

Ethiopian

FACT SHEET

October 2026

80 years
1946 - 2026
A TIMELESS LEGACY

SKYTRAX
WINNER
BEST AIRLINE IN AFRICA
FOR 9 YEARS IN A ROW

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THE NEW SPIRIT OF AFRICA
STAR ALLIANCE



OVERVIEW

Ethiopian Airlines Group (ET) is the leading airline in Africa. Ethiopian Airlines has come along 80 years of excellence, resilience, and sustained growth in the aviation industry, starting its operation with five DC-3 aircraft back in 1946 and making its debut flight to Cairo via Asmara on April 8, 1946. Since then, the airline has evolved into Africa's leading aviation group and one of the world's fastest-growing airline brands.

Ethiopian took the lead in introducing cutting-edge aviation technology and systems including the first jet airplane as well as the first B767, B777-200LR, B787 Dreamliner, Boeing B787-9, the Airbus A350-900 XWB and the A350-1000. Currently, Ethiopian owns 149 ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft.

As 'the New Spirit of Africa', Ethiopian has created the much-needed intra-Africa and transcontinental air connectivity network, linking Africa to the rest of the world. Ethiopian Airlines serves more than 145 international passenger and cargo destinations, including more than 60 African cities, with daily and multiple flights.

Building on its continuous success, Ethiopian has been expanding its services and reaching new horizons. In addition to its main hub, it is also pursuing a multi-hub strategy through hubs in Lomé Togo with ASKY, in Lilongwe Malawi with Malawi Airlines, in Lusaka Zambia with Zambia Airways, and in Kinshasa Democratic Republic of the Congo with Air Congo.

Ethiopian Airlines has won much-coveted multiple industry awards for several years in various categories from SKYTRAX World Airline Awards, Business Traveller Awards, and APEX Passenger Choice Awards to mention a few.

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Founded
December 21, 1945

Starting date of operation
April 08, 1946

Ownership
Government of Ethiopia (100%)

Head Office
Bole International Airport,
P.O. Box 1755
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Reservations
Tel : 6787 for local and
(+251) 116179900 for
International Customers

Website
http://www.ethiopianairlines.com

Group Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Mesfin Tasew

ETHIOPIAN IN FIGURES

Parameters	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Aircraft	120	122	131	132	141	147
Destination	127	127	134	138	142	146
Passenger Number	5.78 Million	8.66 Millon	13.89 Million	17.10 Million	18.78 Million	20.43 Million
Cargo Tonnage	757,002	767,848	713,875	754,681	771,539	897,975
Revenue In USD	3.51 Billion	5.05 Billion	6.17 Billion	7.04 Billion	7.57 Billion	9.10 Billion
Full Time Employees	14,568	14,887	16,936	18,196	19,467	21,048
Graduate Trainees	450	492	1,387	1,745	1,951	1,713
ASK '000	35.31 Billion	42.83 Billion	64.50 Billion	78.40 Billion	84.43 Billion	92.28 Billion

