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Ethiopian to Launch Flight Services to Istanbul

Addis Ababa: 19 March 2019

Ethiopian Airlines, the largest Aviation Group in Africa and SKYTRAX certified Four Star Global Airline, is pleased to announce that it has finalized all preparations to launch a direct thrice weekly flight to Istanbul, Turkey as of April 1, 2019.

Istanbul is the largest European city and Turkey's historic, industrial and financial capital.

The flight to Istanbul will be dispatched as per the schedule below:

Flight Number	Frequency	Departure Airport	Departure time	Arrival Airport	Arrival Time	Sub fleet
ET 0720	MON, WED, FRI	ADD	23:05	IST	4:35	ET 738
ET 0721	WED, FRI, SUN	IST	1:10	ADD	6:40	ET 738

Regarding the upcoming services, Group CEO of Ethiopian Airlines, Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam, remarked, *"It gives us great pleasure to launch flights to Istanbul, connecting Europe's largest city to the over 60 African destinations we serve, through our hub Addis Ababa. Turkey being one of the fastest growing countries among the emerging economies, availability of seamless connectivity options will facilitate the channeling of investors and enhance business ties between the two regions."*

"As we forge ahead on the path of growth and success as envisioned in Vision 2025, we will keep opening new routes to all corners of the world bringing Africa ever closer to the rest of the world."

Istanbul marks Ethiopian's 19th destination in Europe. Ethiopian is currently serving 119 international destinations across five continents with young aircraft with average fleet age of five years. It will also bring the number of passenger flights the airline operates to European cities to 57 per week.

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About Ethiopian

Ethiopian Airlines (Ethiopian) is the fastest growing Airline in Africa. In its seventy plus years of operation, Ethiopian has become one of the continent's leading carriers, unrivalled in efficiency and operational success.

Ethiopian commands the lion's share of the Pan-African passenger and cargo network operating the youngest and most modern fleet to more than 119 international passenger and cargo destinations across five continents. Ethiopian fleet includes ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as Airbus A350, Boeing 787-8, Boeing 787-9, Boeing 777-300ER, Boeing 777-200LR, Boeing 777-200 Freighter, Bombardier Q-400 double cabin with an average fleet age of five years. In fact, Ethiopian is the first airline in Africa to own and operate these aircraft. Ethiopian is currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan called Vision 2025 that will see it become the leading aviation group in Africa with Six business centers: Ethiopian International Services; Ethiopian Cargo & Logistics Services; Ethiopian MRO Services; Ethiopian Aviation Academy; Ethiopian ADD Hub Ground Services and Ethiopian Airports Services. Ethiopian is a multi-award winning airline registering an average growth of 25% in the past seven years.

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