

RYANAIR REINFORCES ITS POSITION AT MILAN BERGAMO, WHICH CONFIRMS ITS STATUS AS THE LARGEST BASE IN ITALY

AN ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT, \$ 100 MILLION IN INVESTMENTS AND 100 ROUTES (2 NEW)

Ryanair, the number one airline in Italy, today (23 March) announced further investments in its Milan Bergamo base - the largest in Italy - with an additional stationed aircraft, more than 600 flights per week and 100 routes in total, including two new destinations: Banja Luka (Bosnia) and Belfast City (Northern Ireland). This growth will serve as stimulus for air traffic and tourism in the region as vaccination programmes move forward and Europe reopens in time for the summer holidays.

Ryanair's summer 2021 schedule for Milan Bergamo provides for:

- 20 stationed aircraft (an increase of one, and investments worth \$ 100 million), which provide for a total of 600 jobs locally*.
- 100 routes in total.
- Two new routes for Banja Luka (Bosnia) and Belfast City (Northern Ireland), both with twice-weekly flights.
- An increase in flights to a number of destinations including Alghero, Lanzarote, Naples and Trapani.
- More than 600 flights per week.
- Connections to tourist destinations such as Chania and Mallorca, and to perfect city-break destinations such as Berlin and Lisbon, as well as domestic connections to Catania and Naples.

Italian customers can now book their summer flights at even lower fares, and with the possibility to take advantage of the "Zero Change Fee" in the event that 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 booked by midnight on Sunday 28 March on the Ryanair.com website.

The CEO of Ryanair, Eddie Wilson, stated:

"Thanks to the implementation of vaccination programmes that will continue over the upcoming months, air traffic is destined to increase this summer, and we are delighted to announce an additional aircraft to be based in Milan Bergamo, the largest Ryanair base in Italy, with a total of 20 aircraft. This additional capacity will provide a total of more than 600 flights per week and 100 routes, including two new routes to Banja Luka and Belfast City as part of our Italian summer '21 operations.

Despite the impact of the pandemic, Bergamo has enormous potential and resilience, and we are convinced that the Region will soon see recovery, bolstered by air transportation.

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 October 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 starting as low as just € 19.99 for flights until the end of October 2021. Qualifying flights must be booked by midnight on Sunday (28 March). As these incredible offers are snapped up quickly, we invite our customers to visit www.ryanair.com in order to not miss out on the opportunity".

Giacomo Cattaneo, SACBO Aviation Sales Manager, said:

“We are delighted with Ryanair’s summer ‘21 plans for Milan Bergamo Airport, which will see an increase in the number of routes and the introduction of the first scheduled connection to Bosnia Herzegovina from our airport, as well as an increase in routes to Northern Ireland”, stated Giacomo Cattaneo, SACBO Aviation Sales Manager. This is a demonstration of complete trust in the return of habitual air travel, and the increasing number of flights will be sufficient to safely satisfy demand following months in which people have been unable to move. We are extremely happy to increase operativity, also thanks to the increased number of flights announced by Ryanair. This will also serve as an important driver for the local economy and the entire Region”.

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*Research carried out by ACI-Airport Council International confirmed that for every one million passengers, up to 750 local jobs are created in international airports.

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About Ryanair

Ryanair Holdings Plc, the largest European air travel group, is the holding company for Buzz, Lauda, Malta Air and Ryanair. The group transports more than 149 million passengers per year (pre-COVID) on over 2,100 daily flights from 77 bases, connecting more than 240 destinations in 40 countries with a fleet of 460 aircraft, with a further 210 Boeing 737s on order, which will allow the Ryanair Group to lower fares and to increase traffic to 200 million passengers per year over the next 4-5 years. Ryanair Holdings has a team of more than 16,000 highly qualified professionals in the aviation sector, guaranteeing the European record for punctuality and a safety record of 35 years. Ryanair is the greenest airline group in Europe, and passengers choosing a Ryanair flight can reduce their CO₂ emissions to as much as 50% less than the other four major EU airlines.