

Naples – Barcelona, the new daily flight operated by Alpi Eagles Airlines which also announces two additional daily flights to Catania and a fourth daily flight to Venice.

The new domestic flights and the daily, scheduled, direct Naples-Barcelona flight, novelty of the year and a first for this route, were officially presented in a press conference.

As of March 26th, the first day of the spring-summer flight schedule, Alpi Eagles will be offering new international service for Barcelona, two additional daily flights for Catania and another flight, in addition to the three flights already in service, for Venice.

The new flights were announced by Alpi Eagles Chairman, Paolo Sinigaglia, and Gesac Managing Director, Mauro Pollio, at a press conference in which included Giulia Parente, the Mayor's advisor for Tourism for the City of Naples and Miguel Benzo Perea, the Consul General of Spain in Naples also commented the event.

The new flight out of Naples will certainly contribute to consolidating relations between Naples and the Catalan capital which is one of the most important political, financial and cultural centres of Spain.

The Naples-Barcelona flights, operating last generation Jet Fokker 100s, have been scheduled as follows:

Flight	Departure from Naples	Arrival in Barcelona
E8370	10:55	12:45
Flight	Departures from Barcelona	Arrivals in Naples
E8371	13:30 Tues. Weds. Thurs. Fri. Sat.	15:20
E8371	14:05 Mon. and Sun.	15:55

To launch the new flight, Alpi Eagles is offering the following special round trip rates on this route valid until April 19th: IT £399,000 for adults and a rate of IT £ 370,000 for "young flyers" (up until the age of 25) and students (up until the age of 30).

Alpi Eagles originated as an acrobatic squadron in 1982 and later evolved into a public service airline. Today, Alpi Eagles is an international airline whose primary objective is focused on maximum client satisfaction. In 1999, Alpi Eagles carried approximately 400,000 passengers, of which 53,620 on the Naples – Venice – Naples route. Since December 3rd, 1999, Alpi Eagles has also been flying daily connections on the Naples- Berlin route.

During the first months of 2000, Alpi Eagles completely renovated its fleet of 9 Jet Fokker 100s adding its new trademark colours of light blue, grey and white. While Alpi Eagles dedicated a great deal of attention to design and appearance, passenger comfort was certainly not left to chance: all aircraft have been equipped with maximum comfort, ergonomic, leather seating and new, high-quality catering service has been introduced on both domestic as well as international flights.

The Naples International Airport served 3.7 million passengers in 1999 (a 5% increase over '98) and is assuming an increasingly galvanising role in the development of the tourism industry in the Campania Region by guaranteeing both passengers and airlines efficient service and infrastructure. This has been made possible by the results of the Master Plan - the development project initiated in 1995 by Gesac, the Naples airport operator, and the BAA, Gesac majority shareholder and world leader in the field of airport management. Between 1 January and 15 March of this year, over 570,691 passengers (arrivals, departures and transits) were served as compared to 490,445 during the same period last year (+ 16.4%).