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Ethiopian Airlines Group Assumes Management Role for Ethiopia's New Legacy Lodges through Ethiopian Skylight Hotel

Addis Ababa, 10 May 2024

Ethiopian Airlines Group, Africa's leading airline, is pleased to announce that it had signed a memorandum of understanding with the Prime Minister's Office for the management and operation of the 'Dine for Ethiopia' lodges under Ethiopian Skylight Hotel in a warm ceremony held in Addis Ababa.

Under the terms of this strategic partnership, Ethiopian Skylight Hotel will assume responsibility for operating and managing the astonishing Chebera Churchura Elephant Paw Lodge, Halala Kella Lodge, Gorgora Ecolodge and Wonchi EcoLodge. The partnership aims to elevate the tourism experience in Ethiopia through utilizing Ethiopian Airlines Group's extensive expertise in the hospitality industry, ensuring the provision of unparalleled services to visitors.

Commenting on the signing ceremony, Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO Mesfin Tasew said, "Tourism and air transport services are closely related industries. In addition to transporting passengers and cargo, Ethiopian Airlines has been working at a high level to promote tourism in our country. We are delighted to join hands with the Prime Minister's Office to elevate the hospitality experience in Ethiopia. Ethiopian Airlines Skylight hotel is renowned for its commitment to excellence, and we are excited to extend our expertise to these remarkable lodges."

This collaboration between Ethiopian Airlines Group and the Prime Minister's Office marks a significant milestone in Ethiopia's tourism industry, reinforcing the country's position as a premier destination for global travelers. By combining Ethiopian Airlines'

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renowned hospitality with the unique offerings of the Legacy Lodges, visitors can look forward to an extraordinary experience that celebrates Ethiopia's natural beauty, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality.

Each Legacy Lodge offers a unique experience that showcases the natural beauty and cultural heritage of Ethiopia. Guests staying at the Chebera Elephant Paw Eco Lodge will have the opportunity to witness the majestic African elephants up close while enjoying luxurious accommodations and personalized services. The Halala Kella Eco Lodge, nestled amidst picturesque landscapes, offers a serene retreat for nature enthusiasts, with activities such as hiking and bird-watching, the Gorgora ecolodge features unique topography and the finest weather of Gorgora area and the Wanchi Eco Lodge provides a gateway to breath-taking views and thrilling outdoor adventures.

About Ethiopian

Ethiopian Airlines Group (Ethiopian) is the fastest-growing airlines brand globally and the continent's largest airline brand. In its seventy-eight 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 <u>destinations</u> across five continents. Ethiopian's fleet category consists of ultra-modern and environmentally friendly <u>aircraft</u> such as Boeing 737s, 777s, 787s, Airbus A350-900 and Bombardier Dash 8-400 double cabin with

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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: <u>www.ethiopianairlines.com</u>

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