



**BOLOGNA AIRPORT: 840 THOUSAND PASSENGERS IN JULY**  
*Over 31 thousand passengers on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>: daily record in the Airport's history*

**844,441** passengers passed through Bologna Airport in July, making it **the busiest month ever** in the Airport's history. Total passenger traffic increased by 0.9% on the same month of 2017. **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> was the busiest day ever experienced by the airport, with 31,155 passengers.** Strikes and July's bad weather conditions did not prevent Bologna Airport from striking new traffic records.

In detail, **international passengers were 658,250** and **domestic passengers were 186,191.** A slight decrease (-1.7%) was recorded for **flight movements, 6,407,** and **air cargo traffic registered an increase of 1.4% for a total of 3,750 tons.**

**The three most popular destinations in July were:** Catania, Barcelona and London Heathrow, followed by Rome Fiumicino, Frankfurt, Paris Charles de Gaulle, Madrid, Palermo, Amsterdam and Munich.

**In the first seven months of 2018, Bologna Airport's passenger traffic reached 4,870,788, delivering a growth of 4.5%** on the same period in 2017. Flight movements were **38,837, with an increase of 0.6%** on previous year. **Air cargo transported 23,806 tons** recording a **slight decrease (-2.9%).**

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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 exports and internationalisation 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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