



Travel Industry Update

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Lufthansa to Cut Nearly 40,000 More Jobs: Report

- Lufthansa will have shed 29,000 staff by the end of the year and the German airline will cut another 10,000 jobs in its home country next year as it struggles to cope with the coronavirus, a newspaper reported on Sunday.
- The airline and its subsidiaries, Eurowings, Swiss, Austrian and Brussels Airlines, have slashed their schedules, fleet and staff, with air travel not expected to recover to pre-pandemic levels before 2025.

Alitalia launches Covid-free flights between Rome and New York

- Alitalia has announced plans to expand its Covid-free flight initiative to selected transatlantic services between Rome Fiumicino and New York JFK.
- From this week passengers on one of the carrier's three weekly frequencies between the two airports will be subject to mandatory testing.
- Departing customers will be required to present "certification proving the negativity to Covid-19", carried out no more than 48 hours before the flight, or agree to an antigen test at the Fiumicino prior to departure.
- Passengers will also be required to carry out an antigen test on arrival into Rome, which will exempt them from the normal quarantine obligations upon entry into Italy. Note that "restrictions on entry into the United States provided for by the provisions of the American administration remain valid".
- Flights subject to mandatory testing will be cleared marked during the booking process.
- For these Covid-tested flights, passengers will be required to wear a protective surgical mask, and to have a sufficient spares to replace the mask every four hours
- Before boarding, customers will also be required to complete a form certifying that they have not had "close contact with people affected by Covid-19"

Disney Cruise Line Drops Anchor, Cancels Departures Through The End Of February

- The Disney Cruise Line announced Friday that it has suspended all departures through the end of February.
- The move continues cutbacks at the company, which has seen layoffs and the end of such vehicles as Radio Disney in recent days, as the pandemic's fallout ruthlessly attacks the bottom line.
- Disney Cruise Line said it "remains focused on the health and well-being of our guests and team members. We are continuing to carefully review the guidance from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and are working toward resuming operations."

- As of Friday, Disney canceled all cruises through Feb. 28. That includes sailings aboard the Disney Magic through February 25, the Disney Wonder and Disney Dream through February 26, and the Disney Fantasy through February 27.