

ETHIOPIAN FACT SHEET

August 2026





OVERVIEW

Ethiopian Airlines Group has celebrated 80 years of remarkable excellence and sustained growth in the aviation industry. Since the launch of its operations in 1946 with five DC-3 aircraft and an inaugural flight to Cairo via Asmara on April 8, the airline has evolved into Africa's leading aviation group and one of the world's fastest-growing airline brands.

Ethiopian is one of the fastest-growing airline brands globally and the leading Aviation Group in Africa. Ethiopian took the lead in introducing cutting-edge aviation technology and systems including the first jet airplane as well as the first B767, B777-200LR, B787 Dreamliner, Boeing B787-9, the Airbus A350-900 XWB and the A350-1000. Currently, Ethiopian owns 168 ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft with an average fleet age of seven years.

As the new Spirit of Africa, Ethiopian has created the much-needed intra-Africa and transcontinental air connectivity network, linking Africa to the rest of the world. Ethiopian Airlines serves more than 145 international passenger and cargo destinations, including to more than 60 African cities, with daily and multiple flights.

Building on its continuous success, Ethiopian has been expanding its services and reaching new horizons. In addition to its main hub, it is also pursuing a multi-hub strategy through hubs in Lomé Togo with ASKY, in Lilongwe Malawi with Malawi Airlines, in Lusaka Zambia with Zambia Airways, and in Kinshasa Democratic Republic of the Congo with Air Congo.

Ethiopian Airlines has won much-coveted multiple industry awards for several years in various categories from SKYTRAX World Airline Awards, Business Traveller Awards, and APEX Passenger Choice Awards to mention a few. Ethiopian has charted out an ambitious strategic roadmap dubbed Vision 2035 to bolster its growth.



STAR ALLIANCE

Founded

December 21, 1945

Starting date of operation

April 08, 1946

Ownership

Government of Ethiopia (100%)

Head Office

Bole International Airport,
P.O. Box 1755
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Reservations

Tel : 6787 for local and
(+251) 116179900 for
International Customers

Website

<http://www.ethiopianairlines.com>

Group Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Mesfin Tasew

ETHIOPIAN IN FIGURES

Parameters	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Aircraft	120	122	131	132	141	147
Destination	127	133	136	140	145	150
Passenger Number	5,779,033	8,680,301	13,888,237	17,102,352	18,780,479	20,700,000
Cargo Tonnage	757,002	767,848	713,875	713,875	771,539	897,000
Revenue In USD	3,512,173,000	5,050,436,000	6,171,937,000	7,044,875,000	7,574,164,000	9.1 Billion
Employees	14,736	17,000	18,685	Over 18,000	Over 20,000	Over 22,000
Graduate Trainees	434	430	558	1,745	1,951	1,713
ASK '000	35,309,115	42,861,011	64,498,706	78,404,600	84,432,359	92.71 Billion

FLEET SUMMARY | Current Operating Fleet

Long Range Passenger Services	Medium Range Passenger Services	Regional and Domestic Passenger Services	Business Jet
 Airbus A350 - 1000XWB 04 ✈️	 Boeing B737-800 06 ✈️	 Q400 Bombardier 28 ✈️	 Boeing B737-800 01 ✈️
 Airbus A350 - 900XWB 22 ✈️	 Boeing B737 MAX 23 ✈️	 DHC-6-300G 01 ✈️	 147 TOTAL NUMBER OF OPERATING FLEET
 Boeing B787-8 20 ✈️	 Boeing B737-700NG 02 ✈️		
 Boeing B787-9 10 ✈️	Medium Range Cargo	Long Range Cargo	
 Boeing B777-300ER 05 ✈️	 Boeing B737-800F 04 ✈️	 Boeing B777-200LRF 12 ✈️	
 Boeing B777-200LR 06 ✈️	 B767-300F 03 ✈️		

