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Maun to Become Ethiopian's Second Botswana Destination

Addis Ababa, March 5, 2024

Ethiopian Airlines Group, one of the fastest-growing global airline brands and Africa's largest airline, would like to announce that it will launch a thrice weekly service between Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and <u>Maun, Botswana</u> as of June 10, 2024. Maun will be Ethiopian's second destination in Botswana after <u>Gaborone</u>, which has been served since 2016.

The new thrice weekly service will be operational per the below schedule:

Addis Ababa (ADD) Maun (MUB) Ndola (NLA) Addis Ababa (ADD): on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

The new route will provide convenient and seamless connectivity for travelers from Ethiopia and other parts of Africa to the popular tourist destination of <u>Maun</u>, which is the gateway to the Okavango Delta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the world's largest inland deltas.

Regarding the commencement of the new flight services, Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO Mr. Mesfin Tasew said, "We are delighted to include Maun, the tourism capital of Botswana, to our ever-expanding African network. The addition of Maun into our African connectivity enables travelers from Maun to enjoy facilitated connectivity to Ethiopian vast global network that exceeds 135 destinations. Maun is a strategic addition to our network as it will enable us to offer our customers a unique opportunity to explore the natural beauty and rich biodiversity of Botswana. Our new service does not only strengthen the tourism, trade and the overall socio-economic ties between Botswana and Ethiopian global destinations, it also enables us to strengthen our contribution in realizing the development of air transport in the African continent."

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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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