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“Cypriot Airports celebrate the arrival of Germania”

Hermes Airports, the Cyprus Tourism Organisation and Pafos Regional Board of Tourism are delighted to welcome the first flight of Germania to Pafos airport. Germania flights will connect Cyprus with five German cities.

In Pafos, Germania will operate five flights per week, connecting Pafos with Berlin, Hamburg, Dusseldorf, and Erfurt. More precisely, the airline will conduct the following routes, every week:

- *Berlin-Pafos: 1 flight per week (Wednesday), starting on 25th of March 2015*
- *Hamburg-Pafos: 1 flight per week (Wednesday), starting on 25th of March 2015*
- *Dusseldorf-Pafos: 2 flights per week (Wednesday and Sunday), starting on 29th of March 2015*
- *Erfurt-Pafos: 1 flight per week (Wednesday), starting on 1st of April 2015*

In Larnaka, Germania will connect the city with Munich. More precisely, the airline will conduct the following route, every week:

- *Munich-Larnaka: 1 flight per week (Tuesday), 31st of March 2015*

The arrival of Germania to Pafos and Larnaka Airports is the result of collective efforts undertaken during the last few months by the tourism stakeholders of Cyprus.

In a statement, Wes Porter, CEO of Hermes Airports welcomed Germania to Cyprus. “We are very happy with the airline’s decision and we look forward to working with Germania to make this operation a success. Connection with Berlin, Hamburg, Dusseldorf, and Erfurt, supports our joint efforts to strengthen tourism arrivals to the island. We are certain that the travelling public will appreciate and take advantage of the unique offers of Germania”, he said.



Karsten Balke, Chief Executive Officer of Germania said: "With pleasant temperatures all year round, a wide range of top level hotels and a very good tourist infrastructure, Cyprus is an ideal holiday destination. We are very pleased that we can offer this attractive destination nonstop from Berlin, Dusseldorf, Erfurt-Weimar, Hamburg and Munich."

In a statement the Chairman of Cyprus Tourism Organisation, Angelos Loizou, noted that "the German market is one of the main markets for Cyprus tourism. However, we believe that there is a great potential to attract much more German tourists, with diverse interests from this market. This can only be achieved with good cooperation among all partners involved, including, of course, Germania Airlines". Mr Loizou also said that "the Cyprus Tourism Organisation will continue to support the airline in their efforts to bring increasing number of German tourists to Cyprus".

In a statement, Nasos Hadjigeorgiou, Executive Director of the Pafos Regional Board of Tourism, noted that "in addition to the financial benefits which will be generated for Pafos and the country as a whole, the operation of Germania in Cyprus, will also create a new perspective for the German market". As he said, "it will also contribute to the reduction of unemployment in the near future, mitigate the seasonality and promote the image of Pafos, worldwide." Furthermore, Mr Hadjigeorgiou highlighted that "Germania's flights are expected to increase arrivals, both, by the organized groups and the individual tourists, as well as visitors of special forms of tourism."

With the occasion of the arrival of the first flight of Germania to Pafos from Hamburg, Hermes Airports, CTO and Pafos Regional Board of Tourism co-organised a welcoming event which included a water arch salutation for the aircraft of Germania. In addition, in an aim to create a special welcoming atmosphere for the first arriving passengers, various artists performed folkloric music and dances in the Baggage Reclaim Area (Arrivals) of Pafos Airport, offering a unique sense of the traditional Cyprus welcoming to the German tourists.

