# GERMANWINGS COULD REPLACE AIR BERLIN FOR BERLIN-MOSCOW ROUTE

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German low-cost airline Germanwings could replace Air Berlin for the route Berlin-Moscow in the Domodedovo airport.

"Currently, direct flights between Russia and Germany are carried out by several partner airlines of the Domodedovo Airport — Lufthansa, S7 Airlines, Ural Airlines. Carriers are planning to carry out flights to Munich and Frankfurt in the upcoming winter navigation season, which will allow passengers of the airport to travel with comfort on these routes," a spokesman for the airport said.

Flights from Moscow (Domodedovo airport) to Berlin by the Germanwings airline are expected to start in the beginning of the autumn-winter season of 2015 (two daily flights).

It was reported earlier, that the second largest German airline Air Berlin decided to leave Russia due to the low demand. The route Dusseldorf-Moscow closes from November 9, Kaliningrad-Berlin — from January 10. The last flight between Berlin and Moscow will be conducted on January 18.

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According to Air Berlin regional manager in Russia Yulia Vorotnikova, the company could come back in case the passenger demand recovers.

"In summer the passenger load was very good, which was followed by a serious decline. Therefore, it was decided to discontinue flights to Russia. But this does not mean that we are leaving for good. If the demand is stable, we will look at the possibility of coming back," she said.

"After the flights are closed all passengers with Air Berlin tickets will be transported by our partner companies, or will get their money back," Vorotnikova added.

In total he airline performed 32 weekly flight to Russian cities.

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