
MERIDIANA LAUNCHES ITS NEW SUMMER 2018 NETWORK**MAJOR FLEET RENEWAL BEGINS**

New non-stop flights from Milan Malpensa to New York JFK and to Miami

New domestic flights connecting Milan Malpensa to Rome, Naples, Palermo, Catania and Lamezia Terme designed also to feed long-haul routes

Seasonal flights to Sardinia – Olbia Costa Smeralda starting from March 25, 2018

Promotional fares starting from 358 eur to New York and 368 eur to Miami.

New Business Plan to be announced in January 2018

Olbia, December 14th 2018 - Meridiana today launched its **summer 2018 network** including the announcement of seven new destinations. The carrier celebrated this significant development with the release of a huge number of seats for sale at promotional prices available for booking on the Meridiana web site, meridiana.com, as well as through all travel agencies.

Milan Malpensa network

The new Milan Malpensa network will be covering a total of 17 destinations from Milan Malpensa out of which 7 destinations will be new routes for Meridiana.

Starting from June 2018 both **New York (JFK)** and **Miami** will be connected non-stop with Milan Malpensa, respectively on a daily basis and four times a week.

Meridiana **new domestic services will connect Milan Malpensa to the five Italian cities of Rome, Naples, Palermo, Catania and Lamezia Terme**. These new routes will have less than two hours connection with the incoming flights from New York and Miami to Milan, allowing passengers to reach the most beautiful destinations in the centre and south of Italy. Cabin configuration will be up to 16 Business Class seats and a flexible Economy Class ranging between 160 to 189 seats.

To launch the new destinations, amazing Economy roundtrip fares are now available to fly from Milan Malpensa to New York JFK starting from €358 and from Milan Malpensa to Miami starting from €368. Special launch roundtrip fares are also available for the new Business Class product of Meridiana to both destinations starting from €1,518 for Milan-New York and €1,568 for Milan-Miami.

In summer 2018, Meridiana will continue to serve many strategic destinations from Milan Malpensa such as Accra, Cairo, Dakar, Mombasa, Lagos, Havana, Moscow and Zanzibar.

Olbia Costa Smeralda network

Meridiana's 2018 Olbia Costa Smeralda network provides a unique opportunity to plan summer holidays or weekends of relaxation in Sardinia, and to find out about the island culture, its amazing beaches and the incredible local dishes and wines.

Olbia, connected by Meridiana all year long to Milan Linate, Rome Fiumicino and Bologna, from March 25th, 2018, will also see Meridiana offering direct international flights to London (LGW), Moscow (DME) and other domestic seasonal routes such as Venice, Turin, Bergamo, Milan Malpensa, Naples, Verona and Bergamo.

Sardinia network flights from March 25th are on sale at special prices starting at €32 (eg. London Gatwick-Olbia) per one-way flight (Light fare - all included).

Fleet renewal

The new 2018 network will be operated with **two new aircraft types** which will join the Meridiana fleet.

In April 2018, Meridiana will receive its first **Boeing 737 MAX 8** making it the first Italian airline to operate this aircraft. The 737 MAX is a highly efficient aircraft that delivers 8% lower operating costs than similar narrow-body aircraft in the market with new advanced technology increasing fuel efficiency. The 737 MAX also has a great passenger appeal with its new Boeing Sky Interior, which dramatically elevates the passenger experience. This type of aircraft has an enhanced environmental performance too.

In June 2018, 2 Airbus **A330-200** will enter service to New York and Miami providing a new long-haul standard for the carrier. Recently refurbished, these aircraft have a new Business Class with 24 full-flat seats and an advanced Wi-Fi system providing internet connectivity to the entire cabin.

More details about Meridiana revised strategy and its fleet renewal will be released in January 2018 when the new Business Plan will also be presented.

Malpensa network summer 2018:

USA	New York (JFK)	daily	NEW - start on June 1, 2018
USA	Miami (MIA)	four times per week	NEW - start on June 8, 2018
Cuba	Havana	three times per week	
China	Shenzhen	two time per week	
Tanzania	Zanzibar	weekly	
Kenya	Mombasa	weekly	
Russia	Moscow (DME)	daily	
Egypt	Cairo	four times per week	
Ghana	Accra	two times per week	
Lagos	Nigeria	two times per week	
Senegal	Dakar	four times per week	
ITALY	Rome	three daily	New – start on May 1, 2018
	Naples	two daily	New – start on May 1, 2018
	Palermo	two daily	New – start on May 1, 2018
	Catania	two daily	New – start on July 2, 2018
	Lamezia Terme	two daily	New – start on September 1, 2018
	Olbia	daily	start on June 1, 2018

About Meridiana

Meridiana is an Italian airline set up with the name of Alisarda on 29 March 1963, with the aim of promoting tourism in Sardinia. In 1991 the name was changed to Meridiana. Thanks to the merger with the carrier Eurofly and to the acquisition of the company Air Italy, both charter airlines, during last five years, Meridiana has become one of the most important player in international leisure flights and its growth towards new medium and long haul destinations is still ongoing.

From 28 September 2017 Meridiana is controlled by AQA Holding (51% Alisarda and 49% Qatar Airways). A process of revision of the strategy and renewal of the fleet is currently ongoing.

The Company currently operates Boeing 737s and Boeing 767s.

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