



Balearic Discovery & Sloane Mallorca NEW AGUSTA 109E

Balearic Discovery, the tailor-made travel service has teamed up with Sloane Mallorca to offer clients special rates on the latest helicopter to join the fleet. The brand new Agusta 109E helicopter joined the Mallorca based helicopter company on July 16th. This is the first of its kind in the Balearics and it offers clients the opportunity to fly over water on a private helicopter charter to the neighboring islands of Ibiza and Menorca. The aircraft can reach Ibiza in 30 minutes, Barcelona in 50 minutes and Menorca in 30 minutes. With a range of over 250 miles the Agusta 109E can also reach many other parts of mainland Spain and even North Africa. The helicopter seats up to 8 people without baggage, or five or six with golf clubs, skis or suitcases Sloane Mallorca currently runs a fleet of Robinson 44 helicopters offering pilot training, aerial photography and scenic flights, as well as heli-picnics for those looking for something a little different. For charter clients, departure will be from Son Bonet Airfield, Mallorca's second airport situated just 10 minutes drive from central Palma. As a small aerodrome this eliminates the standard airport routine of lengthy check-ins, car parking issues and security lines. The Agusta 109E can also operate out of the General Aviation terminal at Palma's main Son Sant Joan airport, if required. Charter prices will begin at around 1500 Euros per hour and are available on request.

SYNERGY AVIATION

MALTA-BASED KING AIR

UK based private charter operator Synergy Aviation has based a Beechcraft King Air 200 and flight crew at Malta's Luqa Airport, dedicated to air ambulance work.

Configured with a 'Lifeport' stretcher system and five passenger seats, the aircraft is available 24/7 and is a valuable addition to the market, primarily serving North Africa.

An early booking was to Tripoli to support an oil worker with acute appendicitis.

Malta is renowned for its high level of medical care and Synergy's decision to base an aircraft there was welcomed by the country's Prime Minister Dr Lawrence Gonzi. In Malta, Synergy is co-operating with Medilink International, a leading healthcare provider supplying quality medical provision to clients throughout Europe, Africa and the Mediterranean.

"Having an air ambulance based in Malta and another based in London, gives us the flexibility to react quickly to our customers requirements throughout Europe and North Africa," said Synergy Managing Director Glen Heavens. "We are eyeing further opportunities in the Mediterranean," he added.



Synergy Aviation Managing Director, Captain Glen Heavens (right) with Malta's Prime Minister Dr Lawrence Gonzi