**Bhopal**

**Raja Bhoj International Airport (BHO)**

Bhopal Airport is called the Raja Bhoj International Airport and is located in Gandhi Nagar, around 15 km from Bhopal's city center. The airport derives its name from Maharaja Raja Bhoj of the Paramara dynasty. A new integrated terminal was inaugurated in 2011 with major expansions in terms of better ability to handle increased passenger traffic, better runways to accommodate wide body aircrafts and world-class amenities for domestic and international tourists. In the year 2013, Bhopal Airport was the first in the state to install a 100 kilowatt solar power plant and utilize solar power for operating the airport's utility grid system.

**Flight Information**

Bhopal airport is one of the major airports in the state of Madhya Pradesh and is therefore well-connected to other major Indian cities such as Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Lucknow. Domestic flights are operated by Air India, Jet Airways and JetKonnect. Bhopal to New Delhi and Bhopal to Mumbai are the most frequently operated services with 47 and 16 weekly flights respectively. Bhopal operates chartered flights to Jeddah through Saudia airlines for Hajj pilgrims.

**Terminals**

The new integrated terminal at Bhopal airport handles both domestic and international flight operations. About 14 check-in and 10 immigration counters are available at this terminal for facilitating faster passenger movement.

**Traveling in and around**

Bhopal bus station is located at a distance of about 13 km from the airport while the city railway station is 19 km away. The airport is well-connected to both bus and railway stations by road. Private taxis can be hired from the terminal to reach either of the destinations in 20 and 30 minutes respectively.

**Services and Facilities**

Complimentary luggage trolleys and wheel chairs for the aged and the physically challenged are available at Raja Bhoj International Airport. The airport also has a host of other facilities such as medical aid, child care rooms, car rentals and pre-paid taxi counters, a tourist information centre, lost and found baggage counter and comfortable and well-maintained travel lounges for the convenience and safety of passengers in the airport.

**Things to Do**

Bhopal airport offers a lot of shopping options for travelers who might want to engage in some last minute retail therapy and pick up interesting knick-knacks. Food lovers waiting at the airport can indulge in the country's traditional foods at various restaurants and snack bars within the airport premises. The terminal also has cafetarias and juice bars for quick refreshments.

**Hotels**

The city of Bhopal has a good range of accommodation options to meet every kind of travel requirement. Noor-Us-Sabah Palace and Jehan Numa Palace Hotel are the options in the luxury accommodation category if you are on a lavish holiday to this part of the world. Travelers who seek more reasonably priced places of stay can choose from Hotel Sonali Regency, Hotel Shagun and Hotel Raja Bhoj.

**Helpful Tips**

Bhopal airport has had bad weather conditions leading to poor visibility on the runways. Flights have been cancelled or diverted to other locations in the past. It may be a good idea to check on flight schedules at the airport before starting your journey.

**Nearby Attractions**

The Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi is the first place you need to be headed towards if you are in Bhopal. Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka, Upper Lake, Badi Jheel Lake, Van Vihar National Park, Taj ul Masjid and Lakshmi Narayana Temple are some of the highly rated places of interest in the city.