FLEET SUMMARY | Aircraft Delivery Plan

Long Range Passenger Services	Medium Range Passenger Services	Long Range Freighters
 Airbus A350-900XWB17 ➤	 Boeing B737 MAX 8s44 ➤	 Boeing B777-300ERSF02 ➤
 Boeing B787-926 ➤		
 Boeing B777-9X08 ➤		
 Boeing B777-200LRF02 ➤	 Boeing B737-80004 ➤	
		Regional and Domestic Passenger Service  DHC-6-300G01 ➤



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TOTAL FLEET
FIRM ON ORDER

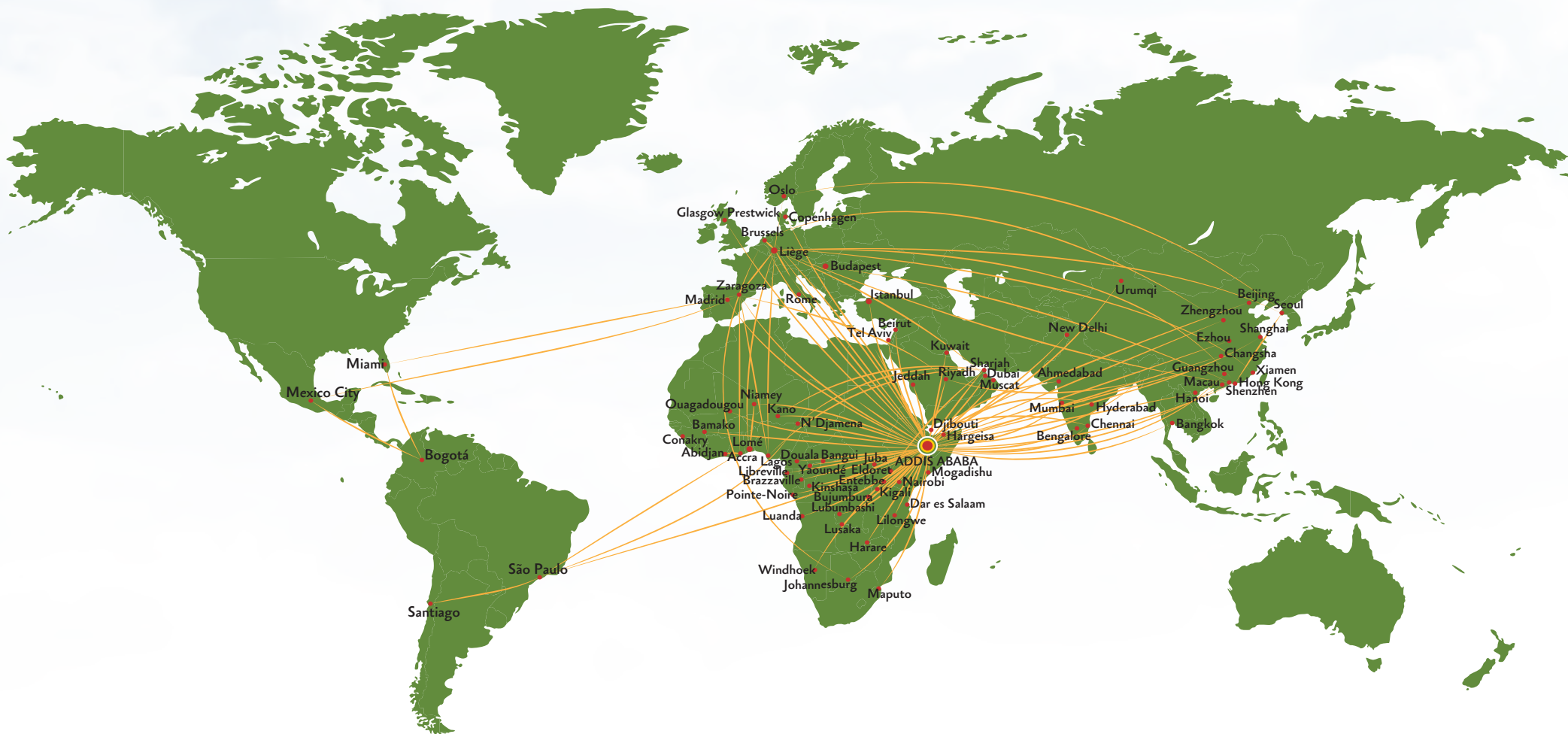
MORE THAN 65 DESTINATIONS IN AFRICA



25 DOMESTIC DESTINATIONS



SERVING OVER 70 CARGO DESTINATIONS



PARTNER AIRLINES



ASKY Airline is a passenger airline based in Lomé, Togo. It was established in 2009 and commenced operations in 2010. ASKY operates flights to 27 destinations across West and Central Africa. The airline is a strategic partner of Ethiopian Airlines. ASKY has been consistently profitable since 2017 and was awarded the title of "Best Airline in West Africa 2023" recognizing its significant contributions to the aviation sector in the region.



Founded:
2010



Fleet:
15 Aircraft



Base:
Lomé, Togo



Malawi Airlines is a joint venture between the Malawian government and Ethiopian Airlines. The Airlines is the national flag carrier of Malawi. It was established in 2013 and commenced operations in 2014. The airline operates flights to domestic and regional cities such as Johannesburg, Lusaka, Harare, and Dar es Salaam.



Founded:
2012



Fleet:
3 Aircraft



Base:
Lilongwe, Malawi



Zambia Airways is the national airline of Zambia. It was re-established in 2018 with join venture between Ethiopian Airlines and the Zambian Industrial Development Corporation. The airline operates flights to destinations such as Johannesburg, Nairobi, Dar es Salaam, and domestic routes within Zambia. Zambia Airways aims to become the leading airline in the region by providing safe and reliable passenger and cargo transport.



Founded:
2014



Fleet:
2 Aircraft



Base:
Lusaka, Zambia



Air Congo began operations on December 1, 2024, serving five domestic cities Goma, Lubumbashi, Moanda, Kisangani & Mikongi with two Boeing 737-800s, a hub in Kinshasa, DRC. The partnership enhances connectivity between the DRC, Central Africa.



