



UPDATE ON “CHINA PROGRAM”

According to the latest information and consistently with the first authorizations issued by Chinese Aviation Authority CAAC, Bologna Airport is hereby giving information about the “China Program” shared with Blue Panorama Airlines and tour operator Phoenix Travel Worldwide.

Unlike what previously announced, the new flights to China will leave from Bologna on 12th July to two Chinese cities chosen by the tour operator: Taiyuan (capital city of Shanxi district) and Shenyang (capital city of Lianoning district), approximately an hour and a half flight from Beijing.

The new routes, operated by Italian airline Blue Panorama, with 767-300 ER aircraft (267 seats including 8 business class seats) are managed as charter flights by Chinese tour operator Phoenix Travel Worldwide who sell 10-day package travels between Italy and Europe with arrival and departure from Bologna.

The procedures to issue permits, duly started, are being completed by Chinese authority. Any significant update will be promptly communicated by Bologna Airport.

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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, in 2017 was the eighth biggest Italian airport by passenger numbers, with 8.2 million passengers, 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 European continental hubs make Bologna Italy's fourth airport in 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 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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