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First Etihad Regional flight from Paderborn-Lippstadt Airport to Venice

Etihad Regional is launching a weekly flight to Venice from Paderborn-Lippstadt Airport with immediate effect. The first Italian destination in the current timetable is one of the world's most popular cities for travellers and it is also an attractive starting point for cruise passengers.

Following the traditional welcoming shower by the airport fire brigade, today's flight took off fully booked and on time. Etihad Regional uses flight number F71291 on Saturdays to fly from PAD to Venice at 12.35 pm. The airline is using a Saab 2000 aircraft with 50 seats on this route. The flight F71290 from Venice takes off every Saturday at 10.15 am.

“Venice is a very attractive destination from many points of view for the six million travellers in our catchment area. We are particularly entering the cruise liner business, which is growing very strongly. We are delighted that Etihad Regional has launched this new route,” said Dr. Marc Cezanne, CEO at Paderborn-Lippstadt Airport.

Maurizio Merlo, Etihad Regional's Chief Executive Officer, said: “We are delighted to begin operation on our PAD-Venice route, increasing our network offering in Europe, and connecting Paderborn-Lippstadt with Venice, a key touristic destination as well as starting point for exciting Cruise destinations in the Mediterranean and beyond”.

The flights to Venice can be booked on the airline's website www.etihadregional.com. Cruises, including the flight from Paderborn-Lippstadt Airport, can be booked via the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line on www.royalcaribbean.de or at any travel agency. The “Vision of the Seas”, which is operated by the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, starts its journeys to Greece and Croatia from Venice.

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About Etihad Regional, operated by Darwin Airline

Etihad Regional is the European brand operated by Switzerland's leading regional carrier, Darwin Airline, founded in 2003. Etihad Regional, a full service airline, currently operates with a fleet of six 50-seat Saab 2000 turboprop aircraft and four 68-seat ATR 72-500s, serving several destinations in four European countries: Switzerland, France, Italy, and Spain.

Besides serving a range of key secondary cities in Europe, Etihad Regional also offers international destinations around the world through its 33.3 per cent shareholding equity and codeshare partner, Etihad Airways.

Through this partnership, all Etihad Guest, MilleMiglia, topbonus and JetPrivilege members can earn and redeem miles on all eligible Etihad Regional flights.

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