



BOLOGNA AIRPORT AND A BRILLIANT 2015: ALMOST 7 MILLION PASSENGERS (+4.7%)

**Passenger boom in December: +13.1%
Paris, London and Frankfurt, the top destinations**

Bologna Airport breaks a **new traffic record** in 2015: **almost seven million passengers (6,889,742)**, totaling a growth of **4.7%** versus 2014.

International flight passengers increased by 7.2% to 5,171,585, accounting for **75% of total passengers**, while **domestic flight passengers** marked a slight decrease (**1,710,419, -2.1%**), due to the lower offer of some domestic carriers.

After the central part of the year with a very good trend and **over 600 thousand passengers per month between May and October**, the month of November reported brilliant results, **December saw a real passenger boom (+13.1%, 524,140 passengers)**, also favored by the instrumental landing system which makes landings and take-offs possible also under low visibility conditions.

The traffic growth in 2015 is mainly due to the starting of **several new connections** (Budapest, Dubai, Katowice, Las Palmas, Lviv, Prague and Tel Aviv) and the **increased frequencies on some important existing routes** (in particular: Berlin, Bucharest, Cagliari, Chisinau, Copenhagen, Istanbul and Moscow).

Among the **favorite destinations**, **Paris** is on the top of the ranking with over half a million passengers (516,025 including the airports of Charles De Gaulle, Beauvais and Orly), closely followed by **London** with 515,690 passengers (Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports). **Frankfurt** ranks third, with 281,947 passengers. The top ten also includes: Istanbul, Barcelona, Palermo, Catania, Madrid, Rome and Amsterdam.

Total movements were **64,571 in 2015**, practically unchanged as compared with 2014 (-0.4%), while a slight decrease was registered for air-transported freight (-4.1%) equaling **30,836 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 seventh biggest Italian airport by passenger numbers, with about 6.6 million passengers in 2014, of which over 70% are 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 10.7 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 2014 99 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 European continental hubs make Bologna Italy's fourth airport in for global connectivity (Source: ICCSAI - Fact Book 2014) 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 recently completed a major upgrade and expansion of the passenger terminal, while the capacity of aeronautical infrastructure is deemed adequate to accommodate the expected growth over the coming years. 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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