



## ALITALIA RESUMES FLIGHTS TO ITALY.

## **NEW FLIGHTS SHANGHAI – MILAN AVAILABLE FOR SALE.**

## FLIGHTS FROM BEIJING TO ROME TO RESUME BY THE END OF 2015.

Rome, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 – On **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, in conjunction with the opening of Expo Milan 2015, Alitalia will resume services in China and inaugurate the new non-stop flights **Shanghai – Milan Malpensa** that will operate for the duration of Expo Milan 2015. Starting today, these new flights are available for sale.

These new Alitalia flights to Milan will be operated 3 times per week with Airbus A330 aircraft configured in three travel classes: Magnifica (Business), Classica Plus (Premium Economy) and Classica (Economy), for a total of 250 seats.

New flight schedules (local times):

Flight	Departs	Arrives	Freq	Aircraft
AZ 795 Shanghai PVG – Milan MXP	0.50	7.20	Monday Thursday Saturday	Airbus A330
AZ 794 Milan MXP – Shanghai PVG	6.10	23.30	Wednesday Friday Sunday	Airbus A330

By the end of this year, Alitalia will also resume flights from **Beijing** with a direct connection to Rome.

Beginning **June 4**<sup>th</sup>, Alitalia will also resume service from South Korea to Italy after more than 20 years with a new flight **Seoul-Rome**.

**Silvano Cassano**, CEO of Alitalia: "This is a major investment aimed to encourage incoming tourism, which will support Italian exports in the East, as well as the city of Milan and Expo 2015. But above all, with these new flights, we keep our commitment to revitalize Alitalia by increasing intercontinental flights and destinations".

Alitalia's intercontinental network has already begun expanding this year with:

- new direct flights
- increased frequency of existing flights
- a new route network to the Middle East, Asia and Australia in partnership with Etihad Airways, through the hub of Abu Dhabi, with non-stop flights from Rome, Milan Malpensa and Venice starting from 29<sup>th</sup> March.

With this new offering – and with daily flights from Tokyo (Japan) to Rome Fiumicino and Milan Malpensa - Alitalia is poised to become an industry leader between Italy and the Far East.



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## **About Alitalia**

Alitalia - Società Aerea Italiana (<u>alitalia.com</u>) is Italy's largest airline and commenced operations on January 1, 2015 after acquiring the operational activities of Alitalia - Compagnia Aerea Italiana, now named CAI. CAI has a 51% controlling stake in Alitalia and the remaining 49% of shares are owned by Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates. As part of its 2014-2015 winter schedule, Alitalia flies to 83 destinations, including 26 Italian and 57 international destinations, with a total of 123 routes and 3,650 weekly flights. Alitalia boasts one of the most modern and efficient fleets in the world with an average age of seven years. It is a member of the SkyTeam alliance and is part of the Transatlantic Joint Venture alongside Air France-KLM and Delta Air Lines. Alitalia, together with airberlin, Air Serbia, Air Seychelles, Etihad Airways, Etihad Regional operated by Darwin Airline, Jet Airways and NIKI, also participates in Etihad Airways Partners, which brings together like-minded airlines to offer customers more choice through improved networks and schedules and enhanced frequent flyer benefits. Alitalia and Etihad Airways have been named Official Global Airline Carriers of Expo Milano 2015.