FLEET SUMMARY | Current Fleet

Long Range Passenger Services



Airbus A350 - 1000XWB **04**



Airbus A350 - 900XWB **22**



Boeing B787-8 **20**



Boeing B787-9 **10**



Boeing B777-300ER **05**



Boeing B777-200LR **06**

Medium Range Passenger Services



Boeing B737-800 **06**



Boeing B737 MAX **27**



Boeing B737-700NG **02**

Medium Range Cargo



Boeing B737-800F **04**



B767-300F **03**

Regional and Domestic Passenger Services



Q400 Bombardier **28**



DHC-6-300G **01**

Long Range Cargo



Boeing B777-200LRF **12**

Business Jet



Boeing B737-800 **01**

151

TOTAL OPERATING FLEET

FLEET SUMMARY | Aircraft Delivery Plan

Long Range Passenger Services



Airbus A350-900XWB **17**



Boeing B787-9 **26**



Boeing B777-9X **08**

Medium Range Passenger Services



Boeing B737 MAX 8s **42**



Boeing B737-800 **04**

Regional and Domestic Passenger Service



DHC-6-300G **01**

Long Range Freighters



Boeing B777-8F **08**



Boeing B777-200LRF **02**



Boeing B777-200LRSF **02**

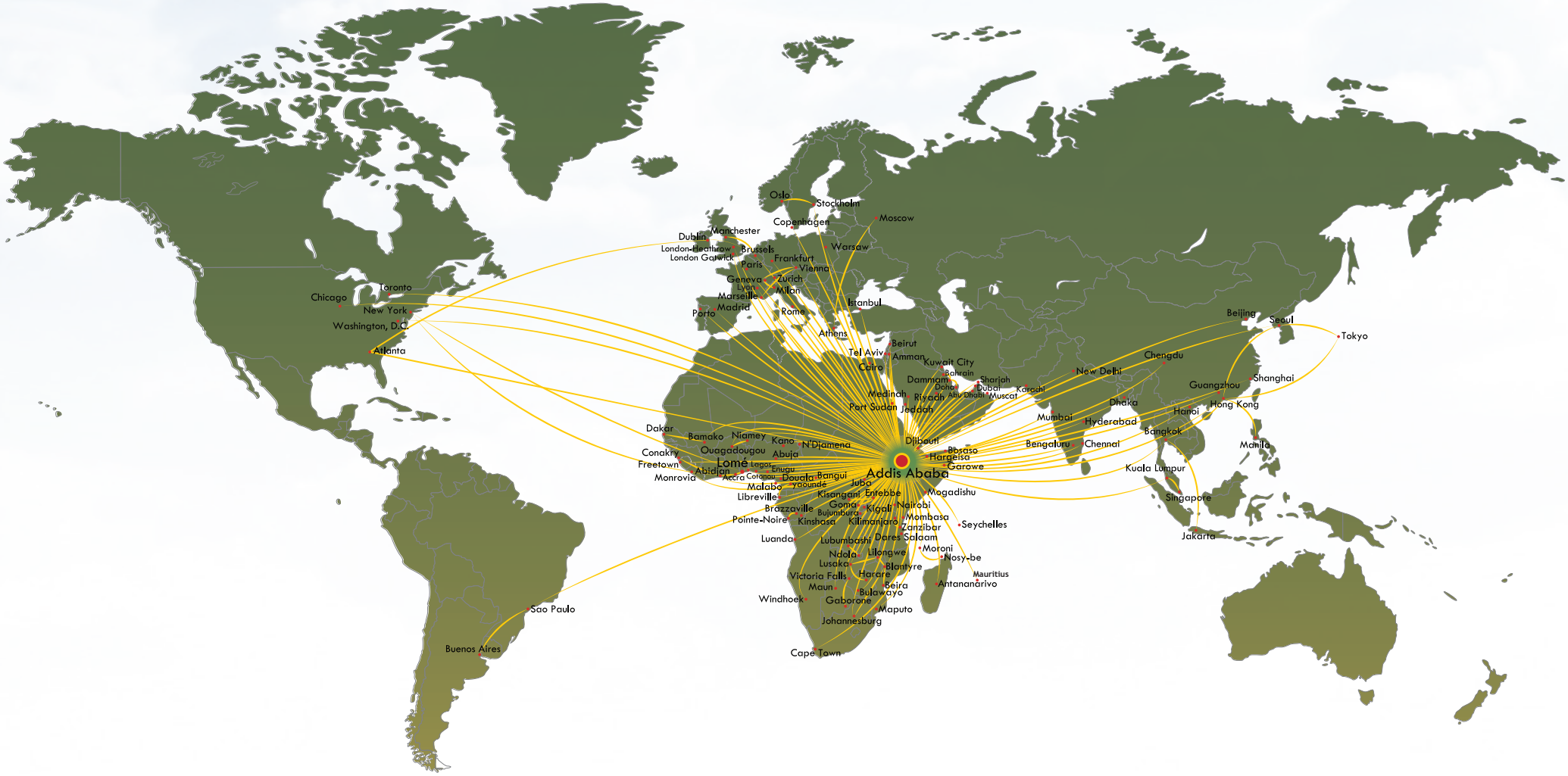


Boeing B777-300ERSF **02**

110

TOTAL FLEET ON ORDER

MORE THAN 145 INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS



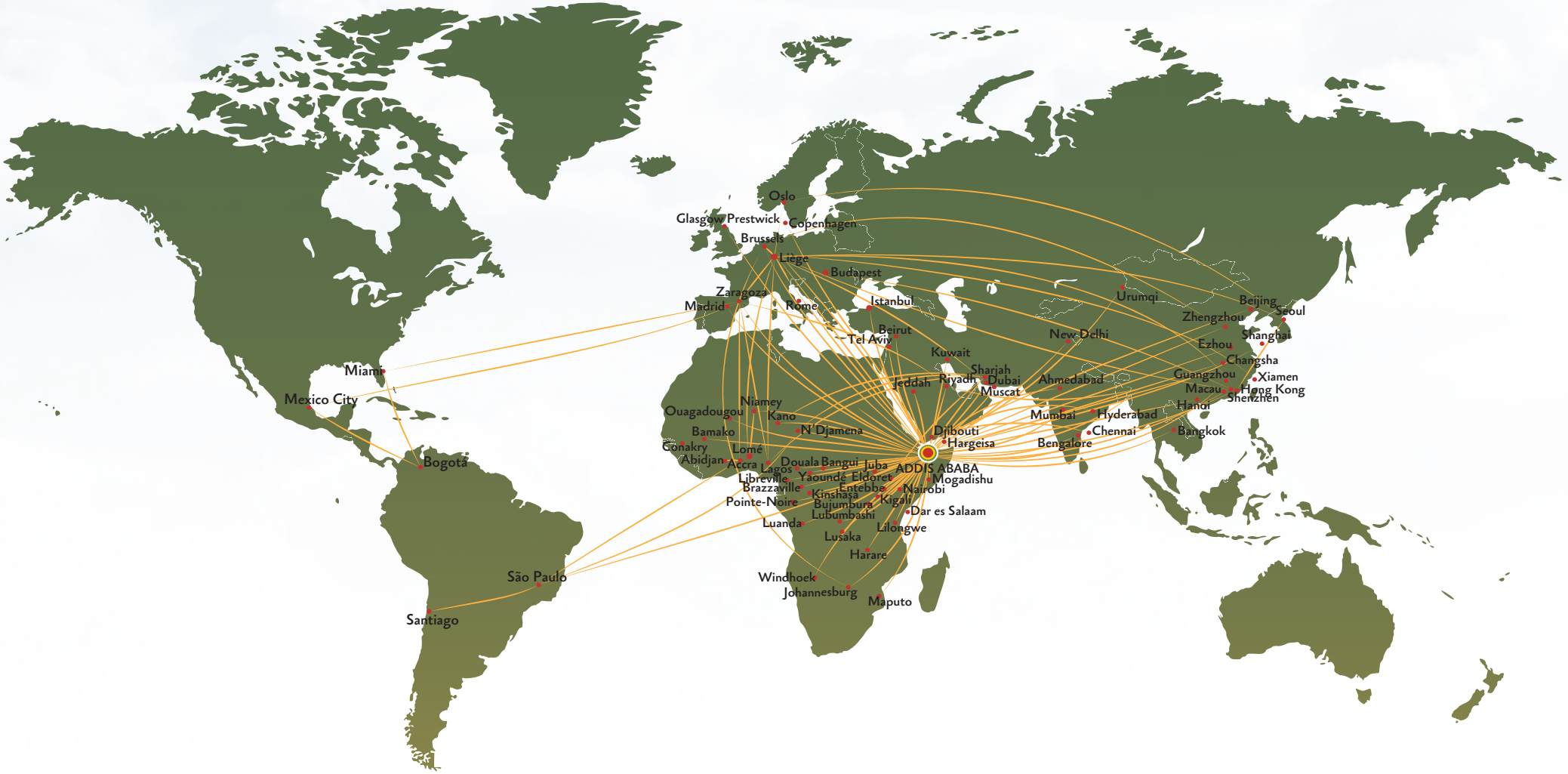
MORE THAN 60 DESTINATIONS IN AFRICA



25 DOMESTIC DESTINATIONS



SERVING OVER 70 CARGO DESTINATIONS



PARTNER AIRLINES

ASKY Airline is a strategic partner of Ethiopian Airlines, based in Lomé, Togo. Established in 2009, the airline commenced operations in 2010. Currently, ASKY serves destinations across West and Central Africa and beyond, providing seamless connections and quality service throughout the region.

Malawi Airlines Malawi Airlines is a strategic partner of Ethiopian Airlines, based in Lilongwe, Malawi. Established in 2013, the airline commenced operations in 2014. The airline offers world-class air transport services, serving destinations across Southern and Eastern Africa and beyond.

Zambia Airways Zambia Airways is a strategic partner of Ethiopian Airlines. Established in 2018, Zambia Airways commenced operations in December 2021. The airline operates flights to destinations within Zambia and across Central and Southern Africa and beyond.

Air Congo Air Congo is a strategic partner of Ethiopian Airlines. The airline commenced operation in December 2024, operating services through its hub in Kinshasa, DRC. Air Congo further strengthens the domestic and regional connectivity across Western and Central Africa and beyond.

