

## **Vienna Airport: Aeroflot expands flight service between Moscow and Vienna to four routes per day**

There will be more daily flight connections from Vienna Airport to Russia: Starting yesterday, February 1, 2017, Aeroflot provides a fourth daily route between Vienna and the Russian capital of Moscow. Thanks to this increase, the Russian airline will offer 28 weekly flights on the Vienna-Moscow Sheremetyevo route. The expanded route was officially opened at a photo session featuring Director Vadim N. Kolomychenko of Aeroflot, Igor Nikitin of the Russian Embassy of Austria, Ekaterina Kohlhauser of the Russian tourism office VisitRussia and Julian Jäger, Member of the Management Board of Flughafen Wien AG.

“With this additional route, the number of weekly flight connections from Vienna to Russia rises to 69, showing that the travel destination of Russia is recovering. The increased frequencies send a strong signal. That is why I expect considerable growth in passenger volumes to Moscow in 2017”, says a pleased Julian Jäger, Member of the Management Board of Flughafen Wien AG, in commenting on the expanded flight service. The Russian airline is a longstanding partner of Vienna Airport, and has been offering flights to Vienna for more than 60 years.

“2017 is the Russia-Austria Tourism Year. Both countries are working to increase tourism in both directions. Flight connections play a key role in the logistics. The fourth daily Aeroflot flight linking Moscow and Vienna creates additional transport capacities required to expand Russian-Austrian tourism. This constitutes a very welcome step forward by Aeroflot.” Dmitrij Ljubinskij, Russian Ambassador to Austria.

### **Aeroflot at Vienna Airport since 1956**

Aeroflot has been providing flight connections between Russia and Austria since the year 1956, and has transported more than four million passengers between the two nations during this time. Aeroflot is a member of SkyTeam, and Russia’s largest airline. Aeroflot was founded in 1923, and is thus one of the longest established airlines in the global aviation industry. In 2016, the Russian airline Aeroflot transported 276,168 passengers on the route between Vienna and Moscow, compared to 265,827 in 2015. Aeroflot is the only Russian airline to be awarded a 4-Star rating from SKYTRAX. At present the Aeroflot Group operates 268 aircraft and carries about 43.3 million passengers each year. The average age of the Aeroflot fleet is 4.3 years. The new fourth frequency between Vienna and Moscow will feature an Airbus A320 with a cabin configuration of 20 Business Class and 120 Economy Class seats.

Further information and booking possibilities are available at [www.aeroflot.ru](http://www.aeroflot.ru), in the downtown office of Aeroflot, Opernring 1/R/417-419, 1010 Vienna, Tel. 0043 1 5121501 as well as the Aeroflot counter in Terminal 1 of Vienna Airport, Tel 0043 0700732834

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