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Ethiopian Airlines to Resume Direct Flights to Bangui, Central African Republic

Addis Ababa, September 8, 2023

<u>Ethiopian Airlines</u> Group, the fastest-growing global airline brand and the continent's largest airline, is pleased to announce that it will start thrice weekly passenger <u>services to Bangui</u>, <u>Central African Republic (CAR)</u>, as of November 15, 2023.

Bangui is not only the capital, but it's also the largest city of the Central African Republic (CAR), and it serves as an important part of the country. The <u>flight to Bangui</u> will be operated on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

Regarding the commencement of the flight Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO Mr. Mesfin Tasew said, "We are excited to add Central African Republic to our vast African and global network. With the new services, our esteemed customers to and from Bangui, will enjoy our renowned, award-winning services. The flights will have significant contribution in strengthening the socio-economic activities between Addis Ababa and Bangui and beyond. Now it is not only Addis Ababa that we link Bangui with, but we have connected the Central African Republic (CAR) to our more than <u>130</u> <u>international destinations</u> across five continents. With this travel option, Bangui will have a great opportunity to bolster its bilateral ties with the rest of the world. As a true pan Africa carrier, Ethiopian will continue to expand its flights in Africa."

<u>Ethiopian Airlines</u>, as can be recalled, has been familiar with the Central African Republic market as it served the route between 2010 and 2015. The new connectivity will, therefore, give passengers seamless flight options to more than <u>150 passenger and cargo international</u> and domestic Ethiopian destinations aboard its more than <u>140 modern aircraft</u>.

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About Ethiopian

<u>Ethiopian Airlines Group (Ethiopian)</u> is the fastest-growing airlines brand globally and the continent's largest airline brand. In its seventy-seven years of successful operations, Ethiopian, the fastest growing airline, has become one of the continent's leading carriers, unrivalled in efficiency and operational success. In addition to its main hub in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, it is also pursuing its multi-hub strategy through a hub in Lomé, Togo with ASKY, in Lilongwe, Malawi with Malawi Airlines and in Lusaka, Zambia with Zambia Airways. Ethiopian commands the lion's share of the African passenger and cargo network operating the youngest and most modern fleet to more than <u>150</u> domestic and international passenger and cargo destinations across five continents. Ethiopian's fleet category consists of ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as <u>Boeing 737s, 777s, 787s, Airbus A350-900</u> and Bombardier Dash 8-400 double cabin with an average fleet age of seven years. In fact, Ethiopian is the first airline in Africa to own and operate most of these aircraft.

Having achieved its strategic plan (Vision 2025) ahead of time, Ethiopian is currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan called Vision 2035 that will see it become one of the top 20 most competitive and leading aviation groups in the world by providing safe, secured, market driven and customer focused Passenger and Cargo Transport and Logistics, Aviation Training, Airport Management and Ground Services, MRO and Aerospace Manufacturing and Travel and Tourism Services. As a multi-award-winning airline, Ethiopian has been the champion in various coveted awards including Skytrax's 'Best Airline in Africa Award' for six consecutive years among others. The airline has been a Star Alliance member since 2011 and has been registering more than threefold growth in the past 10 years.

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