

BOLOGNA AIRPORT: RECORD-BREAKING AUGUST WITH 1,149,209 PASSENGERS *Palermo jumps to the spot among the month's destinations*

Another month of growth for Bologna Airport. In August, **Marconi Airport welcomed 1,149,209 passengers, up 3.6% compared with the same month in 2025**, surpassing the previous record set in July 2026. It was the best month ever in the history of Emilia-Romagna's leading airport.

The strongest growth was recorded in the **domestic segment, with 294,293 passengers**, up 7.2% on August 2025. **International passengers also increased, reaching 854,916**, a 2.4% rise compared with the same month last year.

Aircraft movements in August totalled 7,937, up 5.2% year-on-year, while **air freight volumes reached 2,814 tons**, an increase of 5.2% compared with August 2025.

Monday, 10 August, with **40,349 passengers**, was the busiest day of the month, while the **average daily traffic reached 37,000 passengers**, the highest ever recorded at Bologna Airport.

Among the month's most popular destinations, **Palermo stood out with a remarkable surge in traffic. Supported by the launch of Wizz Air's new service on 1 August** and by the disruption affecting Catania due to Mount Etna's eruption, **passenger numbers to and from Palermo increased by 76%, exceeding 50,000 passengers overall.**

As a result, **Palermo ranked first among the airport's destinations, ahead of Tirana and Catania.** The remainder of the month's top ten destinations included **Barcelona, Cagliari, Bucharest, Olbia, Madrid, Istanbul and Brindisi.**

In the first eight months of the year, Marconi Airport handled a total of 7,770,825 passengers, up 3.5% compared with the corresponding period of 2025. Aircraft movements from January to August reached **54,871**, an increase of 3.2%, while **air freight volumes totalled 27,911 tons**, down 3.8% compared with 2025.

Bologna, 4th September 2026

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 2025 11.1 million passengers, ranking as the seventh biggest Italian airport by number of passengers (Source: Assaeroporti – Aeroporti2030). 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 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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