

## Summer flight schedules from Milan Bergamo Airport 131 scheduled destinations in 39 countries

New for this year, connections to Rome Fiumicino, Reggio Calabria, Düsseldorf, London Southend and Zadar

The summer flight schedules, which will come into force from Sunday 31 March together with the change to daylight saving time, offer a network of 131 destinations in 39 countries from Milan Bergamo Airport. With regards to domestic routes, there are four new daily flights to Rome Fiumicino during the day and evening operated by **Alitalia** as of 27 July, with 88-seater Embraer 175s based in the airport. The schedule of connections between Milan Bergamo and Rome Fiumicino means not only the restoration of flights to and from the capital, but also the possibility of taking advantage of a series of routes to some of the most important intercontinental destinations in Alitalia's long-haul network.

Beginning from 1 April, **Blue Panorama** will be introducing flights to Reggio Calabria four times a week (on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays), running daily flights on the route from 27 July. The same company, Blue Panorama, which will be basing two B737-800 aircrafts at Milan Bergamo Airport in order to provide suitable capacity for the summer scheduled and charter flights, will be operating one weekly flight to Preveza every Wednesday starting on 17 July, and will be flying twice-weekly to Cephalonia (on Mondays and Fridays) from 29 July. Both are brand new destinations in the Blue Panorama network, joining those traditionally operated by the airline and confirmed for the 2019 summer season

Düsseldorf will become the third destination to be served by the airline **Lauda** every Wednesday and Sunday from 31 March. As well as confirming the daily flight to Vienna, Lauda is increasing weekly flights to Stuttgart from 6 to 9, doubling flights on Wednesdays and Sundays.

**Volotea** is returning to Milan Bergamo Airport as from 11 May, re-opening routes to Pantelleria and Lampedusa until 12 and 26 October respectively. Between 31 May and 6 October there will be flights to and from Olbia on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, with an increase to nine weekly flights in July and August. From 4 June Volotea will be flying to Split (until 10 September) and to Dubrovnik the following day, with a route guaranteed until 2 October.

There is also news regarding routes to the Middle East and North Africa. From 31 March, **Air Cairo** will be operating flights to Sharm el-Sheikh every Wednesday and Sunday with 174-seater Airbus 320s. **Air Arabia Egypt** is introducing a weekly scheduled flight to Sharm-el Sheikh and, from 3 July to 25 September, will be adding a flight to Alexandria on Wednesdays in addition to those already running on Fridays and Sundays. From the beginning of June until the end of September, **Air Arabia Maroc** will be adding a second flight on Sundays to their Casablanca route. This same destination will also see a twice-weekly flight (on Tuesdays and Saturdays) operated by **TUIfly Belgium** between 8 June and 2 November. From 20 June until the end of September, the Israeli airline **Arkia** will be operating flights to Tel Aviv every Thursday and Sunday, with another flight on Tuesdays in July and August.

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For Eastern Europe, **Ukraine International Airlines**, which already operates the daily flight to Kiev, is reopening the seasonal route to Chernivtsi from 27 April to 30 September every Monday and Saturday, with a further flight on Wednesdays from 10 July to 4 September.

There are a lot of new things happening with **Ryanair**, the leading airline for the airport. From 1 April, the Irish airline will be flying to Sofia every day and will be running a twice-weekly flight (on Mondays and Fridays) to Zadar. From 3 April it will be offering four weekly flights to London Southend on Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays and Sundays, and two for Katowice (Wednesdays and Sundays). From 7 May, Ryanair will be flying to Kalamata on Tuesdays and Saturdays, from 2 June to Crete on Wednesdays and Sundays, and from 7 June to Zante every Sunday. From 1 October, Ryanair will be operating flights four times a week to Marseille.

In addition to this is the recent announcement by **British Airways** regarding the opening of the route between Milan Bergamo Airport and London Gatwick as of 1 September 2019, which will be running every day except Saturdays, served by a 177-seater Airbus 320, increasing opportunities to reach London and offering – via Gatwick Airport – a further range of international and intercontinental destinations.

From 12 April to 5 May, for the Easter holidays and long bank holidays during this period, **Vueling** will be operating 14 flights to Barcelona.

From 26 July to 10 September, **Albastar** will be running two scheduled flights per week to Catania on Mondays and Fridays. The aim of the route is to increase capacity for the Eastern Lombardy area, which is very strategic and offers high potential, in a period in which the existing offer from the East of Milan will see a clear reduction, with the concentration of flights being relocated elsewhere. The Spanish airline will also be the number one charter operator during the summer season at Milan Bergamo Airport, basing two B737-800s there.

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