



BOLOGNA AIRPORT: PASSENGER TRAFFIC GROWTH OF 8.5% IN FEBRUARY OVER 1.2 MILLION PASSENGERS IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 2019

Bologna Airport delivered a sound increase in **February, a growth of 8.5%** on the same month in 2018, with **588,730 passengers**.

In detail, **international passengers** were **450,648** increasing by 11.6%, and **domestic passengers** almost reached 140 thousand (**138,082**), remaining substantially unchanged (-0.5%) as compared with February 2018.

Flight movements (5,011) registered a rise too, **(+10,1%)**, and **air cargo traffic** increased by 2.3% on previous year, totaling **3,190 tons**.

February's three most popular destinations were: Catania (over 28 thousand passengers), **Barcelona** (about 25,500 passengers) and **Palermo** (over 22,500), followed by Paris CDG, Frankfurt, Rome Fiumicino, Madrid, London Stansted, London Heathrow and Dubai.

In the two first months of 2019, 1,229,889 passengers travelled through Bologna Airport with a growth of 7.8%. Flight movements increased by 8.3% (10,379) and air freight slightly decreased (6,499 tons, -0.8%).

According to overall data shown in Assaeroporti report, in **January Bologna Airport ranked fourth in Italy for passenger traffic**, only preceded by Rome Fiumicino, Malpensa and Bergamo. An **excellent outcome** which hardly will be confirmed in the next few months when the coming of warm season will bring higher volumes of passengers to strongly leisure-oriented destinations.

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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 8.5 million passengers in 2018, of which 77% 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 2018 114 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).

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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