

PRESS RELEASE

The mountaineer Simone Moro with Pobeda Airlines from BGY Airport to conquer Pik Pobeda

The expedition by the Bergamo-born mountaineer Simone Moro has taken off with Pobeda Airlines - "Pobeda" is the Russian word for "victory" - marking the start of the voyage to conquer Pik Pobeda. It is the first time that the 3,003-metre-high Siberian peak in the heart of the Chersky Range region will be tackled in winter, with an average temperature of -52°C, and with only a few hours of daylight available.

Taking part in the expedition will be Tamara Lunger, Moro's climbing partner, and the photographer Matteo Zanga, who will all be joined in Moscow by the Italo-Russian reporter Filippo Valoti Alebardi. Departure was from Milan Bergamo Airport at 4.30 p.m. on Monday 22 January, with the flight to Moscow Vnukovo, on board a Pobeda Airlines Boeing 737-800. Vnukovo will be the starting point of the journey in Russia to base camp, from where the climb to Pik Pobeda, a mountain surrounded by the coldest populated areas on the planet, with temperatures falling as low as -71.3°C, will begin.

The Russian airline Pobeda, which operates daily flights from Bergamo Airport to Moscow, has chosen to associate its name with the undertaking which aims to conquer the peak of the Siberian mountain of the same name. A case of "***Nomen Victorum***", an extra gratification for Simone Moro, who wanted to plan the expedition with the departure from the airport of his home town.

Since 20 December 2015, Pobeda Airlines has been operating the daily flight between Moscow Vnukovo and Milan Bergamo, using a Boeing 737-800 Next Generation with 189 seats. Vnukovo Airport is situated 23 kilometres to the south of the centre of the Russian capital, and is connected by the Aeroexpress train, which runs from 6.00 a.m. until midnight, with a journey time of 35 minutes.

Pobeda Airlines, a partner of Simone Moro's expedition to Pik Pobeda, offers advantageous prices which, during promotions, allow for flights to and from Moscow for less than € 10 each way.

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