



**BOLOGNA AIRPORT: OVER 700 THOUSAND PASSENGERS IN APRIL**  
*2.5 million passengers have been recorded since the beginning of the year*  
*Catania, Barcelona and Rome the most popular destinations*

One more month on the rise for Bologna Airport. In April, **713,516** passengers were recorded, **delivering an increase of 1.7%** on the same month last year, figure affected by the defusing of an unexploded bomb from Second World War causing a prolonged flight suspension on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April.

In detail, April 2018 recorded **549,687 international passengers** and **163,829 domestic passengers**. **Flight movements** were slightly on decrease **5,625 (-0.7%)**, and **air freight** totaled **3,060 tons** decreasing by 1.8%.

**The three most popular destinations in April were:** Catania, Barcelona and Rome Fiumicino followed by Frankfurt, London Heathrow, Paris Charles de Gaulle, Palermo, Amsterdam and London Stansted. Passenger traffic growth was especially outstanding to the three Italian cities as well as to Amsterdam, Dubai and Istanbul.

**During the first four months of 2018, Bologna Airport's passenger traffic reached a sound 2,511,063, up 7.3%** on the same period last year. Flight movements were 20,542, with an increase of 2.8% on last year and total **air cargo** registered a slight decrease (-1.2%) with 13,253 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, 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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