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Ethiopian Airlines flights to China to return to pre-Covid levels

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Ethiopian Airlines, the leading airline in Africa, is pleased to announce that the frequency of its flights to Chinese cities will increase as of February 06, 2023 ultimately returning to the pre-COVID19 levels on March 01, 2023 following the lifting of restrictions by the Government of China. As of February 06, 2023, Ethiopian Airlines will operate daily flights to Guangzhou while increasing its weekly flights to Beijing and Shanghai to four each and maintains the trice weekly operation to Chengdu.

Starting from March 01, 2023, the flights will surge back to the pre-COVID19 levels with daily flights to Beijing and Shanghai as well as ten and four weekly flights to Guangzhou and Chengdu respectively. Accordingly, Ethiopian will operate a total of 28 weekly passenger flights to China when the services are fully restored.

Regarding the increase of flight frequencies, Ethiopian Group CEO Mesfin Tasew said, *"We are glad that we are ramping up the frequencies of our flights to Chinese cities thanks to the easing of flight restrictions by the Government of China. China is one of the largest markets for Ethiopian Airlines outside Africa, and the increase in flight frequencies will help revive the trade, investment, cultural and bilateral cooperation between Africa and China in the post-Covid era. Thanks to our large network across Africa, the increase in the number of flights to Chinese cities will bring Africa and China closer. We are keen to further expand our service to China going forward."*

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In addition to its passenger flights to Guangzhou, Shanghai, Beijing and Chengdu, Ethiopian is also operating freighter flights to Guangzhou, Shanghai, Zhengzhou, Changsha and Wuhan.

About Ethiopian

Despite its humble beginnings, Ethiopian Airlines (Ethiopian) has had more than 75 years of successful journey which made it the leading Aviation Group in Africa. Of course, Ethiopian is ageing beautifully. Over the decades, the airline has established itself as the leader in all facets of the aviation business: technology leadership, network expansion and aviation mentoring. Ethiopian started its operation with five C-47 aircrafts back in 1946 and made its debut flight to Cairo via Asmara. Ever since, it has been growing in leaps and bounds, and continued to introduce cutting-edge aviation technology and systems. As aviation technology leader, Ethiopian was a pioneer in ushering in new aviation technology into Africa including the first jet airplane as well as the first B767, B777-200LR, B787 Dreamliner, and 787-9 in the continent. Ethiopian also led the way in operating Africa's first Airbus A350 XWB. Currently, the airline has a fleet of more than 141 modern aircraft with average fleet age of five years; it also has 37 ultramodern aircraft on order. Living its motto of Bringing Africa Together and Beyond, Ethiopian has created Africa-wide and transcontinental air connectivity networks linking its main hub Addis Ababa to the rest of the world. The airline serves 131 international passenger and cargo destinations, including 63 African cities, with daily and multiple flights with a minimum layover in Addis. As a veteran carrier serving a vast intra-African network, Ethiopian flies to more destinations in the continent than any other airline. Having met its 15-year strategic plan, Vision 2025, ahead of time, Ethiopian has charted out a more ambitious strategic roadmap called Vision 2035 to further bolster its continuous growth. In December 2011, Ethiopian took a giant leap forward in its successful journey by joining Star Alliance, the world's largest airline network. Over the years, the multi-award-winning airline has received countless coveted accolades and recognitions for its excellence, including Skytrax's Four-Star Airline Certification and Best Airline in Africa title for 5 consecutive years, and Overall Excellence for Outstanding Crisis Leadership Award in 2020 to mention but a few. Building on its continuous success, Ethiopian has achieved an average growth rate of 25 percent in the seven years prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. For additional information, please visit www.ethiopianairlines.com

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