



BOLOGNA AIRPORT: ALMOST 910 THOUSAND PASSENGERS WERE REACHED IN SEPTEMBER

Fourth consecutive month on the rise as compared to pre-Covid levels.

September was the fourth consecutive month recording a rise exceeding 2019 levels as regards Bologna Airport's passenger traffic. The month closed with **909,899** passengers, **an increase of 1.8% on September 2019** which also means **the best traffic growth ever for the month of September**.

In detail, the previous months' trend was confirmed, with domestic traffic growth significantly exceeding the international component: in September 2022, **226,622 passengers were recorded on domestic flights** (+29% on 2019, and +12.7% on 2021) and **683,277 passengers on international flights** (-4.9% on 2019, +74.8% on 2021).

Flight movements were 6,668, a decrease of 0.5% on 2019 (+33% on 2021), meaning September's load factors were higher than in 2019 (the best year in the Airport's history).

Air freight recorded a strong growth as well: **4,294 tons** + 44.4% on 2019 and +19.9% on 2021.

According to the most- popular- destination ranking, 4 Italian airports ranked in the "top-ten". Catania, Barcelona and Palermo on the podium, followed by Madrid, Paris Charles de Gaulle, Bari, Brindisi, London Heathrow, Tirana and London Stansted.

In the **first three quarters of the year**, the negative gap on 2019 was furtherly reduced and the strong passenger growth on 2021 was confirmed. Air freight delivered good results, on the rise both on 2019 and 2021.

In detail, in the period **January – September 2022, 6,490,253 passengers were recorded** (-9.5% on 2019 and +158.4% on 2021). In the first three quarters of the year, total flight movements were 50,056 (-9.8% on 2019 and +107.2% on 2021), while **air freight was 31,372 tons** (+10.8% on 2019 and +12% on 2021).

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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 2021 - a year affected by the global pandemic – 4.1 million passengers, ranking as the eighth biggest Italian airport by number of passengers (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 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 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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