

bmi regional launches new Milan Bergamo – Munich route boosting connectivity in Europe and beyond

17 February 2016: bmi regional is launching a new route from Milan Bergamo to Munich on 31 March, 2016, strengthening its position in Europe and building its global connections.

The airline will operate the new flight in partnership with Lufthansa as a code-share partner with joint BM and LH flight numbers. The flights, which are available to book now, will operate seven days a week with twice daily departures from Monday to Friday. The flight schedule has been tailored to ensure seamless travel connections for business and leisure travellers via Lufthansa's worldwide Munich network of more than 200 destinations.

Munich, the capital of Bavaria, is a very important city both commercially and culturally within Germany. It has the strongest economy of any German city and is home to major international companies such as BMW, Allianz and Siemens. The airport is the country's second largest and is a gateway not just to the city, but to the whole of Southern Germany and the Alps. In terms of attractions the city has a stunning Gothic centre, the English Garden – one of the most beautiful city gardens in Europe, and nearby palaces such as Schloss Nymphenburg, an extraordinary Baroque palace that hosts regular classical music concerts.

Commenting on the expansion, Jochen Schnadt, Chief Commercial Officer said: "We're delighted to be adding this second route out of Italy, following on from the launch of our Milan Malpensa - Bristol route. Now travellers in Northern Italy can fly into and make onward connections with bmi regional from our two major hubs. With the launch of the Bergamo – Munich route passengers can now enjoy fast and direct access to Munich, Bavaria and Austria, as well as seamless connections to worldwide destinations through our partner Lufthansa with its global hub connectivity and leading facilities to transfer customers through the award-winning Terminal 2 at Munich Airport. With convenient times our new twice daily service between Bergamo and Munich offers business customers a well-timed day-return product between both cities. We believe this new route will be a highly complementary addition to the network offering business and leisure customers a convenient and jet quality product to Germany and beyond. We at bmi regional are exciting to be working with Bergamo Airport developing this exciting new route with such a vibrant and dynamic community and region."

Steffen Harbarth, Chief Commercial Officer Lufthansa Hub Munich & SVP Marketing Lufthansa Group Airlines commented, "It's great to be increasing the partnership with bmi regional and together expanding our route network even further. Bergamo is an important market for Lufthansa. Our passengers can now quickly and easily transit via the award-winning Lufthansa hub in Munich to reach destinations worldwide."

"The re-introduction of flights between Milan Bergamo airport and Munich is very important for our business community," said Giacomo Cattaneo, SACBO's Aviation Director. "It allows having our airport connected again to one of the most important European hubs and from it to the main international and intercontinental destinations through Lufthansa's network. The import export and business exchanges between Lombardy and Bavaria are very strong and a quick link allowing the Eastern part of our region to commute even on the same day is what the market needs. Moreover, thanks to the codeshare agreement between bmi regional and Lufthansa, dozens of European cities and worldwide destinations become easy to reach for millions of people living in the part of the region that has Milan Bergamo as its preferred airport. They will have a single check-in operation at BGY for themselves and for their luggage and then proceed directly to the final destination with reduced transit times and convenient connections."

Cattaneo continued, "Milan Bergamo airport is proud to offer more and more flights and services for the needs of all different types of passengers and destinations. And proud to say that passengers flying on bmi regional will all enjoy the Fast Track channel through security, for a quick and rapid access to the airside airport facilities".

The timetables for the new route, which is on sale now, is as follows:

Flight Schedule Milan Bergamo to Munich

MTWTF--	BM1742 / LH5273	09:45	10:50
MTWTF--	BM1748 / LH5275	21:15	22:20
Saturday	BM1742 / LH5273	10:55	12:00
Sunday	BM1748 / LH5275	19:10	20:15

Flight Schedule Munich to Milan Bergamo

MTWTF--	BM1741 / LH5272	08:20	09:20
MTWTF--	BM1747 / LH5274	19:45	20:45
Saturday	BM1741 / LH5272	09:25	10:25
Sunday	BM1747 / LH5274	17:45	18:45

Fares on the route cost from €90 with all prices including allocated seating, speedy 30 minute check-ins, 20kg of hold luggage and drinks and snacks on-board. Flights are available to book now at www.flybmi.com

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About bmi regional

bmi regional operates an all-jet fleet comprising 18 Embraer 135 and 145 aircraft. The airline now operates more than 300 scheduled flights a week across a network of 25 destinations in eleven European countries and employs more than 400 staff. Bmi regional has held the title of the UK's most punctual airline for the past nine consecutive years, most recently in 2013. The airline also operates an extensive ad hoc charter business and flies on a contract basis on behalf of other carriers. Its scheduled network includes Oslo in Norway; Brussels in Belgium; Esbjerg in Denmark; Toulouse and Paris in France; Rotterdam in the Netherlands; Bern in Switzerland; Bremen, Frankfurt, Dusseldorf, Hamburg, Rostock and Munich in Germany; Milan Malpensa and Milan Bergamo in Italy; Brno in Czech Republic, Norrköping, Jonköping and Karlstad in Sweden, and Aberdeen, Bristol, East Midlands, Newcastle, Norwich and Southampton in the UK.