

RYANAIR WELCOMES THE NEW BOEING 737 “GAMECHANGER” TO MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT AND CELEBRATES THE RECOMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS WITH MORE THAN 100 SUMMER ROUTES

Ryanair, the n. 1 airline in Italy, today (8 July) announced further growth of its base at Milan Bergamo Airport - the largest in Italy - with the arrival of the new aircraft, the 737-8200 “Gamechanger” as of 20 July, which will see an increase in the Ryanair fleet at Bergamo and offers of even lower fares and greener flights for Italian passengers. This represents an additional investment of 100 million dollars, which will extend the region’s network of connections and play a key role in the recovery of jobs and the local economy as Italy emerges from the COVID pandemic.

Ryanair’s programming for summer 2021 offers 105 routes in total, of which 7 are new, and more than 600 flights per week, contributing to an increase in air traffic in the region and aiding the recovery of the tourist industry as the vaccination programme continues and Europe reopened in time for the high season.

Ryanair’s summer recommencement programme at Milan Bergamo Airport includes:

- A new B737-8200 “Gamechanger” from 20 July
- 630 direct jobs
- 105 routes in total (12 national and 93 international)
- 7 new routes to:
 - Zagreb from June (up to 4 flights per week)
 - Belfast City and Menorca from July (2 flights per week)
 - Suceava from July (4 flights per week)
 - Kos from July (3 flights per week)
 - Preveza from August (2 flights per week)
 - Banja Luka from September (2 flights per week)
- More than 600 flights per week.

Italian passengers can now choose from even more destinations from Milan Bergamo Airport until October 2021, flying at lower fares and with the possibility to take advantage of the “Zero Change Fee” in the event that their plans change. To celebrate, Ryanair has launched a special offer with fares as low as € 19.99 for flights until the end of October 2021, which must be booked by midnight on Saturday 10 July exclusively from the Ryanair.com website.

Eddie Wilson, the CEO of Ryanair, stated:

“As the number 1 airline in Italy, we are delighted to continue to support regional growth despite the challenges set by the COVID-19 pandemic. With more than 100 routes, 600 weekly flights and the new 737-8200 “Gamechanger” aircraft, Ryanair will play a crucial role in the recovery of Milan Bergamo Airport this summer. This increase in capacity will allow Ryanair to increase traffic at Milan Bergamo Airport, offering even lower rates and more comfort, at the same time reducing our environmental impact (-40% noise emissions and -16% CO₂ emissions).

The introduction of the EU Digital COVID Certificate provides restored certainty to travel plans, but Ryanair continues to allow up to two changes in flight dates free of charge for all bookings in the event that programmes change. Ryanair customers can now book their well-deserved summer break with the certainty that if their plans change, they can reschedule their travel dates twice without paying the flight change fee until the end of December 2021, paying only any differences in price between the original and the new flight.

For the occasion, we have launched a special offer with fares from as little as € 19.99 for flights until the end of October 2021. Flights must be booked by midnight on Saturday 10 July. As these incredible offers will be snapped up quickly, we invite our customers to visit www.ryanair.com in order to not miss out on the opportunity”

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Caption: **Eddie Wilson**, CEO Ryanair, **Giovanni Sanga**, President of SACBO, **Emilio Bellingardi**, Managing Director SACBO, **Chiara Ravara**, Head of Sales & Marketing Ryanair, **Giacomo Cattaneo**, Commercial Director Aviation SACBO, **Neal McMahon**, Director of Operations Ryanair

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About Ryanair

Ryanair Holdings plc, Europe's largest airline group, is the parent company of Buzz, Lauda, Malta Air & Ryanair. The group transports 149 million passengers per year (pre-COVID) on more than 2,500 daily flights from over 80 bases, connecting more than 225 destinations in 37 countries with a fleet of 450 aircraft, with a further 210 Boeing 737s on order, which will enable the Ryanair Group to lower fares and to increase traffic to 200 million passengers per year over the next 5 years. Ryanair has a team of over 16,000 highly skilled aviation professionals delivering Europe's No.1 on-time performance, and an industry leading 35-year safety record. Ryanair is the greenest airline group in Europe, and passengers choosing a Ryanair flight reduce their CO₂ emissions by up to 50% compared to the other Big 4 major EU airlines.