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Lufthansa Italia Launches Domestic Routes to Rome, Naples and Bari from Milan Malpensa

Successful start for Lufthansa Italia – services extended to meet high demand – fleet expanding to eight Airbus A319s

East Meadow, NY, Mar. 04, 2009 - Within just weeks of its inaugural flight, Lufthansa Italia is expanding its network in response to high demand. From April 1st, the airline will also offer flights on domestic routes from Milan Malpensa to Rome, Naples and Bari. Since the beginning of February, passengers have had a choice of several direct flights per day to Paris and Barcelona. Starting this week, the airline will also fly to Brussels, Budapest, Bucharest and Madrid. From the end of March, Lufthansa Italia will then add another two European destinations – London Heathrow and Lisbon – to its network.

Excellent booking figures prompted Lufthansa Italia to add on more services and expand its original flight offering. From the end of March, daily frequencies to Brussels will therefore be increased from two to three. Passengers will then have a choice of six flights per day from Milan to London Heathrow. From April 1st, three new Italian destinations will be added to the network. Lufthansa Italia will offer four flights per day from Milan Malpensa to Rome, two per day to Naples, and one flight per day to Bari.

“After only four weeks, Lufthansa Italia has established itself successfully in the Italian market. Advance bookings for the coming months have developed so favorably that we are already in a position to expand our services,” said Karl Ulrich Garnadt, Executive Vice President, Lufthansa Passenger Airlines. “The feedback and assessments we have received from customers have been extremely positive. In particular, passengers greatly appreciate the combination of reliability and Italian flair.”

In order to serve the three new Italian destinations, Lufthansa Italia is adding two more Airbus A319s to its fleet. The fleet will thus comprise a total of eight A319s, offering seats in both Economy and Business Class on all routes. Especially on domestic routes in Italy, Lufthansa Italia sets itself apart from the competition, which only offers one travel class on these routes. In addition, on the route to London Heathrow, half of the six daily A319 flights will be operated

by British Midland (bmi), in which the Lufthansa Group has a stake. “Despite the scarcity of slots at Heathrow, we will be able to offer our customers an extended, high-frequency service to London on this route, which is particularly important for business travellers,” Karl Ulrich Garnadt explained.

The infrastructure improvements that Lufthansa Italia has undertaken jointly in recent weeks with SEA, the operator of Milan Malpensa Airport, have also been well received by passengers. Dedicated check-in counters, more Quick Check-in terminals, upgraded gate and baggage claim areas in the Lufthansa design as well as shorter walking distances from multi-storied car parks provide greater convenience for passengers and speed up their airport experience.

Fares for round-trip flights with Lufthansa Italia start at 125 dollars, including all taxes and charges. Tickets can be booked online at www.lufthansa.com, or at your local travel agency.

About Lufthansa

One of the world’s largest airlines, Lufthansa flies to some 194 destinations in 79 countries. Together with its Star Alliance partners, Lufthansa offers connections to 975 destinations in more than 162 countries and access to over 805 lounges worldwide. Lufthansa operates one of the most extensive trans-Atlantic route networks, with 250 weekly flights from its 22 North American gateways. With 15 aircraft on order, Lufthansa is the largest European operator of the fuel-efficient Airbus A380. It is also the launch customer for the new Boeing 747-8, with first deliveries in 2010. Currently, Lufthansa has 170 aircraft worth more than \$20 billion USD on order. For more information or reservations, visit www.lufthansa.com.

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