



BOLOGNA AIRPORT: PASSENGERS ON THE RISE IN OCTOBER (+4.6%)
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One more month on the rise at Bologna Airport: in October a **total of 747,354 passengers** were recorded **with a growth of +4.6% on 2017**. In detail, **international passengers** were **582,394** and **domestic passengers** were **164,960**. **Flight movements** went substantially unchanged (**6,006 +0.3%**) and air cargo increased by 5.0% for a total of 3,974 tons.

The three most popular destinations in October were Catania, Barcelona and Frankfurt. The top ten ranking includes Paris Charles de Gaulle, Madrid, London Heathrow, Rome Fiumicino, Palermo, Amsterdam and London Stansted. Rome delivered the month's most significant increase (+28%), followed by Barcelona (+26%) and Catania (+18%).

In the first ten months of 2018, Bologna Airport's overall passenger traffic was 7,183,520, up 2.5% on 2017. A slight **reduction of 0.8%** was recorded in **flight movements (56,776)** and total air freight decreased by 3.7%, with 33,593 tons.

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***Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport**, classified as a "strategic airport" in the centre-north area of the National Airports Plan prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, is now the eighth biggest Italian airport by passenger numbers, with more than 8.2 million passengers in 2017, of which 76% on international flights (Source: Assaeroporti). Located in the heart of the Emilian food valley and the automotive and packaging industrial districts, the airport has a catchment area of about 11 million inhabitants and around 47,000 companies, with a strong propensity to export and internationalization and with commercial expansion policies to Eastern Europe and Asia.*

In 2017 106 destinations were served from Bologna: the presence at the airport of some of the largest airlines in Europe along with some of the leading low-cost carriers and the close link with International hubs make Bologna Italy's fourth airport for global connectivity (Source: ICCSAI - Fact Book 2017) and the first in Europe in terms of growth of connectivity in the decade from 2004 to 2014 (Source: ACI Europe Airport Connectivity Report 2004-2014).

As for airport infrastructure, the airport has among its strategic objectives in the next few years an important development plan that mainly concerns the expansion of the terminal, particularly in the parts of security checks and gate area. The company's aim is to make Bologna Airport one of the most modern and functional in Italy, an important gateway to the city and region.

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