

EasyJet Gets Permits to Fly to Moscow

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Low-cost carrier easyJet has received all the necessary permits from Russian aviation authorities to conduct scheduled flights from London and Manchester to Moscow's Domodedovo Airport, the airline said in a press release, Interfax reported Friday.

The first flight to Moscow is scheduled for March 18. The airline will offer seven flights a week.

In January, easyJet launched ticket sales for the London to Moscow route.

A space for easyJet became available last year, for the first time since 1998, after British Airways bought the other British carrier on the route, BMI. EasyJet was awarded the right to operate the Moscow-London route from Britain's Civil Aviation Authority in October.

The other three carriers flying between the two capitals are British Airways, Transaero and Aeroflot.

EasyJet's fleet has grown from two planes in 1995 to the current 214 Airbus passenger jets, which carry more than 59 million passengers a year.

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