

## VOLOTEA LAUNCHES THREE NEW DIRECT SERVICES FROM MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT TO DUBROVNIK, OLBIA AND SPLIT

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from 26 May to Olbia and from 28 May to Dubrovnik*

*A total of 100 flights every month for the low-cost airline,  
with direct connections to 5 destinations*

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**Milan, 23 May 2018** - Volotea, the low-cost airline which connects medium and small cities throughout Europe, changes pace with **the launch of three new routes from Milan Bergamo**. The next few days will in fact see the opening of new routes **to Olbia in Sardinia (from 26 May**, up to a maximum of three weekly flights in the busiest period - on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays) and to **two beautiful locations in Croatia: Split (from 25 May**, twice-weekly flights - on Tuesdays and Fridays) **and Dubrovnik (from 28 May**, twice weekly - on Mondays and Thursdays).

In addition, **Summer connections to Lampedusa have also started again (operative since 5 May**, twice-weekly - Saturdays and Sundays), while **26 May will also see the re-opening of the Pantelleria route** (twice-weekly - Saturdays and Sundays).

Following the success seen last summer, with a load factor of over 94% for flights to Lampedusa and Pantelleria, Volotea is offering a total of 5 routes from Milan Bergamo airport this summer, with approximately 100 flights a month overall in the period from June to September.

“We are really delighted to announce the opening of these three new routes from Milan Bergamo Airport - *commented Valeria Rebasti, Commercial Country Manager Italy & South-Eastern Europe* - With our aircraft, passengers from Lombardy can reach two of the most popular destinations in Croatia, Split and Dubrovnik, as well as Olbia in Sardinia, another of the most popular destinations for Italian holiday-makers. These three new routes join the two summer flights towards two jewels of the Mediterranean, Lampedusa and Pantelleria, which, year after year, are ever more popular with Lombardy-based travellers”.

“The opening of two routes towards Croatia responds to the demands of travellers choosing to depart from Milan Bergamo Airport, and creates connections with two destinations which are very popular with tourists such as Split and Dubrovnik, offering splendid coastlines and high-quality hospitality - *claimed Giacomo Cattaneo, Aviation Director at SACBO*. The scheduling offered by our partner Volotea is certain to be much appreciated by our customers, who have already responded excellently to the routes for Lampedusa and Pantelleria in past seasons, and who are delighted with the flights available to Olbia”.

All of the routes to and from Milan Bergamo Airport are available on the website [www.volotea.com](http://www.volotea.com), from travel agents, or by calling the Volotea call centre on 895 895 44 04.

## **THE GROWTH OF VOLOTEA**

Volotea has reached the goal of 15 million passengers transported since its first flight in 2012, totalling more than 4.8 million passengers in 2017.

Currently Volotea flies 58 new routes, offering a total of 293 connections to 78 medium and small European destinations in 13 countries: France, Italy, Spain, Germany, Greece, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Albania, Portugal, Malta, Austria, Ireland and Luxembourg. The airline estimates it will transport between 5.7 and 6 million passengers in 2018.

Volotea currently has 12 operating bases: Venice, Nantes, Bordeaux, Palermo, Strasbourg, Asturias, Verona, Toulouse, Genoa, Bilbao, Marseille and Athens. These last three opened recently.

Volotea has a staff of 875, and will create another 250 new jobs in 2018, in order to capitalise on its growth.

Volotea operates in its network of destinations with a fleet of 32 aircraft, made up of Boeing 717s and Airbus A319s. Both aircraft, well-known for their reliability and comfort, have reclining seats and are 5% more spacious than average. The Airbus A319 is the aircraft chosen for the future growth of the company and will allow for an increase of 20% in capacity, allowing for the carrying of 150 passengers and the operation of longer routes.

Volotea has been chosen by TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice 2017 as the best airline based in Italy, France and Spain in the category "Europe Regional and Low Cost".

## **ABOUT VOLOTEA – [www.volotea.com](http://www.volotea.com)**

Volotea, the airline for medium and small-scale European cities, offers direct flights at competitive prices. Since it began operating in April 2012, Volotea has transported more than 14 million passengers throughout Europe, more than 4.8 million of which flew in 2017.

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