

MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT, THE KEY AIRPORT FOR BRESCIA AND THE PROVINCE

The closure of Milan Linate Airport from 27 July to 26 October naturally brings the residents of Brescia and the province closer to Milan Bergamo Airport, which offers 131 destinations across 39 European and Mediterranean countries, as far as Egypt and the Atlantic Iberian islands, with the added possibility of making use of the connections on offer for intercontinental routes.

This is what is on offer from Alitalia, which, from 27 July, will reopen the connection between Bergamo and Rome Fiumicino, operated with four daily outbound and return flights, allowing passengers to reach the capital and return the same day, or to continue their journey with the convenient connections to long-haul flights from Rome. The Alitalia flight between Bergamo and Fiumicino will also remain operative during the winter timetable, which starts at the end of October, with three daily flights.

Another interesting development is planned for 1 September, when **British Airways will launch its connection with London Gatwick**, operating every day except Saturday, with a 177-seater Airbus 320, and on a daily basis from 7 December, increasing travellers' opportunities to reach the English capital and take advantage of a further range of international and intercontinental destinations by taking a connecting flight from Gatwick.

Residents of Brescia and the province, which make up **17% of Lombardy's total number of airport users, or 13% of Bergamo Airport's passenger traffic**, corresponding to 1.7 million, have available to them a network which includes 92 destinations served by **Ryanair**, with further options for taking advantage of the network of connecting flights operated by the Irish airline, a dozen in Eastern Europe served by **Wizz Air**, with the addition - as of the 24th - of flights to Barcelona operated by **Vueling**, which is bolstering its offer in response to the growing demand for connections with the Catalan city.

Many other airlines also operate out of Bergamo, including **Pobeda Airlines** to Moscow, **Air Arabia Maroc and TUIFly** to Casablanca, **Air Arabia Egypt** to Alexandria Sharm el Sheikh, **Arkia** to Tel Aviv, **Lauda** to Vienna, Dusseldorf and Stuttgart, **Blue Panorama** to Reggio Calabria, Tirana and a number of Mediterranean holiday destinations, **Volotea**, with bi-weekly flights to Pantelleria Lampedusa, some exclusively to Split and Dubrovnik, and the daily flight to Olbia, as well as **Pegasus Airlines** to its hub in Istanbul, which offers connections to Middle-Eastern, Arab and African countries.

Milan Bergamo Airport has paid particular attention to taking care of the issue of accessibility from the east. For passengers arriving by car, a daily rate of €4 has been introduced, valid for parking areas P2 (sector B and uncovered) and P3 uncovered when parking before 9 September.

From Brescia, Milan Bergamo Airport can also be easily reached by motorway bus, with 11 daily departures from stand 24 of the bus station from 4:10am to 8:30pm and the same number of return departures from 5:10am to 10:30pm.

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