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Alitalia to increase seat capacity on Rome-Tehran by 55 per cent
Business Class to offer flatbed seats
70 tonnes of extra cargo per week on route

Rome, 12 August, 2016 – Alitalia is to improve its Rome-Tehran service in October with bigger aircraft on one of its most successful routes. The A330 widebody plane will provide 55 per cent more passenger seats and 70 tonnes of cargo space a week. It will replace an existing Airbus A320.

The air link went daily in March following the lifting of global sanctions against Iran by the United Nations. The Airbus A330 aircraft will offer 262 seats in business and economy classes. The planes flying between the Italian and Iranian capital cities will feature newly renovated interiors equipped with exclusive 'Made in Italy' amenities, products and services for customers. This will include Wi-Fi connectivity for phone calls, internet and e-mail. Business class travellers can relax in luxurious Poltrona Frau leather seats that fully recline to a comfortable flatbed, and enjoy an award winning onboard fine dining menu which features the best of Italian regional food. A special coffee menu with three different blends of espresso selected for Alitalia from the famous Italian brand Lavazza is offered after the meal.

The daily flight departs Rome Fiumicino at 3:00 pm and arrives in Tehran at 8:10 pm local time. The return service leaves Tehran at 4:30 am local time and lands in Rome at 7:15 am. The flight times allow passengers travelling from 20 Italian and 24 international airports to connect through Alitalia's Rome hub. Transit passengers at Fiumicino will also be able to take advantage of the Alitalia Transit Team set to help air travellers switch efficiently from the arrival flight to the connecting flight to Tehran.

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About Alitalia
Alitalia - Società Aerea Italiana (alitalia.com) 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 (Airline of the Year 2016 by the prestigious US-based aviation industry publication Air Transport World). As part of its 2016 summer schedule, Alitalia flies to 97 destinations, including 27 Italian and 70 international destinations, with more than 4,400 weekly flights. Alitalia boasts one of the most modern and efficient fleets in the world. 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 also collaborates with the other Etihad Airways Partners - airberlin, Air Serbia, Air Seychelles, Etihad Airways, Etihad Regional operated by Darwin Airline, Jet Airways and NIKI – in order to offer customers more choice through improved networks and schedules and enhanced frequent flyer benefits.