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Milan-Rome, EasyJet is not giving up: the Malpensa-Fiumicino flight has been confirmed

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Alitalia has cancelled the Malpensa-Fiumicino route and EasyJet has replied by restarting its service, which was going to be eliminated in March. This is the latest in the evolution of what was **once the most thriving domestic market**, between the economic capital and the political capital, which, in the last few years, has seen a reduction in value, discounting, in particular, **the increasingly tough competition from high-speed trains**, with the new Trenitalia services, Frecciarossa and NTV Italo.

“We constantly review the scheduling of our flights, to guarantee a sustainable service that also satisfies the needs of our passengers,” **Frances Ouseley**, the director for EasyJet in Italy, explained in the official statement. “In the current market, we wanted to give continuity to the service between Milan Malpensa and Rome Fiumicino, providing a complete service to passengers who, every day, choose to travel from Milan to Rome.” So, if Alitalia is stepping down, we are ready, also to review the choices announced only a few months ago, in a context in which EasyJet has proven to be dynamic (**keeping an eye on the direct competitor, Ryanair, who has returned to Malpensa**).

EasyJet’s Malpensa-Fiumicino Flight

The Malpensa-Fiumicino flight will be guaranteed six times a week, every day, except Saturday.

Alitalia says goodbye to the Malpensa-Fiunicino route

The news of Alitalia's farewell to the Malpensa-Rome route (three flights a day) has had a particular impact on how 2016 ended, because of the symbolic value of the route in a more general, delicate situation of the national airline. **Alitalia is keeping three flights to Tokyo, New York and Abu Dhabi from Malpensa**, despite the persistent rumours of a possible downsizing of intercontinental flights to and from Milan (it should be remembered that Malpensa has always been an intercontinental airport, because of the limits of the runways at Linate). A few months ago, Alitalia already closed the Crew Briefing Centre.

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