

Ethiopian Inaugurates the largest and most modern In-flight Catering Center

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Africa's largest Airline Group, Ethiopian Airlines, is pleased to announce that its newly built, state of the art In-flight Catering Facility will be officially inaugurated on October 29, 2016.

The new G+1 In-flight Catering covers a total area of 11,500m², encompassing most-modern operations and food processing area, fully-equipped with high-tech cooking and bakery equipment, large capacity dishwashing and heavy-duty ice-cube machines, hot kitchen, storage units, cold rooms, stores, flow wrapping, loading bays, high lift trucks and vans, varieties of cooling facilities, a dedicated Halal kitchen as well as a number of modern rooms.

Group CEO Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam, remarked, "We are highly delighted with yet another remarkable and historical milestone at Ethiopian, by inaugurating state-of-the-art In-flight Catering Facility, which is the largest in the continent of Africa. This modern facility will significantly enhance our capacity of offering wide variety menu of meal services to our esteemed customers – from the traditional staple *injera* to a selection of world cuisines; Chinese, Indian, Ottoman, Italian, Halal and many more. Moreover, Ethiopian Catering being one of our seven Strategic Business Units, it has well positioned itself to successfully accomplish its vision of becoming the most competitive and leading in-flight catering service provider in Africa, while maintaining highest service quality and safety standards. I strongly believe that our unique Ethiopian hospitality coupled with the variety of culinary experiences, will induce an excellent ingredient and a new dimension to the already multiple award winning inflight services that we are very well known for in the industry."

Ethiopian catering service is strictly guided by Hazard Analysis and Critical Control points (HACCP), policies and procedures which promote a high level of quality management for the safe production and handling process of all catering services. The new facility will increase Ethiopian meal uplift capacity to more than 100,000 meals per day, which makes a huge impact as compared to the 36,000 daily volume it used to produce previously.



Ethiopian Catering currently provides in-flight catering services for more than 240 Ethiopian daily departing flights, VIP and Charter flights, which often shuttle to and from Addis Ababa hub, as well as to Ethiopian customer airlines flying to Addis Ababa. Way forward, Ethiopian Catering is looking to extend its operation, opening other new facilities in Africa, following its strategic partnership with other airlines.

About Ethiopian

Ethiopian Airlines (Ethiopian) is the fastest growing Airline in Africa. In its seven decades 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 90 international destinations across five continents. Ethiopian fleet includes ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as Airbus A350, Boeing 787, 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 seven business centers: Ethiopian Domestic and Regional Airline; Ethiopian International Passenger Airline; Ethiopian Cargo; Ethiopian MRO; Ethiopian Aviation Academy; Ethiopian In-flight Catering Services; and Ethiopian Ground Service. Ethiopian is a multi-award winning airline registering an average growth of 25% in the past seven years.

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