



45 years of Air Malta at Vienna Airport: Malta's home carrier celebrates anniversary on the Vienna route

45 years ago, Air Malta launched its first flight connection to Vienna. In April 1977, Air Malta operated a Douglas DC-9 aircraft on flight number KM132 from Malta to Vienna for the first time. At present, Malta's national airline connects Vienna up to seven times per week with the charming islands in the Mediterranean. Today, on 7 April 2022, Air Malta and Vienna Airport are celebrating the 45th anniversary of the flight connection with a photo opportunity with Walter Fehsler, Sales Manager Austria of Air Malta, Corinna Ziegler, Director of the Malta Tourism Authority and Julian Jäger, Joint CEO and COO of Vienna Airport.

"Merħba Air Malta! The airline has been flying to Vienna for 45 years, thus creating an important link from Austria to Malta, especially for outgoing tourism. I myself got to know the beauty of this Mediterranean island for close to five years in my capacity as the CEO of Malta Airport, and I can confirm from my own personal experience that this island is always worth a visit! Thanks to the direct flight connection, tourists from Malta also have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with Vienna and Austria. On behalf of Vienna Airport, I would like to congratulate Air Malta on the 45th anniversary of its flight service on the Vienna-Malta route, and I look forward to many more years of good cooperation," states Julian Jäger, Joint CEO and COO of Vienna Airport.

"We are thrilled to be able to celebrate this success today. Vienna represents one of the very first routes which the airline decided to serve after its founding and passenger traffic on this route has continuously grown through the years. During this time, we have transported a total of 1.5 million passengers on the route, and we would like to thank our partners who collaborated with us all these years for their outstanding cooperation and support," explains Alan Tune, Head of Revenue Management & Global Sales at Air Malta.

Initial flight in the year 1977 – today up to daily flight service from Vienna to Valletta

Air Malta has been offering flight service on the route connecting Vienna to the Maltese capital of Valletta since April 1977. Accordingly, Malta's national airline has been flying to Vienna for 45 years, with the exception of a short interruption in the years 1981-1987. Today the airline operates flights on this route up to seven times per week, deploying an Airbus A320 aircraft. Malta is considered to be a jewel in the Mediterranean and is well-known for historical cities with numerous fortresses and temples. The Mediterranean island of Malta is a popular travel destination throughout the entire year due to the comparatively mild temperatures, also during the winter months.

Air Malta – Malta's national airline for 48 years

Air Malta was founded in 1974 as the national airline of Malta. Today the airline operates a fleet of eight Airbus A320 aircraft and flies to around 20 destinations in Europe. Since its founding, the airline has transported more than 59 million passengers flying from and to Malta. More information on Air Malta and booking possibilities are available at www.airmalta.com/de.



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