

Darwin Airline: European and international connections thanks to the new codeshare with Alitalia

Lugano, 21 May 2010 – **Darwin Airline**, the regional airline company based in Lugano (Switzerland) is pleased to announce the **new codeshare agreements with Alitalia** for the launch of a new set of strategic connections, for both Swiss and Italian markets. They will allow the passengers to reach, in an easy and fast way **many destinations in Europe and in the world, for business or leisure purposes.**



The key connection in the perspective of these codeshare agreements is the **Lugano-Rome Fiumicino (round trip)** which allows reaching from Lugano Airport, in a comfortable and fast way the Italian capital to spend enjoyable days or to flight towards other destinations served by Alitalia in **Europe**, in the **Mediterranean area** or in the **rest of the world.**

In this way, the Canton Ticino with the Lugano Airport is connected to European and international destinations through Zurich hub (North) and Roma Fiumicino hub (South) thanks Darwin Airline.

Thanks to the Lugano-Roma Fiumicino codeshare agreements with Alitalia, **Darwin Airline** is able to offer, especially for the **Canton Tessin and Isubria residents**, a **valid travel alternative** for the people who want to reach **international or intercontinental destinations** (for example: New York, Athens, ...). Often the north Italian airports are difficult to reach because of the traffic but now the passengers can avoid this situation, flying directly from Lugano Airport through Roma Fiumicino.

In more, **Club Mille Miglia Alitalia** members flying to Rome with Alitalia tickets can collect new miles of the Italian airline.

Equally important are the codeshare Darwin Airline-Alitalia on the **Foggia-Milan Malpensa, Foggia-Turin and Foggia-Palermo routes** which is a **perfect solution** for all the passengers who looked for better connections and services between these strategic Italian cities, for business or leisure travels in Italy or abroad. Foggia and its area will be the first to benefit from this partnership. Infact, since Monday 24th may 2010, Foggia will become an essential point of reference for all the passengers flying towards international or intercontinental destinations. They can rely on 2 daily flights Foggia-Milan Malpensa to reach this international airport and then continue their trips towards European or intercontinental destinations.

Board his own luggage in Lugano or Foggia and pick it up at the final destination, receive assistance from Darwin for any irregularity on his flight, have the chance, whenever is possible that the **connection flight waits the passengers in case of slight delay**: all these advantages are **now a reality with the new codeshare Darwin Airline-Alitalia**

Another important news regarding the Darwin Airline-Alitalia codeshare agreements is the **Rimini-Rome Fiumicino route** (roundtrip) in which **3 daily flights from Monday to Friday** and **1 daily flight during the weekend** (Saturday morning and Sunday evening) will be scheduled, starting **from Monday 24th May 2010**. The frequency and the schedule have been planned in order to guarantee **good flight connections through Rome towards the entire Alitalia network** and **offer a large portfolio of national and international destinations**. In this way Darwin Airline will become a perfect partner for the Emilia-Romagna economic sector and the companies oriented to expand their business in the central part of Italy.

The new **codeshare agreements Darwin Airline-Alitalia** represent an **optimal solution for traveling in a total security and convenient way** until the final destination.

For further information or booking visit the websites www.darwinairline.com and www.alitalia.com, go to any travel agency, use the GDS circuit or contact directly the **Call Center Darwin Airline at these numbers 0848 177 177 (for Switzerland) and 800 789 568 (for Italy)**.

Darwin Airline

Regional Airline Company based at Lugano airport (Canton Ticino, Switzerland), Darwin Airline was founded in 2003 to provide punctual, fast and high quality travels. The creation and the growth of Darwin Airline have contributed to the affirmation of the company as a vector able to offer high standard services comparable with the major airlines. Everyday Darwin Airline operates scheduled flights from Lugano to Rome and Geneva, as well as seasonal flights from Lugano to Olbia and Cagliari (May-September) and to Pantelleria and Lampedusa (from July 15th to August 28th). During all the year, Darwin Airline operates also Charter Flights for private or public companies, sport teams or important Tour Operators towards international destinations. Since summer 2009, Darwin operates flights from Foggia airport to Milan-Malpensa, Turin and Palermo. Finally the route Lugano-Zurich (roundtrip) is served 4 times a day by flights operated by Darwin Airline on behalf of Swiss International Airlines. The novelty for the summer 2010 will be the connections Rimini-Roma and Lugano Rimini.

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