



# SUBSIDIZED RUSSIAN FAR EAST ROUTES FLY MORE THAN 300K PAX

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Russian airlines have carried 306,000 passengers since spring on routes between the Russian Far East and other parts of the country under a government subsidy program, according to Russian figures released this week.

The current subsidy program runs from April 1 through Oct. 31 and applies to destinations in the extreme eastern parts of Russia, between Eastern Siberia and the Pacific Ocean. Eleven Russian airlines -- [Aeroflot](#), [Transaero](#), Yakutia, Alrosa, UTair, [VIM Avia](#), Ural Airlines, OrenAir, S7 Airlines, Ikar and NordStar -- are part of the program, and are flying a total of 44 routes between 29 cities in eight federal regions of the country.

According to figures released Aug. 24 by Russia's Federal Air Transport Agency, [Rosaviatsia](#), Russia has so far this year spent RUB2.072 billion (\$30.4 million) on subsidizing these operations -- 61% of the program's RUB 3.372 billion budget.

Russian authorities first began a Far East subsidy program in 2009.

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