2018 Review/Future Plans for 2019

THE AIRPORT TAKES OFF ABROAD

After two years of major work, Toulouse-Blagnac airport is now looking towards the future. In 2019, Toulouse airport will provide passengers and airlines with new developments that will enable the airport to make further progress on the European scene. Last year's traffic was already in line with this trend. For the first time, the airport accommodated more passengers on international than domestic flights.

Again, Toulouse-Blagnac airport was busier in 2018: 9,630,308 passengers chose Toulouse airport for their travel, i.e., 3.9% more than the previous year.

Detailed figures revealed a major change: for the first time in the airport’s history, international traffic (+7.1%) exceeded domestic traffic (+0.7%). This trend should continue in the coming years owing to the developments commissioned over the past few weeks: after two years of work, Toulouse-Blagnac airport is currently offering a level of service and a commercial offering in line with the highest European standards. These vital developments were needed to convince airlines to choose Toulouse in their development plans for routes to Europe and the rest of the world.

For passengers, the new developments revealed in late 2018 are providing services far exceeding the previous period. At Toulouse-Blagnac, there are now various shops, including some eagerly-awaited boutiques that are about to open. There is a large selection of restaurants with four companies representing the region’s identity. You can also stay in a 4-star hotel connected to the terminal, meaning you no longer have to travel to catch your flight.

All of these services meet the expectations expressed by international passengers in particular, who would like Toulouse airport to offer a level of service similar to that provided by large European airports.

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Low-cost traffic was once again a major growth driver, illustrated by the impressive rise of easyJet. In 2018, the orange airline was the airline that transported the most passengers for the first time in Toulouse.

This traffic growth is also in line with a responsible approach in terms of aircraft movements, which have dropped by 1.8% compared to 2017. There were fewer movements than in 2000, when the airport recorded 5.3 million passengers.

Development is attentive to the region, in a context of global air traffic growth. “Now more than ever, Toulouse-Blagnac airport is an asset for Toulouse and the Occitania region. Within an environment of competition between European airports, the infrastructure is effectively supporting the development of the region’s economy and tourism,” points out Charles Champion, Chairman of the ATB Supervisory Board. “We are currently providing a new airport to passengers - the changes are that big,” adds Philippe Crébassa, Chairman of the Executive Board of Aéroport Toulouse-Blagnac. “We have created a real living space where we hope passengers feel good and have a unique experience. By offering brand new services and promoting our region’s assets, in the coming years, the airport will continue to open South-West France to Europe and the rest of the world. This is an exciting challenge and the airport teams will continue to rise to it!” concludes Philippe Crébassa.

Download photos of the new developments

About Toulouse-Blagnac Airport

9.6 MILLION PASSENGERS
5  TH LARGEST AIRPORT IN FRANCE
58 REGULAR INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS
16 REGULAR NATIONAL DESTINATIONS
1 ST LARGEST REGIONAL FREIGHT AIRPORT
9 CHARTER DESTINATIONS

1 PROJECT
Develop low-cost and long-haul traffic; commercial offering and diversification of property portfolio

3 ACHIEVEMENTS
New shopping and eateries zone (Hall D), low-cost boarding gate (Hall A), 4-star hotel connected to airport

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