

Air Partner launches innovative new 'Sochi Express' cargo service for Winter Olympics

Air Partner, one of the world's largest providers of aircraft charter solutions in passenger and freight transport, is delighted to announce the launch of an innovative new weekly cargo service from Frankfurt to Sochi for the 2014 winter Olympics on the Russian Black Sea coast. Leading up to the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Air Partner will operate a cargo service using 747-400F equipment every Monday morning between the 18th November 2013 and 7 February 2014, directly to Sochi.

Sochi's relatively remote geographical location means that it is not particularly well served by European airlines, and so there is currently very limited airfreight capacity directly from Europe. Air Partner's exciting new service, the 'Sochi Express', will fill a much needed gap in the cargo market, providing direct access to Sochi for the first time. The new product, offered to clients worldwide, can be booked through any Air Partner office.

Mike Hill, Regional Manager of Air Partner Freight Group, based in the Germany office, commented: ***"Access to Sochi is currently very limited; many freight shipments route via Moscow and are then trucked on to Sochi, involving a long transit time. Air Partner's new full freighter service, the 'Sochi Express', is the only non-stop air service currently scheduled between Europe and Sochi. Our freight forwarder clients might not have enough cargo to warrant a full charter, and so with this service, they can book from as little as one aircraft pallet on board. Pricewise, the rates are extremely competitive compared to the current indirect alternative by air or road, and with a flight time of only around 3 hours, there is no faster option."***

Mike Hill also explained: ***"We have warehouse facilities in Frankfurt Cargo City, which are ready to take delivery of the first shipments. In addition, through the Group's partners, Air Partner can offer door-to-door, door-to-airport, and Sochi airport-to-door services on request."***

Air Partner Freight charters aircraft of every size to fly cargo anywhere, at any time, whatever its weight, size or shape. Serving governments, leading industrial shippers and relief and humanitarian organisations, the freight team provides bespoke air charter solutions to meet a wide range of cargo charter needs. From urgent 'go now' requirements moving small quantities of automotive spare parts, through to the most complex project cargo shipments taking several months to plan, Air Partner Freight has the skills, experience and expertise to ensure shipments are handled securely and reliably. Air Partner Freight has cargo specialists in the UK, USA, Dubai, Germany, France, Turkey, Hong Kong and Japan, who provide strength of knowledge by utilising regional carriers for tailored charter services.

Air Partner will be exhibiting at the upcoming Transport Logistics exhibition in Munich 04-07th June. Hall 4A / Stand 421.

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About Air Partner

Air Partner has been trading for 51 years and is a world leading provider of aviation charter services to industry, commerce, governments and individuals worldwide. The Group is globally recognised as a leading charter broker and organises ad hoc aircraft charters of every type for any reason. Its three main divisions comprise Air Partner Freight, Air Partner Commercial Jets and Air Partner Private Jets. The Commercial Jets division charters large airliners to move groups of any size. Private Jets offers the company's pre-paid JetCard scheme and on-demand charter. With its headquarters alongside Gatwick airport in the UK, Air Partner operates 24/7 year-round and has 20 offices globally. Air Partner is the only company in the aviation industry to hold a Royal Warrant, a globally recognised mark of excellence.

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