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American Airlines and Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport announce the new direct flight to Philadelphia PHL

BOLOGNA, Italy - American Airlines and Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport announce the new direct flight that will connect Bologna with the United States, starting from 6th June 2019.

"I'm very happy to announce our first direct flight from Bologna Airport to the United States", said Angelo Camilletti - Manager, Sales Southeast Europe. "This is a milestone for American Airlines in Italy. It's the third consecutive year that sees a new direct flight from Italy to the US. Thanks to this new direct flight, the largest airline in the world will operate 10 direct flights from Italy to the US in the 2019 summer season. It's a clear sign of how relevant the Italian market is for American".

The new direct flight from Bologna to Philadelphia, one of the main hubs of American Airlines, is part of the airline's network growth for the next summer season that will see new routes from Italy, Germany and Croatia. The seasonal flight will be operated from June through September on Boeing 767-300 aircraft, featuring lie-flat Business Class seats, Cole Haan amenity kits and a chef-designed meal with award-winning wines.

"By providing the only nonstop service from North America to Bologna and Dubrovnik and introducing Berlin to our international footprint, American is making it easier to see the world," said Vasu Raja, Vice President, Network and Schedule Planning. "Through our Atlantic Joint Business, we have seen increased interest to these markets from the U.S., and adjusting our network to introduce these destinations provides more choices for customers on both sides of the Atlantic."

Philadelphia, located about 150 km southwest of New York, is the sixth most populous city and one of the oldest in the United States. As the main hub of American Airlines for the East Coast, it can be an excellent stopover to reach multiple destinations across the USA, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

"We are very happy - CEO of AdB Nazareno Ventola has commented - to introduce the flight to Philadelphia, that goes to confirm our strategy of expansion of the network, not just to the East, but also to America. For the Marconi it is a double news announcement: the first time we have a direct scheduled flight to Pennsylvania and beginning the partnership with American Airlines, a company that believed in the potential of our territory both for outgoing and incoming traffic".

"It is - said the President of AdB Enrico Postacchini - an extraordinary development opportunity for companies that have exchanges with the US and for tourism operators in our region and the

entire catchment area of Marconi. The American market is very interesting for our territory and we expect a very positive response for the start of the new flight ".

"In particular, considering the arrival time from Bologna, the new flight - explained the director of Business Aviation and Communication by AdB Antonello Bonolis - will allow comfortable connections for: Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Detroit, Durham, Los Angeles, Miami, New York JFK, Orlando, Pittsburgh, Saint Louis, San Diego, San Francisco and Tampa. It is therefore an extraordinary "gateway" to the States, offered by a giant in the industry. In fact, American Airlines is the largest airline in the world for passenger numbers, with about 200 million passengers a year ".

American's new flights will be available for sale on Monday, 27th August 2018.

At the beginning of the 2018 summer season, American has introduced new flights from Venice to Chicago and from Prague and Budapest to Philadelphia, which will operate through the end of October and return in 2019.

New European routes that will be introduced in the 2019 summer season:

Charlotte (CLT) - Munich (MUC) A330 daily from March 31st

Dallas Fort Worth (DFW) - Dublin (DUB) B788 from June 6th to September 28th daily

Dallas Fort Worth (DFW) - Munich (MUC) B788 from June 6th to October 26th daily

Chicago (ORD) - Athens (ATH) B788 from 3 May to 28 September daily

Philadelphia (PHL) - Edinburgh (EDI) B757 from 2 April to 26 October daily

Philadelphia (PHL) - Berlin Tegel (TXL) B767 from 7 June to 28 September 4 times / week

Philadelphia (PHL) - Bologna (BLQ) B767 from 6 June to 28 September 4 times / week

Philadelphia (PHL) - Dubrovnik (DBV) B767 from 7 June to 7 September 3 times / week

Phoenix (PHX) - London Heathrow LHR B772 from 31st March to 26th October daily

For more information and reservations visit www.americanairlines.it

About American Airlines Group

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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 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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