

PASSENGER BOOM EXPECTED IN MILAN AIRPORTS FOR EASTER WITH +27% AFTER A GROWTH IN MARCH FIGURES

ALL THE LATEST FOR SUMMER 2014



Milan, 18 April 2014 – March showed positive signs for the Milan airports: Linate recorded 722,543 passengers, a 0.3% growth compared to the same month in 2013, while Malpensa marked up a +2.2% growth with 1,473,151 passengers.

Forecasts are also bright for the Easter period, thanks to the 25th April and 1st May holidays. Between 18 and 24 April, about 600,000 passengers are expected to transit through both Milan airports, 27% more than at Easter last year. Malpensa will enjoy a steep increase in leisure traffic and should achieve +33% with 410,000 passengers, while 190,000 passengers are expected at Linate (+14%).

Milan departures are expected to reach their peaks on Friday 18 and Thursday 24 April with about 45,000 passengers. Thanks to the 25th April holiday, the week after Easter should also be a good one. Between 25th and 28th April, about 350,000 passengers (+7%) will transit through the two Milan airports. The busiest days should be 25th April with 80,000 passengers and 28th April with 89,000 passengers. Most departures are expected on 25th April with 42,000 passengers, while the busiest days as regards return flights will be 27th April, with 47,000 passengers and 28th April with about 50,000 passengers.

Easter 2014 destinations

Exotic destinations like the Maldives Islands and the Caribbean remain big favourites with tourists. Closer beach locations are Spain, Canary Islands, Egypt and Turkey.

All North American cities are packed out: flights to New York are completely sold out and the American Airlines flight to Miami has also sold well.

Positive trend for Tel Aviv, a destination gaining in popularity thanks to its beach and attractions. The Arab Emirates, with Dubai and Abu Dhabi have also done well. Popular destinations in Africa are Cape Verde, Kenya, Tanzania, Madagascar and Mauritius, as well as the entire sub-Saharan regions reachable from Addis Ababa thanks to the extensive Ethiopian Airlines network.

Firm favourites remain the European capitals like Paris, London, Barcelona, Lisbon, Amsterdam and Madrid and the cities of Southern Italy such as Naples, Bari, Catania, Palermo and Sardinia.

New for Summer 2014

The summer season opens with big news for Milan Malpensa airport. First and foremost Air Canada, with the new direct flight to Toronto; this is scheduled to start on 18 June next with five flights a week.



Other long-haul flights will be provided by Air China. The Chinese national airline will be operating five flights a week between Milan and Beijing besides a daily flight to Shanghai during the summer. From 16 June next, Singapore Airlines will be increasing its daily flight from Malpensa from five to seven per week. Service upgrade for flights to Tokyo as well. This year, flights will be available from both airports, with Alitalia links to Narita having just been upped from four to five a week, while Jal will be flying to Haneda. More flights will also be available to the USA. From end May to mid September Delta will be linking Malpensa with Atlanta, while American Airlines will be flying daily to Miami.

Closer to home, easyJet now offers flights to Tel Aviv and Hamburg, with another to be added in September to Tenerife. LOT will be offering three extra flights a week to Warsaw, FlyNiki a flight to Vienna, TAP an extra daily flight to Lisbon and FlyBe a flight to Birmingham.