STAR ALLIANCE MEMEBER CARRIERS

Star Alliance unites 26 of the world's leading airlines, providing travellers seamless access to over 1,150 airports across 190 countries - covering 90% of the world.

As the flag carrier of Ethiopia and a proud member of Star Alliance, Ethiopian Airlines has grown into one of Africa's leading airlines. Renowned for its operational excellence, efficiency, and consistent profitability, the airline continues to set the benchmark for aviation success across the continent.

AEGEAN · AIR CANADA · AIR CHINA 中国国际航空公司 · AIR INDIA · AIR NEW ZEALAND

ANA · ASIANA AIRLINES · Austrian · Avianca · brussels AIRLINES

CopaAirlines · CROATIA AIRLINES · EGYPTAIR · Ethiopian የኢትዮጵያ · EVA AIR

ITA AIRWAYS · POLISH AIRLINES LOT · Lufthansa · 深圳航空 Shenzhen Airlines · SINGAPORE AIRLINES

SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS · SWISS · TAP AIR PORTUGAL · THAI · TURKISH AIRLINES

UNITED

CODE SHARE PARTNERS

- Accessrail
- Aegean Airlines S.A.
- Air Canada
- Azul Linhas Aereas
- Air India Ltd
- Alitalia Societa Aer
- Air Botswana
- Air China Limited
- Etihad Airways
- Gol Linhas Aereas
- Gulf Air B.S.C (C)
- Air Cote D'ivoire
- Asky
- Kuwait Airways

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- Asky
- Kuwait Airways

- Deutsche Lufthansa A
- El Al Israel Airline
- Malaysia Airlines Be
- Egyptair
- All Nippon Airways C
- Austrian Airlines Ag
- Asiana Airlines Inc.
- Pakistan International Airlines
- Ukraine Intl Airl
- South African Airways
- Air Europa Lineas Ae
- Scandinavian Airlines
- Singapore Airlines L
- Saudia Airlines

ETHIOPIAN HUBS

- Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) - Ethiopian Main Hub
- Ethiopian Second Hub - Lome (Togo)
- Ethiopian Third Hub - Lilongwe (Malawi)
- Ethiopian Fourth Hub - Lusaka (Zambia)
- Ethiopian Fifth Hub - Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo

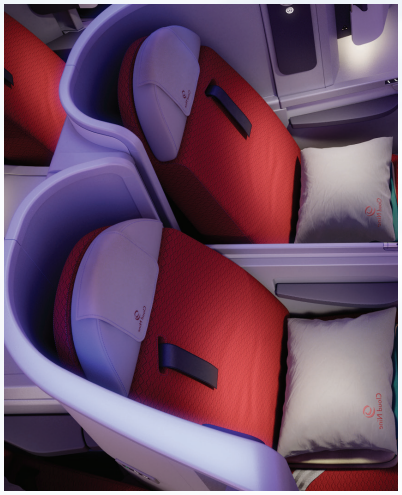


HUMAN CAPITAL

Number of employees:

>20,000

ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES' TWO SERVICE CLASSES



CLOUD NINE

Combining First and Business Class services, Cloud Nine offers superior travel experience. The 2-2-2 and 1-2-1 configuration gives you the perfect space to enjoy the rich In-Flight Entertainment options and our renowned African flavoured Ethiopian hospitality in comfort, ensuring a relaxing experience from take-off to landing.



ECONOMY CLASS

Designed with your comfort and convenience in mind, our Economy Class features spacious seating and a diverse range of entertainment to keep you relaxed throughout your journey. Enjoy blockbuster Hollywood movies, television programs, and destination guides directly from your seatback screen.
Available on selected routes depending on aircraft type.

FREQUENT FLYER PROGRAM



ShebaMiles

ShebaMiles is the Loyalty Program of Ethiopian Airlines with greater privileges such as bonus miles, extra baggage, priority check-in, boarding and baggage handling, lounge access and much more.

ShebaMiles membership journey goes through four levels:



ShebaMiles Blue
It is yours with 3,000 Status Miles or 2 Qualifying Segments.



ShebaMiles Silver
It is yours with 25,000 Status Miles or 25 Qualifying Segments.



ShebaMiles Gold
It is yours with 50,000 Status Miles or 50 Qualifying Segments.



ShebaMiles Platinum
It is yours with 100,000 Status Miles or 80 Qualifying Segments.

ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES GROUP BUSINESS UNIT



ETHIOPIAN AVIATION UNIVERSITY (EAU)

Offering diverse aviation programs and dedicated student services, EAU prepares students for successful aviation careers. The university offers comprehensive programmes designed to develop highly skilled aviation professionals and strengthen expertise across the aviation industry.

For more information visit:
https://eau.edu.et/



ETHIOPIAN MAINTENANCE REPAIR AND OVERHAUL (MRO)

Ethiopian MRO: A world class MRO services provider operating in a facility certified by competent regulatory bodies such as ETCAA, FAA, EASA and other Middle east and African Civil Aviation Authorities. Ethiopian MRO provides comprehensive aircraft maintenance, repair, overhaul, component, and engineering services to Ethiopian Airlines and other carriers.

For more information visit:
https://corporate.ethiopianairlines.com/mro



ETHIOPIAN CARGO & LOGISTICS SERVICES

The largest cargo network operator in Africa, offering a dedicated cargo transportation service for general and special cargo including pharmaceuticals & healthcare, perishables, live animals, and valuables among others. Additionally Ethiopian Cargo offers advanced logistics solutions such as trans-shipment, multi-modal, and offline routes.

For more information visit:
https://cargo.ethiopianairlines.com/



ETHIOPIAN CATERING

Offers inflight catering services and on-board duty-free items for both scheduled and non-scheduled Ethiopian and customer airlines, VVIP and charter flights. Alongside Ethiopian national dishes, the unit prepares a selection of world cuisines including Chinese, Indian, Ottoman, Italian, and Halal.

For more information visit:
https://corporate.ethiopianairlines.com/catering



ETHIOPIAN SKYLIGHT HOTEL

A 5-star luxury hotel with a striking contemporary property, elegant design, and outstanding facilities inside Addis Ababa Bole International Airport Skylight In-Terminal Hotel and a second facility just 5 minutes' walk away from the Addis Ababa Bole International Airport. The hotel is a convenient and aspirational accommodation option for business and leisure travellers, and people visiting this vibrant city.

For more information visit:
https://www.ethiopianskylighthotel.com/



ETHIOPIAN GROUND SERVICE

provides a comprehensive range of ground handling services to international and regional passenger services as well as cargo services for Ethiopian Airlines and other scheduled and ad-hoc customer airlines. It covers all aspects of ground services necessary to handle the arrival and departure processes of airlines in Addis Ababa and domestic airports.

For more information visit:
https://corporate.ethiopianairlines.com/ground-service

RECENT INDUSTRY AWARDS



Ethiopian Airlines Wins 'Best Airline in Africa' Title for the 9th Consecutive Year at the 2026 SKYTRAX World Airline

Ethiopian Airlines Wins Three Prestigious Titles at the 2026 PAX Readership Awards

Ethiopian Airlines Receives APEX Best Airline in Africa Award

Ethiopian Airlines Honored as the 2026 Four Star Global Airline by APEX



Ethiopian Shines at AFRAA 57th Annual General Assembly with Multiple Prestigious Awards

Ethiopian Airlines Shines at SKYTRAX 2025, Winning Four Awards including Best Airline in Africa for the 8th Consecutive Year



Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO Honored with Prestigious "Leadership in Connecting Africa through Transport Award"

4 Star Airline

Best Airline in Africa for 9 years in a row

Best Business Class Airline in Africa for 8 years in a row

Best Economy Class Onboard Catering in Africa

RECENT INDUSTRY AWARDS





Ethiopian Cargo & Logistics Services Crowned 'Best Cargo Airline– Africa' at the Arabian Cargo Awards

2026 AVIATION & TOURISM AWARDS Connectivity Award Ethiopian Airlines

Ethiopian Airlines received 'Connectivity Award' from Air Transport News at the 2026 Aviation & Tourism Award

CEIV - EXCELLENCE IN LOGISTICS IATA PHARMA

Ethiopian Airlines Received IATA CEIV Pharma Recertification 2025

EQA Ethiopian Quality Award Organization

Ethiopian Airlines Group Receives the Prestigious Ethiopian Quality Award

4 STAR AIRLINE SKYTRAX — **4** Star Airline

4 STAR AIRLINE SKYTRAX — Best Airline in Africa for 9 years in a row

4 STAR AIRLINE SKYTRAX — Best Business Class Airline in Africa for 8 years in a row

4 STAR AIRLINE SKYTRAX — Best Economy Class Onboard Catering in Africa

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