

Russia's Pobeda Lowcoster to Offer \$16 Flights to Europe

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Russia's only budget airline, Pobeda — recently granted permission to fly abroad — will begin selling tickets this week for its first international destinations with fares starting from 999 rubles (\$16), the RIA Novosti news agency reported Thursday, citing an unidentified representative of the airline.

Pobeda, a subsidiary of Russia's national airline Aeroflot, last month received permission to fly to Minsk, Cologne, Bratislava and Dresden.

The representative of the company did not specify which international routes would be opened first.

Pobeda was established last year to replace Aeroflot's first budget airline subsidiary, Dobrolyot. Dobrolyot was forced to close after the company was included in the European

Union's list of companies sanctioned over Russia's involvement in the Ukraine crisis.

Pobeda expects its passenger traffic to reach 3 million people by the end of the year, which will place the company in the top 10 largest Russian air carriers, according to RIA.

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