



BOLOGNA AIRPORT: 300 THOUSAND PASSENGERS IN JANUARY
The beginning of 2022 was impacted by surges in new cases and new flight restrictions: passengers decreased by 50.6% as compared with 2019 (but +307.6% on 2021)

An uphill start of the year for Bologna Airport: surges in new cases caused by Omicron variant and the new flight restrictions (both domestic and international) stopped the traffic growth which had been recorded during Summer and Autumn 2021.

January closed with **316,583 passengers, a decrease of 50.6% on January 2019** (last pre-Covid year), but a growth of 307.6% on January 2021, when a large spike of cases due to the “second wave” occurred.

In detail, in January 2022 **110,214 passengers on domestic flights were recorded** (-24.2% on 2019, but +207.8% on 2021) and **206,369 passengers on international flights** (-58.4% on 2019, +392.8% on 2021).

Flight movements were 3,529, decreasing by 34.3% on 2019 (+208.5% on 2021), while **air freight amounted to 3,223 tons**, a slowdown of 2.6% on 2019, but +8.1% on 2021.

According to the **month’s most-popular-destination ranking**, 4 Italian airports rank in the “top-ten positions”. Catania, Palermo and Tirana lead the ranking, followed by Madrid, Barcelona, Bari, Paris Charles de Gaulle, Brindisi, Bucharest and Istanbul.

February started with fewer travel restrictions for air travelers coming to Italy from EU Countries. Hopefully, the pandemic declining in spring and a better fine-tuning of travel requirements at an international level will facilitate traffic growth worldwide.

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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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