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### ***Yakutia Airlines to operate weekly summer service to Kamchatka, Russia's adventure travel capital***

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Russian airline **Yakutia Airlines** has been approved by the US and Russian governments to operate scheduled passenger and cargo service between Eastern Russia and Alaska. On July 12, the airline will inaugurate service between Anchorage and Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, on Russia's Kamchatka peninsula. The new flights are expected to draw sports fishermen and adventure travelers to this isolated region, renowned for its pristine rivers, volcanoes, geysers, rich native culture and unique wildlife. Travelers will be able to connect at Petropavlovsk to Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, Yakutsk, and other destinations across Russia. The service is also welcomed by Alaskans, who share strong cultural and economic ties with Kamchatka and Eastern Russia. Yakutia Airlines will utilize Boeing 737-700 aircraft on the route. Flight time is about 4 ½ hours.

Tickets go on sale May 18, 2012, through most global distribution systems, the **AirRussia.US** sales network, and Yakutia Airlines' representative in the US, **InterPacific Aviation and Marketing**. A variety of Kamchatka tour and fishing packages are available through Yakutia Air travel partner, Kamchatintour, and other operators. Kamchatintour will host a FAM trip for US tour operators on the inaugural flight. See **AirRussia.US** for more information. Flights will operate on the following schedule:

July 12 – September 13, 2012

Depart Petropavlovsk: Thursday, 9:30 PM  
Arrive Anchorage: Thursday, 5:50 AM  
Depart Anchorage: Thursday, 7:30 AM  
Arrive Petropavlovsk: Friday, 8:00 AM

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**Yakutia Airlines** is a regional Russian airline headquartered in the central Siberian city of Yakutsk, capital of the Republic of Sakha. It maintains hubs in Yakutsk, Moscow and Krasnodar, in Russia's Black Sea resort area. The airline operates scheduled passenger service to more than 30 cities in Russia, Europe and Central Asia, carries 80,000 passengers per month, and employs 1400. It operates a fleet of modern aircraft, including Boeing 737 and 757 aircraft and Russian AN-140's. It plans to expand its fleet with Bombardier Dash-8 Q300 aircraft in the near future. The airline's maintenance facility at Yakutsk is specially designed to repair, maintain and test aircraft in the extreme cold winter conditions for which the region is known. In December, 2011, Boeing successfully tested its 747-8 here.

Yakutia Airline's codeshare partner in the Alaska-Kamchatka service is **Vladivostok Air**, a regional Russian airline based in Vladivostok, Russia. Vladivostok Air completed a merger with Aeroflot Russian Airlines in March, 2012.

**InterPacific Aviation and Marketing** (Seattle, USA) represents Yakutia Airlines and Vladivostok Air in North America, and provides a wide range of travel services. It specializes in travel between North America and the Russian Far East. For more information, see its web portal **AirRussia.US**.

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