ? 600 crore (US \$ 89 million) as of 2015 . Air Costa operates 32 daily flights to nine destinations from its major hubs at Chennai and Vijayawada by 2015 . The airline has a maintenance center at Chennai airport .

= = History = =

Air Costa is owned by Indian business company LEPL Group . The airline received a No @- @ Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Ministry of Civil Aviation in February 2012 . The airline initially planned to start operations with a fleet of Q400 aircraft but later announced its decision to acquire Embraer Jets at the Paris Air Show in June 2013 . Air Costa received its Air Operators ? Permit (AOP) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in September 2013 .

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In September 2015 , Air Costa , which holds a regional airline 's license , applied to the aviation regulator DGCA for its license to be upgraded to that of a national airline . Air Costa received a no @- @ objection certificate from the civil aviation ministry for pan @- @ India operations on 19 December 2015 . The airline has a 0 @. @ 8 % market share in the Indian domestic airline market as of February 2016 .

= = Destinations = =

As of April 2015 , Air Costa operates 32 daily flights to nine destinations in India . The airline has a maintenance center and hub at Chennai airport .

= = Fleet = =

Air Costa commenced operations in October 2013 with a pair of Embraer E @- @ 170 jets . Two Embraer E @- @ 190s were added by September 2015 . Air Costa added one more E @- @ 190 in December 2015 and plans to add three to five E @- @ 190 aircraft in its fleet in 2016 .

= = = New orders = = =

Air Costa ordered 50 Embraer E @- @ Jets E2 aircraft worth US \$ 2 @. @ 94 billion during the Singapore Airshow on 13 February 2014 . The airline will become the Asian launch customer for the type when it takes the first delivery in 2018 .