



Press Release

**BLUE PANORAMA AIRLINES IS TAKING
OFF FROM MILAN BERGAMO FOR CAPE
VERDE**

Blue Panorama Airlines has launched today, Wednesday 16th May 2018, its direct connection between Milan Bergamo and the Amílcar Cabral airport of Sal, Cape Verde. The flight, in partnership with CaboVerdeTime, will depart every Wednesday until 12th September 2018, while from 22nd September 2018 it will be operated every Saturday. The aircraft used on the route, a Boeing 737-800 Next Generation, with a capacity of 189 seats, took off at 1.30pm local time.

*“With this new connection and with the forthcoming introduction of the fifth Boeing 737-800 Next Generation, Blue Panorama Airlines is continuing to expand its network for leisure destinations and is increasing its services from Milan Bergamo Orio al Serio, one of our operational bases”, said **Giancarlo Zeni, Managing Director of Blue Panorama Airlines.** “The flight schedule will allow you to easily reach Milan Bergamo Orio al Serio airport, using all the possible connections that it has made available, therefore extending the catchment area”.*

*“We are very happy to partner with an Italian carrier such as Blue Panorama, operating from Milan Bergamo, an airport which is of major importance to us. The last two seasons have recorded very positive results and summer 2018 will see us also offering the market some interesting new options, such as the 4-star hotel Sobrado, which is owned by our group. Located in Sal, near the centre of Santa Maria, it is designed for guests wishing to experience the whole of the island, not just the beach offering. Also, thanks to the partnership with Blue Panorama, we are planning on improving the excellent performance we have shown up to now, by further developing the Cape Verde offering which is suitable for the needs of the Italian market”, commented **Michele Rongoni, CaboVerdeTime Sales Manager.***

“The launch of the connection with Cape Verde, a destination traditionally served by Milan Bergamo Airport, strengthens our partnership with Blue Panorama Airlines - states **Giacomo Cattaneo, SACBO Aviation Director** - We are also happy to continue working with the CaboVerdeTime tour operator, which consolidates its presence at Bergamo airport”.

Blue Panorama Airlines is an Italian airline that offers long, medium and short-haul scheduled and charter flights to over 50 destinations in 4 continents (Africa, America, Asia and Europe). One of the first Italian airlines, Blue Panorama was founded in Rome in 1998. An IATA member since 2002, it is based at Rome Fiumicino airport, with operational and commercial offices in Milan Malpensa, Bergamo, Bologna and Tirana. The company, a benchmark carrier in the Italian market for numerous renowned tourist destinations, operates with a fleet of 11 planes (three Boeing 767s and eight Boeing 737s). During 2017, Blue Panorama Airlines served 54 destinations, of which 16 were intercontinental. In 2017, it transported 1.5 million passengers and employed over 500 people, over two thirds of these being flight personnel. In 2018, six new destinations will be launched: five new ones to China - Hangzhou, Nanchang, Shenyang, Taiyuan and Xi'an, and Cape Verde in Africa.

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