Founded:
2024



Fleet:
6 Aircraft

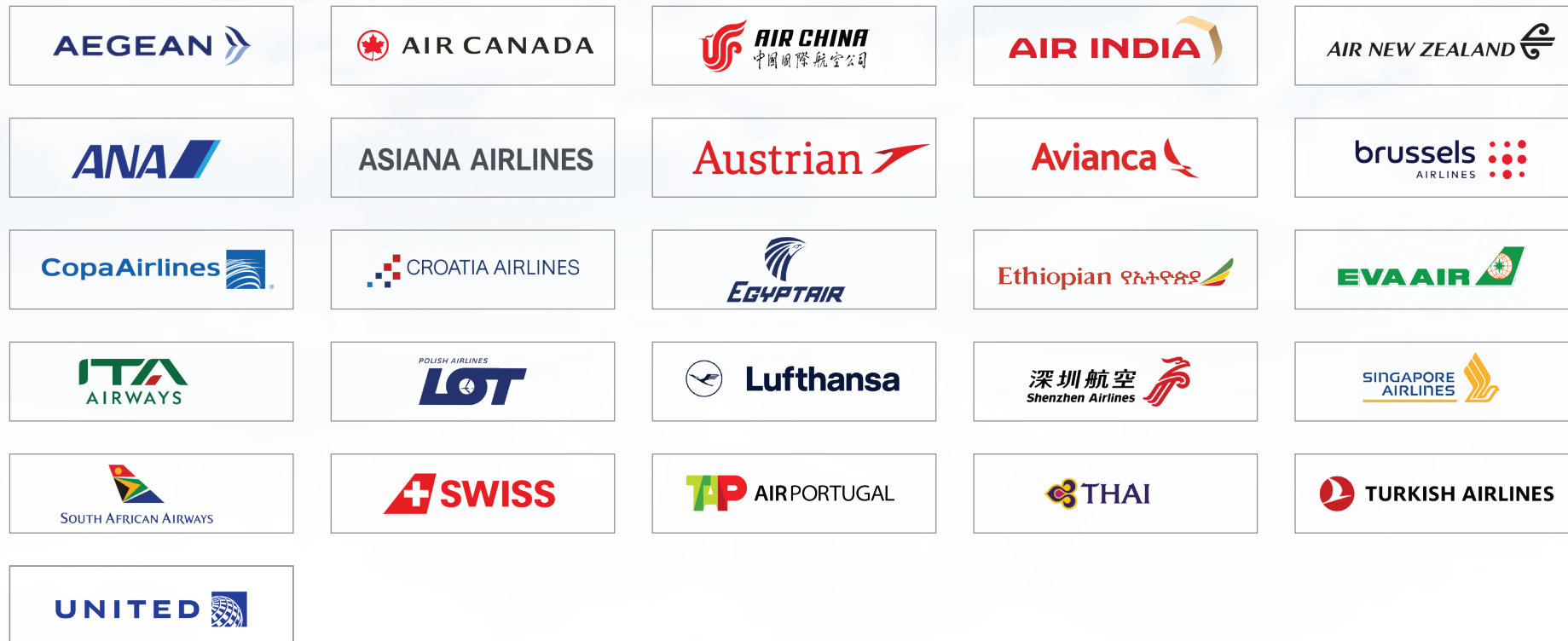


Base:
Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo

STAR ALLIANCE MEMEBER CARRIERS

Star Alliance unites 26 of the world's leading airlines, providing travellers seamless access to over 1,150 airports across 190 countries - covering 90% of the world.

As the flag carrier of Ethiopia and a proud member of Star Alliance, Ethiopian Airlines has grown into one of Africa's leading airlines. Renowned for its operational excellence, efficiency, and consistent profitability, the airline continues to set the benchmark for aviation success across the continent.



CODE SHARE PARTNERS

- Accessrail
- Aegean Airlines S.A.
- Air Canada
- Azul Linhas Aereas
- Air India Ltd
- Alitalia Societa Aer
- Air Botswana
- Air China Limited
- Etihad Airways
- Gol Linhas Aereas
- Gulf Air B.S.C (C)
- Air Cote D'ivoire
- Asky
- Kuwait Airways
- Accessrail
- Aegean Airlines S.A.
- Air Canada
- Azul Linhas Aereas
- Air India Ltd
- Alitalia Societa Aer
- Air Botswana
- Air China Limited
- Etihad Airways
- Gol Linhas Aereas
- Gulf Air B.S.C (C)
- Air Cote D'ivoire
- Asky
- Kuwait Airways
- Deutsche Lufthansa A
- El Al Israel Airline
- Malaysia Airlines Be
- Egyptair
- All Nippon Airways C
- Austrian Airlines Ag
- Asiana Airlines Inc.
- Pakistan International Airlines
- Ukraine Intl Airl
- South African Airways
- Air Europa Lineas Ae
- Scandinavian Airlines
- Singapore Airlines L
- Saudia Airlines
- Thai Airways
