

VOLOTEA ANNOUNCES A NEW EXCLUSIVE ROUTE FROM MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT TO LYON

Flights to the French city will be available from 6th April 2023, every Thursday and Sunday

The announcement of the new route brings the total number of connections from Milan Bergamo Airport to 6; 3 domestic and 3 international



Milan Bergamo, 24 November 2022 - Volotea, the low-cost airline that connects small and medium-sized European cities, today released important news that sees the expansion of the flights available from Milan Bergamo Airport: from the 6th of April, in fact, it will be possible to take off for Lyon, which will be served with two weekly flights; on Thursdays and Sundays. The new route, which will offer a total of over 27,200 seats and 150 flights, joins the existing services operated by Volotea from Caravaggio Airport for Lampedusa, Pantelleria, Olbia and the 2 recently announced additions to Oviedo and Nantes, for a total of 6 destinations.



“With three domestic and three international flights, Volotea’s offer from Milan Bergamo is perfectly balanced. Thanks to our direct and competitively priced flights, this summer, travellers departing from Caravaggio can choose whether to plan a holiday of relaxation marked by the beautiful Italian seaside or opt to go abroad and visit two lively French destinations, such as Lyon and Nantes, or the capital of Asturias in Northern Spain - **stated Valeria Rebasti, Country Manager Italy & South-eastern Europe for Volotea** -. At the same time, it should not be forgotten that the new destinations will increase the flow of incoming travellers, eager to reach Milan Bergamo and visit the beauty of the entire Lombardy region, thus supporting the local economy”.

“We are delighted with the announcement of the second route to France that Volotea will operate in spring 2023 and contribute to enriching the offer of connections from Milan Bergamo – **emphasises Giacomo Cattaneo, Director of Commercial Aviation for SACBO** - Lyon proves to be a highly strategic destination, both because of the importance of the city, known as the gastronomic capital of France and home to the largest Renaissance quarter in Europe after Venice, and because it is the crossroads of the south-eastern region of the transalpine country. Moreover, it is a cause of satisfaction that Volotea has decided to add three new international destinations to its traditional domestic connections, enhancing its presence and operations at Milan Bergamo Airport”.

This now brings the number of destinations served by Volotea from Milan Bergamo Airport to 6, 3 in Italy (Lampedusa, Olbia and Pantelleria), 1 in Spain (Oviedo – New for Summer 23) and 2 in France (Nantes and Lyon – New for Summer 23).

All of Volotea’s routes are available from the website www.volotea.com and from travel agencies.



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Volotea was founded in 2011 by Carlos Muñoz and Lázaro Ros, previously founders of Vueling, and is one of the fastest-growing independent airlines in Europe. Year-on-year, it has increased its fleet, routes served, and seats offered. This year it reached 45 million passengers carried in Europe.

Volotea is currently based in 19 medium-sized European capitals: Asturias, Athens, Bilbao, Bordeaux, Cagliari, Hamburg, Lille (inaugurated in April 2022), Lyon (inaugurated in 2021), Lourdes (inaugurated in July 2022), Marseilles, Nantes, Naples, Olbia, Palermo, Strasbourg, Toulouse, Venice, Verona and Florence (which will be inaugurated in April 2023). Volotea serves more than 100 cities in 16 countries, with novelties in 2022 such as Denmark, which began operating in May this year from Italy, and Algeria, which began in December 2021 with flights from France.

The airline operates a fleet of 41 in 2022, up from 36 in summer 2019. In terms of volume, Volotea has increased its seat capacity by nearly 39% compared to 2019, the year in which the airline put 8 million tickets on sale, highlighting the strong latent demand in Europe's mid-sized city markets. In June 2021, Volotea had more than 1,400 employees and by 2022 the company expects to have more than 1,600 employees in Europe.

Volotea became a full Airbus carrier in 2021, by renewing part of its fleet with aircraft from the European manufacturer. The airline, which had planned to perform this fleet unification in 2023, has advanced its plans in order to improve its cost base over the next 2-3 years and increase its network offering, with aircraft that have a higher capacity and a longer flying range.

Since 2012, Volotea has carried out more than 50 sustainability actions, thanks to which it has reduced its carbon footprint per passenger and kilometre by more than 41%. In 2021, the airline began to voluntarily offset 5% of its total CO₂ emissions until it reaches 25% offset of its carbon footprint in 2025. In 2022, the company introduced sustainable fuels in aircraft and collaborated with manufacturers and industry so that these fuels (now difficult to access) can be developed and become widespread as soon as possible.

Volotea was elected "Europe's Leading Low-cost Airline" at the World Travel Awards in 2021 and 2022, the industry's most prestigious awards recognizing excellence in the transportation and tourism industry worldwide.

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