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PortGround Handles Rally Cars



Volga-Dnepr transported the jeeps and trucks to Leipzig/Halle

This is what you might call fast-moving freight: PortGround unloaded the racing cars, which had taken part in the legendary Silk Way Rally, at Leipzig/Halle Airport on 15 September.

The racing cars arrived on board a Volga-Dnepr Antonov AN-124-100, which had taken off from Ashgabat. Four trucks and 13 jeeps from foreign racing teams, including the Volkswagen team – which was the winner in the “racing car” category – were flown to Germany from Turkmenistan.

The race is part of the Dakar series and is a joint project organised by the presidents of Russia, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan. It took the drivers from Russia to Turkmenistan, where the participants arrived on 13 September. In all, 62 racing cars and 21 trucks from 34 countries took part in the rally, which involved driving a distance of 4,500 kilometres.

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50 Destinations for the Leipzig/Halle Winter Timetable

Leipzig/Halle Airport

The winter timetable, which will soon start (valid from 25 October until 27 March 2010), shows that the number of flights at Leipzig/Halle Airport is not only remaining stable, but has also increased slightly: there are flights to 50 destinations – four more than in the previous year's season. Flights to Lanzarote and Cairo (via Nuremberg) are once again included in the schedule.



Antalya, the number 1 sunshine destination

34 of the 50 destinations are non-stop flights – a total of 14 airlines will be taking off from Leipzig/Halle and they will provide 187 flights each week. Lufthansa provides flights to the two major hubs at Frankfurt and Munich 33 times a week and Dusseldorf 22 times. Germanwings flies to Stuttgart and Cologne/Bonn twelve times a week.

Flights to European capitals will also remain at a high level: Austrian Airlines flies to Vienna 18 times, Air France to Paris 14 times and Blue Wings to Moscow twice a week.

By the way: Antalya is the most popular sunshine destination with ten flights each week, followed by Palma de Majorca and Hurghada, where flights are operated eight and six times a week respectively.

Topping-Out Ceremony for New Fire Stations

Leipzig/Halle Airport is becoming larger and larger, so the fire protection rules have to be adjusted: two new fire stations are now being constructed in the eastern and western sections of the airport. The topping-out ceremony for both buildings takes place on 1 October.



The eastern fire station is being built in Kursdorf

The western fire station is being built on what was formerly parking area 5 near the western apron area. It will have ten parking bays for large and special vehicles. The eastern fire station is also being constructed in Kursdorf and it will provide space for nine large and special vehicles. Both buildings are due to be completed in 2010. The airport will be able to satisfy the future international safety rules too by erecting these buildings.

Winter Timetable: 170 Direct Flights/ 17 New Connecting Flights from the Moscow Hub

Dresden International

Passengers can look forward to a varied programme of flights and destinations at Dresden International Airport in

the winter timetable half of the year too: More than 170 direct domestic German flights each week are included in the schedule, including Lufthansa's 40 flights to Frankfurt/Main and Munich and 28 to Dusseldorf. Germanwings will fly to Cologne (17 times) and Stuttgart (13 times), while Air Berlin operates services to Dusseldorf 17 times a week and Nuremberg four times.

Holiday destinations in the south served by direct flights are Antalya, Fuerteventura, Hurghada, Larnaca, Las Palmas, Madeira, Lanzarote, Palma de Majorca and Tenerife. There are also many connecting flights to other destinations in Spain, Portugal, Italy, Cyprus, North Africa and the Red Sea from Nuremberg and Palma de Majorca. Thanks to the numerous feeder flights, passengers flying from Dresden have access to an enormous number of connecting flights to destinations all over the world in Frankfurt, Dusseldorf, Munich, Cologne/Bonn, Stuttgart, Vienna, Zurich and Moscow.

Passengers using the direct Aeroflot flight from Dresden to Moscow (on Mondays and Fridays) can fly on to 17 other destinations in Russia, China, Thailand and Lebanon during the winter timetable. New connecting flights to St. Petersburg, Samara, Vladivostok, Kaliningrad, Khabarovsk, Kemerovo, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Surgut, Volgograd, Barnaul, Omsk, Nizhnevartovsk, Krasnodar, Beijing, Shanghai, Bangkok and Beirut are all available from Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport. So there are ongoing flights to a total of 26 cities on Aeroflot services. Tickets can be purchased through all the normal reservation systems and on the Internet at www.aeroflot.com and www.dresden-airport.de

Moscow is not the only city to draw closer to Dresden: The Polish regional airline Jet Air has been flying to Warsaw five times a week from Saxony since 7 September. The 18-seat British Aerospace Jetstream 32 aircraft make a stopover in Zielona Góra in Silesia before landing at the Frédéric Chopin Airport in Warsaw. Journey times between Dresden and Warsaw are two hours and ten minutes. Tickets are available on the internet at www.jetair.pl or www.dresden-airport.de.

New Multi-Storey Car Park Being Built

The building work for an extension to the car park to enlarge it from 1,313 spaces to 2,872 began on 9 September ("airmail" has already reported on this). The car park is expected to be ready for use in June 2010. The existing multi-storey car park, which is more and more frequently bursting at the seams, and access to the terminal will remain open during the complete building period. Flughafen Dresden GmbH is investing approx. EUR 9 million in the project.



The extension will ease the pressure on the current car park to a considerable extent

The extension is being built on an area kept free for this purpose between the multi-storey car park, which was opened in 2001, and Hermann-Reichelt-Strasse. Because of an incline,

there will be space for seven floors – one more than in the existing car park. The new building is being constructed by Goldbeck Ost GmbH based in Klipphausen.

From the Region

Dresden Becomes a Shopping Paradise: “Centrum Galerie” Opened

Long queues – and at 6 o’clock in the morning: The “Centrum Galerie” on Prager Strasse was opened on 17 September. The centre’s management team revealed that 50,000 customers had already visited the new shopping centre by midday.

52,000 square metres of shopping space has been created at the site where the old Centrum store (opened in 1978) was located on Prager Strasse – the planning and building work took almost three years. About 120 stores spread over four floors now entice people to go shopping. The Galerie, which has cost EUR 290 million, is now Dresden’s largest inner-city shopping centre.

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