- Turkish Airlines Inc
- Tap Air Portugal
- United Airlines, Inc
- Srilankan Airlines
- Rwandair Limited
- Oman Air (S.A.O.C)
- Flynas
- Shenzhen Airlines
- Zambia Airways

ETHIOPIAN HUBS

Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) - Ethiopian Main Hub
Ethiopian Second Hub with Lome (Togo)
Ethiopian Third Hub with Lilongwe (Malawi)
Ethiopian Fourth Hub with Lusaka (Zambia)
Ethiopian Fifth Hub with Air Congo (DRC)



HUMAN CAPITAL
Number of employees:
>20,000

ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES' TWO SERVICE CLASSES



CLOUD NINE

Combining First and Business Class services, Cloud Nine offers superior travel experience. The 2-2-2 and 1-2-1 configuration gives you the perfect space to enjoy the rich In-Flight Entertainment options and our renowned African flavoured Ethiopian hospitality in comfort, ensuring a relaxing experience from take-off to landing.



ECONOMY CLASS

Designed with your comfort and convenience in mind, our Economy Class features spacious seating and a diverse range of entertainment to keep you relaxed throughout your journey. Enjoy blockbuster Hollywood movies, television programs, and destination guides directly from your seatback screen. *Available on selected routes depending on aircraft type.*

FREQUENT FLYER PROGRAM



ShebaMiles is the Loyalty Program of Ethiopian Airlines with greater privileges such as bonus miles, extra baggage, priority check-in, boarding and baggage handling, lounge access and much more.

