Since 1982
Columbia Transport started on February 8th 1982 with one specific goal: to provide the highest quality international transportation services to our worldwide clients. Our company was founded by Mr. Giovanni De Luca, who was inspired by the Columbia Space Shuttle, the first orbiter to fly into space in 1981. To us, this name represents the spirit of conquest, innovation and a continuous effort to go beyond current service limits.

The company is now directed by his son Enrico De Luca who acquired his own experience in the freight forwarding industry through 25 years with the company working in operations, sales and management. Enrico, together with experienced and motivated staff, work to ensure that our customers get the personalized service they have come to expect from us.

During the past thirty-plus years of hard work and commitment, our owners, managers and staff have worked hard to achieve success by providing our highest quality services in response to our customers’ needs for their shipments to and from Italy.

In the future, we will continue to provide cost-effective solutions for all your Italian shipping needs. We look forward to successfully serving all our clients in the years to come, just as we have since our start in 1982.

La Columbia Transport nasce l’8 Febbraio 1982, con un obiettivo specifico: fornire servizi di qualità.

Fu fondata dal Sig. Giovanni De Luca che si ispirò allo Space Shuttle Columbia, primo Orbiter a volare nello spazio nel 1981. Questo nome riflette la nostra filosofia, lo spirito di conquista, di continua innovazione e di ricerca per oltrepassare i propri limiti. In questi oltre trent’anni di impegno e di lavoro riteniamo di aver raggiunto importanti risultati, fornendo servizi di qualità al passo con le esigenze del mercato.

Per il futuro possiamo garantire che una grande passione continuerà ad alimentare il nostro impegno nel proporre soluzioni sempre più efficaci, con l’augurio di poter festeggiare insieme il prossimo traguardo.
We are IATA (International Air Transport Association) Accredited agent, and we have been designated as a “regulated agent” by the ENAC (Civil aviation authority) because we comply with all the mandated security rules for air transportation forwarding.

Thanks to an excellent selection of airlines, our strategic location in the major logistic hub of the Milan area and proximity to the most important European airports, Columbia Transport is able to provide a high level of air freight service for every kind of cargo to any worldwide destination.

Our airfreight services include:

- Consolidation service
- In house airfreight unit load device (ULD) pallets
- Door-to-door service
- Main hub for collecting cargo from the South, East and West of Italy
- Export Customs documentation and formalities
- Consulate documentation and formalities
- All Risk Cargo insurance coverage
- Storage and warehousing in our own and third-party facilities
- Fashion garment on hanger service (GOH)
- Complete Security control for Italian security measures

Agente accreditato I.A.T.A e Agente regolamentato ENAC.

Grazie alla selezione attenta dei vettori aerei, alla strategica ubicazione dei nostri uffici tra gli aeroporti milanesi di Linate e Malpensa, la Columbia Transport garantisce un servizio di trasporto di altissimo livello per tutte le tipologie di merce e verso qualsiasi destinazione internazionale.
We are member of FIATA (International Federation of Freight Forwarders Association) and, as agent for Globe Trans International (GTI) Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier (NVOCC) based in the Netherlands, allowing us to issue our own Ocean Transport Bills of Lading. Columbia Transport operates from all the major Italian and European ocean ports. Working with our worldwide network of selected agents, we can arrange each step of the ocean transportation chain, from loading to unloading, up to customs clearance and distribution at the ultimate destination.

Size will not be an issue: from a single pallet to an entire factory, we’ll find the best service for your needs. Through our trusted network of agents, posted everywhere, we’ll make the world a smaller place by providing solutions to all your shipping needs, ensuring constant control over all your shipments.

Our ocean freight services include:

- Groupage via less-than-containerload (LCL) shipping
- Full containers (Box, reefer, open top, high cube, flat rack and break bulk)
- Extensive space allocation with all major carriers
- Supervising on pick up operation and cargo inspection
- Automated Manifest System (AMS) data transmission
- Packaging for secure export shipping
- Door-to-door service
- Export customs brokerage
- Safe containerization with “dummy bags” to ensure cargo security
- Consulate documentation and formalities
- Complete letter of credit / COD documentation
- All Risk Cargo insurance coverage
- Warehousing and distribution
- Fumigation ISPM15

