

Cargolux Italia inaugurates Zhengzhou route

Stopover in Novosibirsk is Cargolux's first commercial service to Russia

Milan, 15 June 2015 – Cargolux Italia has begun a Boeing 747 weekly cargo link between Milan Malpensa and Zhengzhou, Cargolux Airlines' Chinese hub. The first flight took off from Milan on 13 June, with further flights scheduled for every Saturday along the Malpensa – Novosibirsk – Zhengzhou – Novosibirsk – Malpensa route.

Flight C8 8755 takes off from Milan at 04:00, arriving in Novosibirsk at 14:15 local time. It then leaves Novosibirsk at 15:45 and touches down in Zhengzhou at 22:15. Return flight C8 8766 departs from Zhengzhou on Sunday morning at 00:15, arriving in Novosibirsk at 03:15 before leaving again at 04:15 and finally touching down in Milan at 06:25.

The flight is scheduled at the weekend to accommodate the needs of the shipping industry, which moves products overseas during the week. Goods set to be transported on the new route include Italian fashion goods, machinery and spare parts. Cargolux Italia will be serving the main gateway into China in Zhengzhou, from where goods are transported on to other Chinese markets via Cargolux's extensive road transport network.

For the first time in the history of the Cargolux Group, Cargolux Italia will introduce a commercial stopover in Russia. The airline can now offer its clients quick, reliable links between Europe and Novosibirsk, an important entrance point to Russia for flowers, clothing and machinery.

"For Cargolux Italia and the entire Cargolux Group, the new route via Zhengzhou and Novosibirsk consolidates the company's presence in the country thanks to this first route from Italy to China's Henan Province and the Russian city of Novosibirsk," declared *Pierandrea Galli, CEO & Accountable Manager of Cargolux Italia*. "It supplements our offering of flights from Italy to the most in-demand destinations in the world, including Hong Kong, Osaka, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. Moreover, it's a move that reconfirms Cargolux Italia's status as a leading airline for Milan Malpensa and the Italian market as a whole, in a moment when the Italian export industry is experiencing economic growth."

"This Cargolux Italia route represents a new dawn for Malpensa in that it links us with two destinations that we have never served before," stated *Andrea Tucci, Director of Aviation Business Development at SEA*. "The link with Zhengzhou is a great opportunity for the local area and for Malpensa in terms of the distribution of goods in the Chinese market through this new Cargolux hub. The Cargolux Group grew by 5% in 2014 and has thus contributed, as the leading airline at Malpensa with a market share of 15%, to the excellent results recorded by our cargo division. In the first five months of 2015, cargo grew by 9%, one of the best figures in the whole of Europe."

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