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Airlines Cash in on Russia's Turkey Tourism Revival

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The price of airplane tickets from Moscow to the Turkish resort of ⊠Antalya have risen by 75.6 percent in the last week as companies cash in⊠ on a surge of Russian holidaymakers visiting the country.

Data from the Association of Tour Operators of Russia (ATOR) also ⊠reported found that the number of direct and connecting flights to ⊠Antalya have gone up by 25 percent since Russian President Vladimir ⊠Putin officially lifted restrictions on tourism in Turkey on June 30.

Prices are expected to fall 30 percent in the coming weeks when ⊠charter flights are cleared to resume by the Federal Air Transport ⊠Agency.

Some 23 thousand people searched for Antalya ticket prices in a ⊠single day on July 5, but flights to Istanbul have not seen similar ⊠demand, ATOR said.

Potential tourists appear to be continuing to steer clear of the city⊠ following a terrorist attack at the city's Ataturk airport on June 28 ⊠despite reassurances of increased security

measures.

The Kremlin banned package tours to Turkey after a Russian jet was ⊠shot down by the Turkish air force in November last year. The measure ⊠was lifted following an apology by Turkish President Recep Erdogan.

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