Membro F.I.A.T.A.
La Columbia Transport opera in tutti i maggiori porti italiani. Attraverso il nostro circuito di agenti serviamo tutte le destinazioni internazionali: dal carico iniziale allo scarico finale, dalle formalità doganali italiane a quelle di importazione a destinazione, assicuriamo un controllo costante sulla spedizione:

- Servizio consolidato (L.C.L.)
- Contenitori completi (Standard, refrigerati, open top, high cube, flat rack)
- Accordi commerciali e contratti con i maggiori vettori marittimi
- Supervisione ed ispezioni alle operazioni di carico.
- Imballaggi
- Trasmissione dati AMS (Automated Manifest System)
- Posizionamento e trasporto contenitori completi
- Pratiche doganali
- Containerizzazione professionale presso magazzini di proprietà
- Assistenza alla documentazione per certificati / visti consolari
- Gestione delle lettere di credito e contro documenti
- Assicurazione merci
- Magazzinaggi e deposito
- Fumigazione secondo ISPM15
Columbia Transport also offers project cargo services for shipments that require specialized shipping equipment, including freight that is voluminous, either by weight, size or quantity, or composed of complex components that must be disassembled, shipped and then re-assembled.

Our extensive knowledge and experience with many previous cargo projects allows us to quickly identify the most efficient route and service, ensuring that your project cargos arrive at their destination in a timely manner, and at the most competitive cost.

Columbia Transport can provide the specialized expertise in areas such as logistics capabilities, precise timing, wide geographical knowledge, and global connections to coordinate project cargo movements from Italy.

No matter the size, the goods’ origin or the clients’ needs, we can always find a solution that meets your requirements for transit times at competitive costs.

Our project handling capabilities include:

- Site survey and feasibility studies
- Multi-modal transport options
- Strict attention to all road rules and safety requirements
- Supervising at origin location during the loading operations
- Special equipment transport, (flat racks, open tops, platforms)
- Freight rate negotiations with carriers
- Administration for all agencies (customs clearance, trade documentation)

Non importa quale sia la dimensione o l’origine della merce, noi provvediamo a trovare la migliore soluzione di spedizione.

Forti dell’esperienza acquisita, identifichiamo le rotte e le modalità di trasporto più efficienti, per assicurare che le vostre merci arrivino a destinazione nel miglior modo ed al prezzo più competitivo.

- Visite ispettive e studi di fattibilità
- Trasporti multimodalì
- Particolare attenzione alle regole del codice della strada e alle misure di sicurezza
- Supervisione alla partenza e durante le operazione di carico
- Equipaggiamenti speciali (flat rack, open top, piattaforme)
- Negoziazione dei noli
- Imballaggi tradizionali e speciali
- Amministrative (dalle problematiche doganali alla documentazione commerciale)
Through our worldwide network of agents Columbia Transport offers complete air, sea and combined import freight services.

Following the changes of the global economy and always sensitive to our customers’ requests, Columbia Transport has developed a strong specialization in import into Italy.

Columbia Transport can provide:

- Consolidated shipments by air and sea
- Careful selection on partners, carriers and custom brokers
- Continuous updates on changes in industry and governmental regulations
- Agreements and service contracts with airlines and ocean carriers to guarantee space (even in peak season), under competitive rates
- Customs clearance services at the main Italian airports and seaports
- Storage and warehousing in our own and third-party facilities
- Air and Ocean shipment management
- Complete door deliveries to the ultimate consignee

La Columbia Transport è, attraverso i suoi agenti, virtualmente presente in ogni paese del mondo.

Sempre al passo con i cambiamenti del mercato globale e sensibile alle richieste della clientela, abbiamo conseguito un importante specializzazione nell’importazione dei beni, via aerea, via mare e combinati.

- Servizi consolidati aerei e marittimi
- Selezione dei fornitori, dei vettori e degli operatori doganali
- Continui aggiornamenti normativi
- Accordi commerciali (per tariffe e spazi) con i maggiori vettori aerei e marittimi
- Pratiche doganali d’importazione in tutti i porti e gli aeroporti internazionali
- Consegnare a domicilio
- Gestione completa delle spedizioni marittime e/o aeree
- Assicurazione merci
- Magazzini doganali
- Depositi fiscali per l’introduzione delle merci in sospensione Iva.
- Carnet ATA
Shipping services you need from people you can trust

La gente ti promette il mondo, noi lo spediamo!