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Ethiopian Airlines to Launch Passenger Services to Freetown Discover Freetown with Ethiopian New Service via Ouagadougou

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Ethiopian Airlines, the largest network operator in Africa, is pleased to announce a launch of a thrice weekly passenger services to <u>Freetown, Sierra Leone</u> via Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso starting from 31st of May 2024. This new route marks yet another milestone in the airline's extensive network expansion endeavor, connecting more African countries and providing travelers with convenient and efficient travel options.

The new thrice weekly services <u>to Freetown</u> will be operated using the most modern and eco-friendly Boeing 787-800 aircraft, offering passengers a comfortable and enjoyable flight experience. The B787 is equipped with state-of-the-art amenities, including spacious seats, personal entertainment systems, and onboard Wi-Fi, ensuring a pleasant journey for all passengers. The flight schedule for the new service is as follows:

ET 943 Addis Ababa (ADD) Ouagadougou (OUA) Freetown (FNA) Tues, Thurs, Sat

ET 942 Freetown (FNA) Ouagadougou (OUA) Addis Ababa (ADD) Wed, Fri, Sun

Regarding the commencement of the new route Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO Mr. Mesfin Tasew said: "We are delighted to expand our West Africa network with the addition of Freetown, Sierra Leone. This new route, set to launch in May 2024, will not only provide our passengers with more options for travel, but also facilitate increased tourism, trade and investment opportunities between Ethiopia, Sierra Leone and Burkina Faso. As we continue to grow and connect with more destinations, we are committed to fostering cooperation and partnership between our countries."

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Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone, is a major port city on the Atlantic Ocean in the western hemisphere of Africa and the largest city in Sierra Leone, a country known for its natural beauty and diverse wildlife.

Ethiopian Airlines is committed to providing its customers with a seamless and efficient travel experience, and the addition of Freetown to its network is a testament to this commitment. The airline looks forward to welcoming passengers on board and providing them with its renowned Ethiopian hospitality.

About Ethiopian

Ethiopian Airlines Group (Ethiopian) 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 150 domestic and international passenger and cargo destinations across five continents. Ethiopian's fleet category consists of ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as Boeing 737s, 777s, 787s, Airbus A350-900 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. For more at: www.ethiopianairlines.com

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