



## FOR SUMMER 2018, VOLOTEA HAS ANNOUNCED 3 NEW ROUTES DEPARTING FROM MILAN BERGAMO TO CROATIA (DUBROVNIK AND SPALATO) AND ITALY (OLBIA) WITH SPECIAL PRICES STARTING FROM 9 EUROS

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Milan, 10 October 2017 - Volotea, the airline which connects medium and small-scale destinations in Europe, is focusing on Milan Bergamo, and today announced the activation of 3 new routes for the summer season next year. There will be new routes to Croatia, to Dubrovnik (beginning from 28 May, with twice-weekly flights and over 9,600 tickets available) and Spalato (available from 25 May, twice-weekly for a total of approximately 10,000 seats), and within Italy, to Olbia (from 26 May, three times a week, for a total of over 14.500 seats). With this announcement, the airline will have 5 destinations reachable from the Lombardy airport with its own aircraft: 3 in Italy (Lampedusa, Pantelleria and Olbia) and two abroad (Dubrovnik and Spalato). A more than positive trend, in line with the results gained by Volotea during the latest summer period, which has just drawn to a close: more than 12,190 passengers transported, equal to an increase of 12% compared to summer 2016.

For 2018, Volotea will be taking off from Milan Bergamo for **5 destinations**, **3 domestic** (Lampedusa, Pantelleria and Olbia, new for 2018) **and two new international routes** (Dubrovnik and Spalato, both routes which are operated exclusively by the airline from the airport). A special promotion has been created for the launching of the new routes departing from the airport: it will in fact be possible to purchase tickets, with prices starting at 9 euros, to Olbia, Dubrovnik and Spalato.





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"We are really delighted to announce these new routes from Milan Bergamo - commented Valeria Rebasti, the Volotea Commercial Country Manager in Italy. - From next summer our passengers will be able to choose to spend a relaxing holiday in Croatia, in two fascinating destinations such as Spalato and Dubrovnik. For those preferring Italian seaside destinations, Volotea is offering a new route for the Costa Smeralda, as well as confirming the 2 flights to two splendid pearls of the Mediterranean, Lampedusa and Pantelleria. Our partnership with Milan Bergamo Airport is more than positive! We are delighted to be expanding our range of destinations from the Lombardy airport and, in particular, we are really proud to be launching the first international flights. With these new routes, we aim to increase our presence at the airport, offering passengers even more flight opportunities in both Italy and abroad".

"We are very happy for the growth that Volotea will have at Milan Bergamo Airport in the 2018 summer season - stated Giacomo Cattaneo, Director of Commercial Aviation at SACBO - in particular, we are extremely satisfied with the addition of Croatia via scheduled flights, for the first time in our history. The areas served both from Dubrovnik and Spalato are destinations for many residents in our airport's catchment area, and the new flights will make travel much easier for them. If we combine this with the fact that in Croatia, as is the case for Italian seaside destinations, tourism is experiencing important growth in demand over recent years, we can only be enthusiastic in seeing how the development of Volotea's holiday destinations from our airport are moving in the right direction. Lastly, we hope that in the future the collaboration with Volotea can increase, also taking in business destinations, and with flights all year round".

Since the beginning of its activity in Milan, Volotea has transported more than **55,900 passengers**. The numbers bear witness to the important undertaking of the airline in constantly proposing new destinations: for 2018, the company will raise **the number of reachable destinations**, operating more than **520 flights, the equivalent of over 68,000 tickets on sale.** 

Volotea continues to gain passengers in Milan Bergamo and, thanks to its direct and quick connections, has gained a rate of **satisfaction of 88.6%** and **a load factor of 94%**.





On 5 April 2017, Volotea celebrated its fifth anniversary, and in September the company reached the goal of 14 million passengers transported since its first flight in 2012. Volotea is forecasting to transport more than 4.3 million passengers this year.

In 2017 Volotea operated more than 44,000 flights from its 9 bases: Venice, Nantes, Bordeaux, Palermo, Strasbourg, Asturias, Verona, Toulouse and Genoa. In each base - except for Toulouse - Volotea is the number one company in terms of the number of destinations reached. This year, Volotea will be relying on 875 employees, after having increased its workforce by 150 in order to capitalise on its growth.

In 2018, Volotea will be opening 58 new routes, offering a total of 293 connections, operating in 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. For 2018, the tenth operative base, which will be in Marseilles, has been announced. Next year, Volotea will also be creating 250 more jobs.

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 its capacity for passenger transportation, 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

For further information: <u>www.volotea.com</u>

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