

## VOLOTEA STARTS ITS ENGINES IN THE RUN UP TO THE SUMMER AND INAUGURATES THE NEW EXCLUSIVE MILAN BERGAMO-ASTURIAS

*Volotea connects Milan Bergamo with 6 destinations, 3 in Italy and 3 abroad, and offers more than 146,000 seats locally*



*From left to right, at the centre of the image; Giacomo Cattaneo, Director of Commercial Aviation for SACBO, Valeria Rebasti, Country Manager Italy & South-eastern Europe for Volotea, and Isabel Garana, Director of the Spanish Tourism Organisation in Milan.*

**Milan Bergamo, 28 March 2023 - Volotea, the low-cost airline serving small and medium-sized European cities, is investing in Milan Bergamo airport, and this year is offering 6 destinations; 3 in Italy and 3 abroad. Since its inaugural flight in 2012, on a local level, the airline has transported more than 405,000 passengers, and today, Tuesday 28 March, it launched its new route to Asturias (with departures every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday). 6 April will see the opening of the new route for Lyon (2 flights per week, every Thursday and Sunday), while 13 April will mark the opening of the route to Nantes (every Monday and Thursday). The three new international routes, all operated exclusively by the airline, are in addition to the domestic routes to Lampedusa, Pantelleria and Olbia, all due to open in May. For 2023,**



**the airline is offering more than 146,000 seats from Milan Bergamo Airport.**

Over more than ten years of activity, as well as having recorded excellent operational performance that reflects its seriousness and care for its passengers, **Volotea has increased tourist flows through the airport, generating collateral income for the local area.**

“From today, flying to the Principality of Asturias will be even easier! We are truly delighted to celebrate the launching of our new route to Oviedo, an extremely popular tourist destination and the access point for visiting one of the most beautiful and welcoming regions in Spain. Asturias offers a perfect combination of culture, nature and culinary delights; this part of Green Spain offers breath-taking landscapes, such as those in the Picos de Europa National Park, capable of surprising all types of traveller. Then there is Oviedo, an immensely charming city, with a historical centre full of lanes and lots of hidden corners – **stated Valeria Rebasti, Country Manager Italy & South-Eastern Europe for Volotea** –. The route to the Spanish peninsula will be joined over the coming weeks by the inaugural flights for the routes to Lyon and Nantes. We are certain that the three new international routes, which are Volotea exclusives, as well as the domestic routes to Lampedusa, Pantelleria and Olbia, will interest an ever-increasingly significant number of passengers. Milan Bergamo Airport is an important partner with which we have, over the years, developed a direct and profitable relationship, responding to the mobility requirements of local communities and continuously proposing new markets. We look forward to the coming months with optimism, and we are already warming up, preparing to fly our passengers to their summer destinations”.

“I am delighted to welcome the opening of the new route to Asturias, which allows access to one of the most attractive regions of Spain, with its many tourist and cultural attractions, and provides a new and important area to the Milan Bergamo Airport network – **said Giacomo Cattaneo, Director of Commercial Aviation for SACBO** –. The partnership with Volotea, which is also opening routes to Lyon and Nantes, and has confirmed flights to Olbia, Lampedusa and Pantelleria for summer 2023, continues, offering services that respond to the tastes and interests of the wide range of users of our airport”.

“A byword for nature and well-being, deep in the heart of **Green Spain**, the **Asturias** region is a destination that allows you to let your self be swept away by the tranquillity of the immense valleys and the beauty of its coastline. As well as enjoying its fascinating landscapes – with the most important national reserve in Spain, the Picos de Europa Park, and 7 UNESCO biosphere reserves – and its excellent cuisine, represented by a blend of tradition and innovation, with 10 Michelin stars, Asturias also offers an opportunity to explore the treasures of Asturian Pre-Romanesque art (UNESCO World Heritage), Palaeolithic art (of which the region boasts 5 significant examples), and the primordial origins of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela – **explained Isabela Garaña, Director of the Spanish Tourism Organisation in Milan** –. An ideal destination



for curious travellers looking for an opportunity to discover surprises and examples of beauty, fascinated by the culture, lifestyle and cuisine, and therefore an ideal place to visit all year round”.

Volotea connects Milan Bergamo Airport with 6 destinations, 3 of which are exclusive, in 3 countries; Italy (Olbia, Lampedusa and Pantelleria), France (Nantes and Lyon – new for 2023) and Spain (Asturias – new for 2023).

All of Volotea’s routes are available from the website [www.volotea.com](http://www.volotea.com) and from travel agencies.



## VOLOTEA

**Volotea was founded in 2011** by Carlos Muñoz and Lázaro Ros, previous founders of Vueling. It is **one of the fastest-growing independent airlines in Europe in the last decade**, increasing its fleet, routes served, and seats offered year-on-year. The airline celebrated a milestone of carrying 50 million passengers this year.

Volotea reaches more than 100 airports and is currently **based in 19 medium-sized European capitals**: Asturias, Athens, Bilbao, Bordeaux, Cagliari, Florence, Hamburg, Lille, Lyon, Lourdes, Marseille, Nantes, Naples, Olbia, Palermo, Strasbourg, Toulouse, Venice, and Verona.

This year, Volotea will operate up to **400 routes** (more than half exclusive), offering more than **12 million seats** (+41% versus 2019), and flying approximately **70,000 flights**. The airline operates a fleet of **41 Airbus A319 and A320**.

Volotea is dedicated to sustainable aviation and has committed to **reducing 50% of its CO2 emissions per passenger and kilometre by 2030 (versus 2012)**. To date, Volotea has launched over **50 sustainability initiatives** that have driven a **reduction in carbon footprint per passenger and kilometre by 40%**. Since 2022, the company has been working on developing emission-free alternative technologies, operating Airbus' internal shuttle service with 34% of sustainable aviation fuel, and collaborating with manufacturers and the industry so that these fuels (now difficult to access) can be developed and become widespread as soon as possible.

Volotea **employs 1,750 people** and actively contributes to the economic development and cultural landscape of the territories where it is based through sponsorship projects.

**Volotea has won, for the second year in a row, the award as “Europe’s Leading Low-Fares Airline”** at the 2022 World Travel Awards, an awards organization recognizing excellence in the transportation and tourism industry worldwide.

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The Tourism Institute of Spain, TURESPAÑA, is the official agency of the Government of Spain responsible for the marketing of the country as a tourist destination. In Italy it operates through the Municipal Tourism departments in Milan and Rome with the aim of further improving the excellent positioning of the destination on the Italian market, and of promoting economic, social and environmental sustainability in Spanish destinations.

For further information: [www.spain.info](http://www.spain.info)

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