



PRESS NOTE

ITA Airways mourns the passing of Pope Francis

The Company recalls the Apostolic Journeys in which it had the honour of accompanying him

Rome, 21 April 2025 - ITA Airways joins in the grief of the universal Church and the world community for the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis.

The Pontiff embodied the values of mercy and solidarity, bringing the Church closer to all with special attention to anyone in need. His commitment to dialogue, peace, the environment and attention to the weakest members of society is a precious legacy.

ITA Airways has had the honour of supporting the Pontiff's ecumenical mission on thirteen Apostolic Journeys, the first to Cyprus in December 2021, just less than two months after the company began operations, passing through more distant destinations such as Canada, Kazakhstan, Bahrain, Congo and South Sudan, Mongolia and Indonesia, until the last apostolic journey to France in Ajaccio in December 2024.

Unforgettable are the words that Pope Francis, during an audience in the Vatican Apostolic Palace, reserved for the Company and its People, describing them as “the Pope's wings that allow me to fly to the ends of the Earth carrying the Gospel of hope and peace.”

His death leaves an immense emptiness in our hearts and in our lives. His words of peace, gestures of mercy and constant call for brotherhood between peoples will remain a guiding light for future generations.

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About ITA Airways

ITA Airways is the Italian reference carrier. The Company is 59% owned by the Ministry of Economy and Finance and 41% by Deutsche Lufthansa AG. ITA Airways operates both passenger and cargo air transport services, providing Italy with high-quality connectivity to international destinations, supporting tourism and foreign trade, as well as domestic connectivity within the Country, also leveraging integrated mobility. Through strong digitization of processes to ensure the best possible experience and personalized services, ITA Airways places customer service at the core of its strategy. This is combined with a commitment to sustainability, which encompasses environmental aspects (such as a young, technologically advanced fleet to reduce environmental impact), social aspects (a strong focus on its employees and the communities in which it operates), and governance aspects (integrating sustainability into internal strategies and processes).