**Imphal International Airport**

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After Guwahati, the Imphal International Airport is the second international airport in the Northeastern region of India. The airport is located 8 kilometers south of Imphal, which is the capital of Manipur.

Formerly known as the Imphal RAF station, this airport was a major allied forces supply airfield during the Second World War. During the battle of Imphal, Japanese forces tried taking control of Imphal but they suffered heavy losses and were driven back to Burma.

Imphal is one of the few cities in India that has seen little change over the decades. This small city is located in the Manipur valley region in the state of Manipur and is dotted with relics from the past with the ruins of a historical palace, ceremonial houses, and well-planned temples amongst tall jackfruit and pine trees.

**Flight Information**

The Imphal International Airport connects northeastern part of the country to major destinations like Delhi, Kolkata, Bengaluru, and Mandalay. Major airlines like Air India, Air Asia, Jet Konnect, Indigo, Golden Myanmar Airlines, and Jet Airways offer scheduled flights to major cities and regional airports like Aizawl, Jorhat, Silchar, and Agartala.

The most popular routes from this airport are between Imphal and Bengaluru and Imphal and New Delhi. Weekly flights to these destinations number 10 and 7, respectively.

Facilities to support flights to international destinations like Bangkok, Rangoon, Thailand, Myanmar, and Naypyidaw are currently under development.

**Terminals**

The terminal at the Imphal International Airport is spread over 7,500 square meters with 4 boarding gates on the ground floor. Terminal capacity for departures as well as arrivals is 350 each. There are 10 check-in counters along with one security check counter for travelers.

**Traveling Around**

The Imphal International Airport is connected by private and public bus services and auto rickshaws. Passengers can avail various services, such as interstate taxi or cars, general taxi, and interstate bus services for traveling around the city. Imphal Railway station is located about 22 kilometers from the airport and taxis or buses are available to reach the station.

**Services and Facilities**

Several passenger services, such as free trolleys, telephone security hold area, lost and found counter, a childcare room, wheelchairs, assistance to aged or physically challenged travelers, and a medical room are available for the convenience of passengers.

General services like a tourist information counter, post office, and shopping are also available to travelers. Imphal International Airport also has a VIP room and smoking area for passengers.

**Things to Do**

A few shops within the airport provide passengers with the opportunity to purchase traditional products, accessories, and magazines. Several eateries, restaurants, and cafes provide high-quality food and drink to travelers awaiting their flights. There are also a few duty-free shops in the airport, where passengers can buy products at very affordable prices.

**Hotels**

The Imphal Hotel and The Classic Hotel provide comfortable and superior stay options for travelers. Travelers looking for something a little simpler can consider hotels like Monte Carlo, Hotel Excellency, Hotel White Palace, Hotel Kristina, The Youth Hostel, and Hotel Nirmala.

Several Government-run hotels also provide affordable accommodations for travelers with limited budgets. Shuttle services from the airport to these hotels can be pre-arranged if required.

**Tips for Fliers**

During April and May, Imphal is full of orchid’s blooms making it a delight for the tourists. Plan your visit during these months to maximize your enjoyment.

**Nearby Attractions**

Tourist attractions like War cemeteries, Khon Gon, Moirang, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Govindajee Temple, and Sendra Island are located within 50 kilometers of the Imphal International Airport. The Paona Market is quite famous and offers a wide selection of local and imported wares for tourists. Another must-visit location for shopping enthusiasts is the Khwairamband Market, which is run by tribal women.