

Ethiopian Airlines success at Avinor Oslo Airport

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Since launching on 27 March 2017, Ethiopian Airlines has firmly established itself at Norway's main airport. Now they are enhancing their service offering between Addis Ababa and Oslo Airport.

From 11 December, Ethiopian Airlines will be increasing its frequency between Addis Ababa and Avinor Oslo Airport, which means the route will be operated six times a week using Ethiopian's Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner.

'We have developed a very close partnership with Ethiopian Airlines, and have worked hard with them to make this route a success story. This is proof that our cooperation has worked well, and that Ethiopian has succeeded in developing a good portfolio of business, holiday and leisure passengers. The segment for passengers visiting friends and family has also been a hit on this route,' says Jasper Spruit, Vice President Traffic Development at Avinor.

'This will provide us with a further 25,000 seats annually on our longhaul network,' says Jasper Spruit, Vice President Traffic Development at Avinor.

Ethiopian Airlines is a member of Star Alliance, the largest and oldest global airline alliance with frequent flyers of Star Alliance member airlines able to accrue and re-deem miles on all carriers of the Alliance.

Group CEO Ethiopian Airlines, Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam, on his part remarked: *"We are pleased to witness the success of our flight from Addis Ababa to Oslo, which has now increased to six flights per week. The Oslo route has proven to be a success within just one year of its launch. It will soon become daily and we plan to add new services to Oslo from Asmara in December 2018. Thru these flights, we are serving the growing travel need between Africa and Northern Europe. In addition to the passenger flights, we have started a fully dedicated freighter operation from Oslo to Guangzhou in China on 11 October 2018, facilitating the export of Norwegian seafood to the Asian market."*

'Ethiopian has really made its mark on Oslo Airport since launching last year, and its membership of Star Alliance is an important factor in passengers securing an effective way of travelling between Norway and Africa,' says Spruit.

In addition to six weekly passenger departures from Oslo Airport, Ethiopian Airlines also launched a cargo route on Thursday 11 October with two weekly departures to Guangzhou in China.

'We are very much looking forward to getting the new cargo route off the ground. It will make a major contribution to the export of fresh Norwegian seafood to the ever-growing Asian market. Our partnership with Ethiopian means a great deal for Norwegian value creation,' Spruit concludes.

About Ethiopian

Ethiopian Airlines (Ethiopian) is the fastest growing Airline in Africa. In its seventy plus years of operation, Ethiopian has become one of the continent's leading carriers, unrivalled in efficiency and operational success.

Ethiopian commands the lion's share of the Pan-African passenger and cargo network operating the youngest and most modern fleet to more than 116 international passenger and cargo destinations across five continents. Ethiopian fleet includes ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as Airbus A350, Boeing 787-8, Boeing 787-9, Boeing 777-300ER, Boeing 777-200LR, Boeing 777-200 Freighter, Bombardier Q-400 double cabin with an average fleet age of five years. In fact, Ethiopian is the first airline in Africa to own and operate these aircraft.

Ethiopian is currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan called Vision 2025 that will see it become the leading aviation group in Africa with Six business centers: Ethiopian International Services; Ethiopian Cargo & Logistics Services; Ethiopian MRO Services; Ethiopian Aviation Academy; Ethiopian ADD Hub Ground Services and Ethiopian Airports Services. Ethiopian is a multi-award winning airline registering an average growth of 25% in the past seven years.

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About Avinor

Avinor is a wholly-owned state limited company under the Norwegian Ministry of Transport and Communications and is responsible for 44 state-owned airports. 12 of those airports are operated in cooperation with the Norwegian Armed Forces.

In addition to airports, Avinor operates control towers, control centers and other technical infrastructure for safe air navigation.

The air navigation services are organized as a subsidiary wholly owned by Avinor. Avinor is headquartered in Oslo.