

PRESS RELEASE

Naples International Airport presents its entire network of direct connections at the BMT (Business to business tourist exchange): 27 international scheduled flights for the 2006 spring-summer season

Once again, the Naples International Airport will participate in the **BMT (business to business tourist exchange)** (pavilion 4 stand 4060), the well-established, annual appointment for all operators in the field of tourism, and present its entire network of direct international destinations in departure from the Naples Airport.

Between 1999 and 2005, GESAC, the Naples airport management company, developed a network of international connections which has increased the number of direct destinations from 10 to 20 and allowed the **airport to enter a network of connections with the most important European airports. Indeed, during this period, Berlin, Madrid, Vienna, Dublin, Manchester, Barcelona, Amsterdam and Zurich have been added as destinations thus substantiating the increasingly international vocation of the Naples Airport.**

For the spring/summer season, the network of international scheduled connections has been further extended and will include 27 direct international flights.

Among the most important changes this year is the **doubling of the period of operations for the Naples-New York intercontinental flight, a new flight to Moscow, twice weekly service to Prague, Budapest and Krakow** and a direct flight to **Oslo**.

The trice-weekly flight for the Big Apple, inaugurated by Eurofly airlines in June of 2005, met with great success and transported 17,200 passengers in three months of operations. Service is scheduled to resume in May 2006 and will continue until the month of November thereby extending the period of operations from 3 to 6 months. **The Naples - New York flight will operate from 11 May to 11 November 2006 with departures from Naples every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and departures from New York every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

The Naples – Moscow flight, operated by Eurofly, will operate two flights between 29 April and 6 May with departure from Naples on Saturday mornings and the return flight from Moscow on Saturday afternoons. From 6 May until 28 October 2006, the number of flights will double with additional departures from Naples on Saturday evening and from Moscow on Monday morning. The new twice-weekly service has been established primarily to meet the demands of Russian tourists whilst also providing residents of the Campania Region with the opportunity of reaching Eastern Europe.

This year, Eastern Europe will be served by a veritable network of direct flights from Naples: Timisoara (scheduled tourist flight operated by Carpatair was inaugurated spring of 2005) **Bucharest** (operated by MyAir since September 2005) **and Moscow in addition to the three new twice-weekly direct routes for Prague, Budapest and Krakow.**

SkyEurope – Central and Eastern Europe’s leading *low cost, low fare* airline, will inaugurate **service to Prague 13 April, service to Budapest 14 April and to Krakow on 8 June.**

Lastly, **SAS Braathens** – the SAS Group airline which manages flight operations to and from Norway – **began direct service between Naples-Oslo on 29 March.** The twice-weekly flight for Oslo will permit travellers to reach and visit the immense natural beauty of Northern Europe including the **North Cape, the Lofoten Islands, Spitzbergen Island and Norwegian Lapland** and facilitate travel to our Region for Norwegian tourists.

This important route to Northern Europe allows the Naples International Airport to complete its network. Indeed, with the Oslo flight, an important piece has been put into place which completes the scenario of direct, international routes connecting Naples to the most important capitals and cities of Central, Eastern and Northern Europe.

“This spring and summer season, there will be 27 direct international destinations, 13 domestic routes to Naples and over 50 charter flights. This factor is significant and confirms the important work carried out by the Naples airport during the last years in synergy with local institutions and the airlines which have invested in Naples over this period considering it to be a strategic airport for all of Southern Italy” stated **Mauro Pollio, Managing Director and CEO of Gesac Spa, the Naples International Airport management company.**

The Naples airport ended 2005 with the same figures recorded the preceding year with approximately **4,600,000 passengers.** In 2005, scheduled international traffic alone recorded an 8% increment thanks to the expansion of its network of routes and the inauguration of new flights.

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