

Aegean's Arrival Promises Lower Fares to Greece

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Tour operators and travelers might see better tariffs to Greece and beyond starting this Friday when the country's Aegean Airlines begins service to Moscow's Domodedovo Airport from Athens and Thessaloniki.

The flights will take place four times per week aboard brand-new Airbus A230 and A321 aircraft with 168 and 195 seats, respectively, in dual-class configuration.

Aegean carried about 6.2 million passengers last year, making it Greece's largest airline. The carrier flies to 35 international destinations and 24 domestic destinations and is a member of the Star Alliance — a network of major airlines that provide integrated services.

Over 386,000 Russian tourists traveled to Greece last year, a drop in the bucket compared to the 3.1 million that visited neighboring Turkey and the 2.9 million that went to Egypt, according to Interfax.

Aegean made headlines in January when the European Commission blocked its attempted

merger with local rival Olympic Air on anti-monopoly grounds.

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