



PRESS RELEASE

## ITA Airways expands its intercontinental network

### Rome Fiumicino – Rio de Janeiro direct flights go on sale today

Rome, January 12, 2023 - ITA Airways' intercontinental expansion continues, with new flights from Rome Fiumicino to Rio de Janeiro now on sale.

The long-haul expansion is one of the major pillars of ITA Airways' strategy, as it generates profitability but also enhances the short-haul connectivity, thus contributing to double the capacity of the Company's intercontinental network.

ITA Airways' new connection will be operated with the Airbus A330, from October 29, 2023 with a daily frequency departing from Rome Fiumicino airport at 9:50pm and arriving to Rio de Janeiro International Airport at 6:05am, local time. Flights from Rio de Janeiro will be operated from October 30, 2023, with daily frequency departing at 3:45pm and landing at Rome Fiumicino at 6:45am, local time.

The new connections will allow ITA Airways to further strengthen its expansion in South America, following the flights opening to Buenos Aires and Sao Paulo, which has always been a privileged destination for Italian holidays and the destination with the highest rate of Italian origin population, as well as a strategic market together with the United States for business and cargo traffic.

*"I am pleased to announce the launch of the new Rome Fiumicino - Rio de Janeiro direct flight that will be operated from October 29, 2023, available for our customers to purchase in all sales channels, as of today - said **Emiliana Limosani**, ITA Airways Chief Commercial Officer and CEO Volare - The opening of the Rio de Janeiro destination is part of the development and growth strategies of our Company's intercontinental offer. Following this expansion strategy, this year we have also added to the already significant offer to/from the United States, new direct flights from Rome Fiumicino to Washington operating from June and to San Francisco, operating from July, on sale on our website, call centre, airport ticket offices and travel agencies".*

*"The arrival of ITA Airways at RIOgaleão is excellent news for Brazilian tourism. Having Italy back on our network will help the sector growth, an important asset for the economy of Rio de Janeiro. We remain committed to expanding the connection between Rio and the main destinations in the world, such as the city of Rome, a vibrant capital, rich in culture and history", says **Alexandre Monteiro**, president of RIOgaleão, Rio de Janeiro International Airport.*

The new connection joins ITA Airways' flights to New York, operated from both Rome Fiumicino and Milan Malpensa airports, and those to Boston, Miami, Los Angeles, Washington, San Francisco, Sao Paulo, Buenos Aires, Tokyo, New Delhi and Malé (Maldives) operated from Rome Fiumicino earlier this year.

The new connections can be purchased on all ITA Airways sales channels, through the official website [ita-airways.com](https://www.ita-airways.com), the Company's call centre, travel agencies and airport ticket offices.



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**About ITA Airways**

*ITA Airways is a company totally owned by the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance for the exercise of business in the air transport sector. ITA Airways aims at creating an efficient and innovative air carrier that will become a reference point in providing Italy with quality connectivity both in terms of international destinations, thus boosting tourism and foreign trade, and within the Country, also taking advantage of the train-air integrated mobility. ITA Airways will place the best customer service at the center of its strategy (through a strong digitization of processes that ensure a best-in-class experience and personalized services), combined with sustainability, in its environmental (new green and technologically advanced aircraft, use of sustainable fuels), social (equality and inclusion for a gender-neutral company) and governance (integration of sustainability into internal strategies and processes) aspects. ITA Airways is a member of SkyTeam alliance as of October 2021.*