ShebaMiles membership journey goes through four levels:



ShebaMiles Blue

It is yours with 3,000 Status Miles or 2 Qualifying Segments.



ShebaMiles Silver

It is yours with 25,000 Status Miles or 25 Qualifying Segments.



ShebaMiles Gold

It is yours with 50,000 Status Miles or 50 Qualifying Segments.



ShebaMiles Platinum

It is yours with 100,000 Status Miles or 80 Qualifying Segments.

ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES GROUP BUSINESS UNIT



ETHIOPIAN AVIATION UNIVERSITY (EAU)

Ethiopian Aviation University (EAU) is the largest and most modern aviation studies center in Africa recognized as ICAO Regional Training Center of Excellence.

for more information visit:
<https://eau.edu.et/>



ETHIOPIAN CATERING

Ethiopian In-flight Catering has the capacity to produce 100,000 meals a day. The facilities are modern and fully equipped to deal with high demand.

for more information visit:
<https://corporate.ethiopianairlines.com/catering>



ETHIOPIAN MAINTENANCE REPAIR AND OVERHAUL (MRO)

Established in 1957, Ethiopian MRO provides base maintenance service at its base in Addis Ababa and Line Maintenance services at stations where Ethiopian flies and extends the services to other operators.

for more information visit:
<https://corporate.ethiopianairlines.com/mro>



ETHIOPIAN SKYLIGHT HOTEL

Ethiopian Skylight Hotel is Ethiopian Airlines Group's ultra-luxurious Five-Star Hotel. Conveniently located just a few minutes from Addis Ababa Bole International Airport.

for more information visit:
<https://www.ethiopiaskylighthotel.com/>



ETHIOPIAN CARGO & LOGISTICS SERVICES

Ethiopian Cargo and Logistics services is the largest cargo network operator in Africa. Ethiopian Cargo offers a dedicated service for general and special cargo including horticulture, pharmaceuticals, valuables, live animals, e-commerce, mail, and couriers through its cutting-edge, fully automated with state-of-the-art technologies cargo facility which has a capacity of 1 million tons per annum.

for more information visit:
<https://cargo.ethiopianairlines.com/>



ETHIOPIAN GROUND SERVICE

Ethiopian Ground Service is the leading provider of ground handling services in HAAB. We currently handle all Ethiopian flights, over 6 scheduled flights, other airline Cargo flights, and several non-scheduled airline operations.

for more information visit:
<https://corporate.ethiopianairlines.com/ground-service>

RECENT INDUSTRY AWARDS



Ethiopian Airlines Receives APEX Best Airline in Africa Award

Ethiopian Airlines Honored as the 2026 Four Star Global Airline by APEX



Ethiopian Shines at AFRAA 57th Annual General Assembly with Multiple Prestigious Awards



Ethiopian Airlines Shines at SKYTRAX 2025, Winning Four Awards including Best Airline in Africa for the 8th Consecutive Year



Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO Honored with Prestigious "Leadership in Connecting Africa through Transport Award"



Ethiopian Airlines Wins Three Prestigious Titles at the 2026 PAX Readership Awards



Ethiopian Airlines received 'Connectivity Award' from Air Transport News at the 2026 Aviation & Tourism Award



4 Star Airline



Best Airline in Africa for 8 years in a row



Best Business and Economy Class Airline in Africa for 7 years in a row



Best Business Class Onboard Catering in Africa

RECENT INDUSTRY AWARDS



Ethiopian Cargo & Logistics Services Crowned 'Best Cargo Airline– Africa' at the Arabian Cargo Awards



Ethiopian Airlines Group Receives the Prestigious Ethiopian Quality Award



Ethiopian Airlines Received IATA CEIV Pharma Recertification 2025



4 Star Airline



Best Airline in Africa for 8 years in a row



Best Business and Economy Class Airline in Africa for 7 years in a row



Best Business Class Onboard Catering in Africa



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