

Russian airliner crashes in central Sinai - likely 224 almost all Russian dead **Travel**

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Egyptian authorities have reportedly dispatched 45 ambulances to the area of the air crash site but unconfirmed comments by security officials suggest there is little prospect of any survivors since the plane appears to have fallen to ground very quickly from 31,000 feet. The crew and passengers are thought to be all Russian with most tourists headed home from a week at Egyptian resorts.

From BBC News: A Russian airliner has crashed in central Sinai with more than 200 people on board, the office of Egypt's prime minister has confirmed. The Airbus A-321 had just left the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, bound for the Russian city of St Petersburg. Wreckage of the plane has been found in the Hassana area. It disappeared from radar screens when travelling at 9,500m (31,000ft), Egyptian officials said. Egyptian officials said most on board are likely to have died. For complete text of available reports, link below: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-34687139>