

# Russia Restores Flights to Cairo 2 Years After Deadly Crash

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President Vladimir Putin has signed a decree restoring Russian flights to the Egyptian capital, two years after flights were suspended following a deadly terrorist attack on a passenger jet bound for Russia.

MetroJet Flight 9268 [crashed](#) over the Sinai Peninsula on Oct. 31, 2015, killing all 224 people on board. Investigators later [confirmed](#) that a bomb planted in the oversize baggage compartment had downed the St. Petersburg-bound plane.

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The decree [published](#) on Thursday exempts Cairo from the November 2015 executive order

halting Russian passenger flights to Egypt.

The exemption does not affect other Egyptian cities, including Sharm el-Sheikh, the Red Sea resort from which the ill-fated jet carrying Russian tourists had departed.

Egypt was one of the top destinations for Russian tourists before the deadly terrorist attack.

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