

Passenger traffic on the rise at Naples International Airport with forecasts of nearly 900,000 passengers for the months of July and August (a 4.5% increase over 2002).

New domestic (Parma and Brescia) and international (Hanover and Zurich) destinations have been added to the network of scheduled flights offered from the Naples airport.

A sharp increase in the number of low cost flights has been recorded.

Forecasts call for **900,000 arriving and departing passengers** during the period between **1 July and 31 August**, with a **4.5% increase** over the same period in 2002.

According to forecasts, traffic will be divided as follows: **485,000 on domestic flights, 215,000 on international flights and 200,000 on charter flights**. Once again, German and British travellers top the list for the number of foreign tourists in our region. In reference to vacation destinations for Neapolitans, once again, the European capitals and destinations such as Greece (Crete and Rhodes), Spain (Canary and Balearic Islands), North Africa (Sharm-el-Sheikh in Egypt and Dirba and Monstir in Tunisia) are at the top of the list.

The week with the heaviest forecasted passenger flow will be **18 – 24 August**. According to flight schedules, during this week, there will be **108,000 arriving and departing passengers on 1,200 flights**.

There has been a significant increase in the number of low-cost flights with 4 airlines specialised in this market segment for a total of **170,000 passengers during the period of January to June 2003** as compared to 66,000 passengers recorded during the same period last year (**an increase of 157%**).

Naples International Airport, with **2,125,000 passengers from January to June 2003 (+13.8%)** serves **13 domestic, 11 international and over 50 charter destinations**.