**Ethiopian Airlines Commences Passenger Service to Port Sudan**

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Ethiopian Airlines, the largest network operating carrier in Africa, is pleased to announce the commencement of its new passenger service to Port Sudan, a significant Red Sea port city, in the Republic of the Sudan. The inaugural flight departed from Addis Ababa Bole International Airport today following a colorful ceremony graced by delegates from the Republic of Sudan to Ethiopia, and Ethiopian Airlines’ executives.

The commencement of Ethiopian Airlines’ new service to Port Sudan further strengthens the airline's commitment to enhancing connectivity across the African continent and beyond, fostering regional socio-economic growth and facilitating trade and tourism.

*“We keep growing our network in Africa to provide seamless air connectivity while fostering commerce and tourism within the continent and beyond.”* Said Mr. Mesfin Tasew, Group CEO of Ethiopian Airlines.*“With the launch of this flight today, we are opening a new chapter of connectivity in East Africa and the entire continent. We are bringing the world closer to The Sudan and creating a stronger economic link to businesses.”*

Port Sudan is Ethiopian Airlines second destination in The Sudan following Khartoum. Ethiopian offers daily passenger services to Port Sudan.

The inauguration of this new route emphasizes Ethiopian Airlines' dedication to broadening its presence throughout Africa, while simultaneously enhancing connectivity for both business and leisure travelers. The flights will offer daily connectivity between Port Sudan and Ethiopian Airlines’ more than 139 destinations globally.

Port Sudan lies on the Red Sea and is home to the Sudan’s main seaport. Port Sudan is also renowned for its beautiful beaches and excellence for scuba diving. Travelers can now book their flights to Port Sudan on Ethiopian Airlines’ digital channels or through their preferred travel agent.

**About Ethiopian**

[Ethiopian Airlines Group (Ethiopian)](https://www.ethiopianairlines.com/aa?utm_source=Pr_press&utm_medium=News&utm_campaign=press_relese) is one of the fastest-growing airlines brand globally and the continent’s largest airline brand. In its seventy-eight years of successful operations, Ethiopian has become one of the continent’s leading carriers, unrivalled in efficiency and operational success. 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](https://corporate.ethiopianairlines.com/AboutEthiopian/Destinations?utm_source=Pr_press&utm_medium=News&utm_campaign=press_relese) across five continents. Ethiopian’s fleet category consists of ultra-modern and environmentally friendly [aircraft](https://corporate.ethiopianairlines.com/AboutEthiopian/OurFleets?utm_source=Pr_press&utm_medium=News&utm_campaign=press_relese) such as Boeing 737s, 777s, 787s, Airbus A350-900 and De Havilland Q400.

Ethiopian is also pursuing multi-hub strategy through hubs in Lomé, Togo with ASKY, in Lilongwe, Malawi with Malawi Airlines and in Lusaka, Zambia with Zambia Airways. Having achieved its strategic plan (Vision 2025) ahead of time, Ethiopian is currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan Vision 2035 that will see it become one of the top 20 most competitive and leading aviation groups in the world. Ethiopian has been champion in various coveted awards including Skytrax’s ‘Best Airline in Africa Award’ for seven 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.

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