BOLOGNA AIRPORT:
PASSENGER TRAFFIC DOWN 6.4% IN OCTOBER

Low-cost passenger traffic down 11.1%, passenger traffic on legacy carriers up 4.3%

After nine months of growth, with passenger traffic exceeding the one-million mark in every summer month, **Bologna Airport recorded a 6.4% decrease in passenger numbers in October compared with the same month in 2025, for a total of 972,939 passengers**.

In detail, domestic passengers totalled 240,829, down 5.3%, while international passengers stood at 732,110, with a decrease of 6.7%. The figures show markedly different trends depending on the business model: **passenger traffic on low-cost flights decreased by 11.1%, while passenger traffic on legacy carriers increased by 4.3%**.

Aircraft movements in October 2026 totalled 6,890, down 6.2% compared with 2025 (with low-cost flights down 11.6%), while **air freight amounted to 3,803 tons**, a decrease of 7.6% compared with the same month in 2025.

Friday, 9 October, with **36,069 passengers**, was the busiest day of the month.

As for the **most popular destinations in October**, Palermo, Catania and Tirana once again ranked in the top three. The month's top ten also included Barcelona, Paris Charles de Gaulle, Istanbul, Bucharest, London Heathrow, Cagliari and Amsterdam.

In the first ten months of the year, total passenger traffic at Bologna Airport came to just under 10 million, at 9,778,252 passengers, up 2.2% compared with the same period in 2025. Aircraft movements between January and October totalled 69,006, with an increase of 2.0%, while air freight amounted to 35,459 tons, down 3.7% compared with 2025.

Bologna, 5th November 2026

Aeroporto Guglielmo Marconi di Bologna, *classified as a "strategic airport" in the centre-north area of the National Airports Plan prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, recorded in 2025 11.1 million passengers, ranking as the seventh biggest Italian airport by number of passengers (Source: Assaeroporti – Aeroporti2030). 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 exports and internationalisation and with commercial expansion policies to Eastern Europe and Asia.*
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 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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