



PRESS RELEASE

**ALITALIA'S NEW WINTER SCHEDULE TAKES EFFECT
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH**

83 DESTINATIONS, 123 ROUTES AND 3,650 WEEKLY FLIGHTS

NEW SERVICE TO MARSEILLE, MARRAKECH AND SKOPJE, CODE SHARE AGREEMENT WITH AIR BERLIN AND INCREASED FREQUENCY ON MANY DESTINATIONS ARE THE MAIN HIGHLIGHTS OF ALITALIA'S WINTER NETWORK.

OVER 2 MILLION 270 THOUSAND PASSENGERS (+0.5%) TRANSPORTED IN SEPTEMBER AND LOAD FACTOR REACHING 82.6%, +3.2 PPTS COMPARED TO SEPTEMBER 2013

Rome, 24 October 2014 – On Sunday, October 26, **Alitalia's schedule for the winter season 2014-2015** will take effect with validity through March 28, 2015.

The schedule will operate **3,650 weekly flights on 123 routes** (6 more than the 2013-2014 winter season) and **83 destinations**, of which **26 in Italy and 57 destinations in 41 other countries worldwide**.

The main highlights of Alitalia's winter network are:

- **the launch of new daily direct flights between Rome and Marseilles** reinforcing Alitalia's offer between Italy and France, and **new service to Skopje (Macedonia) and Marrakech (Morocco)** launched in recent months;
- **the launch of a code share agreement between Alitalia and Airberlin**, second largest German airline, making available **412 weekly direct Alitalia and Airberlin code shared flights between Italy and Germany, Austria and Switzerland**, as well as many Airberlin domestic flight and Alitalia domestic and international flights;
- the launch of **flights replacing Air One Smart Carrier** discontinued service **between Pisa and Catania and between Milan Malpensa and Tunis**;
- **the commitment to providing continued and increased service to Albania with a total of 96 flights to Tirana from 8 Italian airports**: Rome Fiumicino, Milan Malpensa, Pisa, Bologna, Bari, Turin, Venice and Genoa;
- an increase in the intercontinental network compared to the winter season 2013-2014 with the **addition of frequencies to Brazil** (+1 weekly frequency to Rio de Janeiro and +3 frequencies to Sao Paulo) and the **increase of frequencies between Rome and Abu Dhabi** (+2 weekly frequencies).
- on the international network, compared to 2013-2014, there will be an **increase of service between London City and Milan Linate, between Tirana and Rome** (+6 weekly frequencies), **from Rome to Tel Aviv and Bucharest** (+3 weekly frequencies), **from Rome to Madrid** (+2 frequencies), to **Zurich, Toulouse, Athens, Prague** (+1 frequency) and **from Milan Linate to Frankfurt** (+2 weekly);



- on the domestic network, compared to the winter season 2013-2014, **increased service from Milan Linate Airport to Pescara** (+5 weekly frequencies) and **introduction of flights between Rome Fiumicino and Alghero** in territorial continuity;

- **continued service**, in territorial continuity, **from Lampedusa to Palermo and Catania and Palermo to Pantelleria and Trapani** to provide the citizens of Lampedusa and Pantelleria reliable and consistent connections to Sicily, the rest of Italy and international and intercontinental destinations within Alitalia's network;

During the month of **September 2014**, **Alitalia transported 2,273,629 passengers**, an **increase of 0.5%** compared to the same period last year.

In addition, the **load factor in September reached 82.6% (+3.2 percentage points compared to September 2013)**.

In September flights to and from Rome Fiumicino hub recorded a load factor of 85.8%, 4.4 percentage points higher than in September 2013. This result is especially guided by the increase by 1% on transit passengers in Rome airport with a load factor increase of 2.9 percentage points on connecting flights to and from Fiumicino.

Early October figures confirm the growth trend: in 22 days of October domestic routes from Rome Fiumicino recorded a +5,8% increase in passengers and an average load factor of 79.4% (+2 percentage points compared to 2013).

Positive results also on the routes served by the Milan Linate airport, in the first 22 days of October, which showed an increase in passengers by 3.8% and an average load factor of 70.2% (+3.4 percentage points compared 2013).

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