



PRESS NOTE

Special ITA Airways flight departs from Muscat for the repatriation of Italian citizens

**Initiative promoted by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation,
in collaboration with the Italian airline**

Scheduled services to Riyadh resumed

Rome, 6 March 2026 – A special flight directed to Rome Fiumicino departed today from Muscat (Oman) at 1:44 p.m. CET, organized by ITA Airways at the request of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to facilitate the repatriation of Italian citizens temporarily stranded in the Middle East region due to the emergency situation and instability affecting the area.

The special flight, operated by an ITA Airways Airbus A321neo, took off with 165 passengers on board, all Italian citizens. After making a technical stop at Cairo International Airport, it is scheduled to arrive in Rome this evening, with the expected landing time at 10:30 p.m., ensuring the safe return of all passengers on board.

This initiative is the result of joint efforts, with ITA Airways' highly qualified personnel operating with great professionalism and care throughout every phase of the operation, working closely with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

ITA Airways has also resumed, as of today, its scheduled services between Rome Fiumicino and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Subject to developments in the geopolitical situation in the region, the airline will operate five weekly frequencies, currently including a technical stop in Cairo. These connections may further contribute to the return of Italian nationals present in the Middle East.

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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).