



PRESS RELEASE

## **Germania Launches Tourism Program in Dusseldorf with Inaugural Flight to the Azores**

DUSSELDORF/BERLIN – 02 May 2018 – Today, Germania opened its new summer flight schedule at Dusseldorf Airport with the very first flight to the Azores. From now on, the independent German airline's green-and-white aircraft will take passengers to Ponta Delgada, the capital of the Azores island São Miguel every Wednesday. This summer will also see Germania launch more flights from Dusseldorf to holiday destinations that include Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt, Paphos in Cyprus as well as the Canary Islands of Gran Canaria and La Palma among others.

Germania will be focusing especially on tourist routes from Dusseldorf to Greece this summer. Flights to a total of five Greek destinations will get passengers in the holiday spirit: the islands of Crete, Samos, Zakynthos and especially Karpathos and Lesbos, which could previously not be reached from Dusseldorf without a connection, promise sun, sand and relaxation.

Claus Altenburg, Director Sales at Germania: "We have used the consolidation in the German aviation industry to significantly expand our route network from Dusseldorf. For the very first time, we are putting together an extensive summer tourism program that with Germania always goes hand in hand with full service on board and offers customers a quality product."

"Germania is expanding its services from our airport and will fly to 22 destinations from Dusseldorf in the future. We are delighted about this. We are very confident that the gaps in the flight schedule that resulted from last year will be closed again by the end of this year. The people of North Rhine-Westphalia want to fly. The need for mobility in the densely populated Rhine-Ruhr region continues to be high," says Thomas Schnalke, spokesman for the management of Dusseldorf Airport, as he speaks fondly about the increasing commitment of the long-standing airline partner.

Germania has been active at Dusseldorf Airport since 2003, but has mainly offered selected destinations off the tourist track until now. This so-called VFR traffic (Visiting Friends & Relatives) involves destinations that are especially appealing to commuters and families visiting home: "Our VFR program with destinations in Lebanon and Turkey has been well received for many years now in Dusseldorf", says Claus Altenburg. "With the Azores, numerous Greek islands and other destinations, we are now adding classic holiday destinations to our flight schedule and hope to add more in the future."

This summer, the airline that was recently awarded by TripAdvisor will have a total of 33 departures from Dusseldorf every week. As it has done in the past, Germania is again heading to the Turkish seaside resort of Alanya from Dusseldorf. The Israeli metropolis of Tel Aviv, which is enjoying great popularity among city and cultural travellers, also finds itself part of the summer flight schedule once again.

Tickets for Germania flights from Dusseldorf are available from only 79 euros one way. Tickets can be purchased at [www.flygermania.com](http://www.flygermania.com) or by phone via +49 30 610 818 000 (standard charges apply to calls from German landlines, mobile phone charges may vary) and at selected



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travel agents. All prices quoted include tax and fees, as well as the legally-required air travel surcharge. For travelling to and from the airport within Germany, Germania passengers can use Deutsche Bahn's Rail&Fly service. One-way tickets are available for 35 euros.

Please find an overview of the flight programme for Dusseldorf below.

Germania is an independent German airline which was established over 30 years ago. On short-haul and medium-haul flights the airline, with its distinctive green and white livery, carries more than 3 million passengers per year. Germania offers connections from 20 departure airports in Europe to over 55 destinations within the continent, North Africa and the Middle East. Reversing the common industry trend, Germania continues to offer complimentary snacks, soft drinks, magazines and a minimum of 20 kg free baggage allowance. Germania operates scheduled, charter and ad-hoc flights. Together with Bulgarian Eagle and the Swiss airline Germania Flug AG, Germania's fleet will include up to 36 aircraft by summer 2018. Germania Technik Brandenburg GmbH is responsible for the company's aircraft maintenance. [www.flygermania.com](http://www.flygermania.com)

## Germania Routes from Dusseldorf in Summer 2018

Destination	Flight days	Term	Price*
<b>Cyprus</b>			
Paphos	Wednesday, Sunday	02-05 - 31-10-2018	from 99 euros
<b>Egypt</b>			
Sharm el-Sheikh	Monday	07-05 - 29-10-2018	from 99 euros
<b>Greece</b>			
Carpathos	Thursday	14-06 - 25-10-2018	from 99 euros
Crete/Heraklion	Friday	04-05 - 26-10-2018	from 79 euros
Lesbos/Mytilini	Tuesday	26-06 - 30-10-2018	from 99 euros
Samos	Tuesday, Sunday	01-05 - 30-10-2018	from 79 euros
Zakynthos	Thursday	03-05 - 25-10-2018	from 79 euros
<b>Iraq</b>			
Erbil	Friday	04-05 - 26-10-2018	from 169 euros
<b>Israel</b>			
Tel Aviv	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday	01-05 - 30-10-2018	from 139 euros
<b>Lebanon</b>			
Beirut	Thursday, Sunday	01-05 - 31-10-2018	from 139 euros
<b>Portugal</b>			
Ponta Delgada	Wednesday	02-05 - 31-10-2018	from 99 euros
<b>Spain</b>			
Gran Canaria	Saturday	05-05 - 27-10-2018	from 99 euros
La Palma	Friday	04-05 - 26-10-2018	from 99 euros
<b>Turkey</b>			
Adana	Monday	11-06 - 29-10-2018	from 87 euros
Alanya/Gazipasa	Tuesday, Friday	04-05 - 30-10-2018	from 99 euros
Edremit/Korfez	Tuesday	12-06 - 25-09-2018	from 89 euros
Hatay	Tuesday	12-06 - 26-09-2018	from 99 euros
Kayseri	Friday	29-06 - 26-10-2018	from 89 euros
Kütahya/Zafer	Thursday	07-06 - 25-10-2018	from 89 euros
Malatya	Wednesday, Saturday	09-06 - 27-10-2018	from 89 euros
Samsun	Wednesday	04-07 - 31-10-2018	from 87 euros
Zonguldak	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday	04-05 - 31-10-2018	from 89 euros

\* one-way

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