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## Ethiopian Airlines Adds Two Weekly Flights from Washington, D.C. to Ethiopia

*New Daily Service (Except Sunday) starts June 1, 2007*

NEW YORK CITY-- February 21, 2007 -- Ethiopian Airlines proudly announces their new summer schedule, which features two additional flights from Washington, D.C. to Ethiopia. The new summer schedule provides six weekly flights from Washington, D.C. to Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. The new service highlights the airline's commitment to the U.S. market and marks a 100% increase in service over 2006 for the airline. The new flights start on June 1st, just in time for the busy summer travel season from the U.S.

Tewolde Gebremariam, the airline's Chief Operating Officer (COO) believes that the U.S. market is burgeoning and ready for the airline's expansion. "The airline has long understood the size and potential of the U.S. market, and has begun an aggressive program with travel agents and tour operators to better promote the wonders of Ethiopia, and the quality of our airline. We believe that Ethiopia is a terrific destination for U.S. travelers looking for a different and exotic location. Therefore, we are very excited that our new summer schedule with the addition of two new flights allows visitors to Ethiopia to have maximum flexibility in making their travel plans. Plus, it further promotes the fact that it is easier than ever to visit Ethiopia and all of the incredible wonders that our country offers."

### U.S. Flight Schedule from Washington Dulles Airport *(Effective June 1, 2007)*

| Washington DC to Addis Ababa |           |      |                            |         |           |      |             |
|------------------------------|-----------|------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|------|-------------|
| DEPARTURE                    |           |      |                            |         | ARRIVAL   |      |             |
| FLIGHT #                     | Airport   | Code | Day                        | Time    | Airport   | Code | Time        |
| ET 501                       | Dulles    | IAD  | TUE/THU/SAT                | 7:15PM  | Bole Intl | ADD  | 6:00PM (+1) |
| ET 503                       | Dulles    | IAD  | MON/WED/FRI                | 9:45AM  | Bole Intl | ADD  | 8:15AM (+1) |
| Addis Ababa to Washington DC |           |      |                            |         |           |      |             |
| DEPARTURE                    |           |      |                            |         | ARRIVAL   |      |             |
| FLIGHT #                     | Airport   | Code | Day                        | Time    | Airport   | Code | Time        |
| ET 500                       | Bole Intl | ADD  | DAILY <i>(Exc. Sunday)</i> | 10:30PM | Dulles    | IAD  | 7:35AM (+1) |



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### **Ethiopian Airlines Exciting New Holiday Packages**

Ethiopian Airlines also recently announced four different tours and packages designed for U.S. travelers. They include an eight-day tour: **The History & Magic of Ethiopia**, and a 17-day comprehensive tour: **Ethiopia-The Total Tour**. “The new summer schedule means that more U.S. travelers than ever can take advantage of these exciting tours and packages. The ability to fly almost every day to Ethiopia means more choices for visitors looking to see Ethiopia, or in taking a trip to Ethiopia along with Kenya or Tanzania,” Mr. Gebremariam adds.

For more information on these great tour packages, contact SITA Tours, Journeys Unlimited, 2 Afrika, Meticulous Tours or Soomak Safaris.

### **The Ethiopian Millennium Creates Exciting New Reasons to Visit Ethiopia**

While Third Millennium celebrations may have already concluded for most of the world, The Ethiopian Millennium which is in the calendar year, 2007, provides another terrific chance to celebrate the Millennium in the birthplace of civilization. Coming to Ethiopia, to celebrate The Millennium provides a once in a lifetime opportunity for experienced travellers to learn first hand from religious and modern scholars and gain insights in religious traditions that date back thousands of years. The Ethiopian Millennium Committee has many special events planned for 2007, cultivating with the New Year celebration in September. Mr. Gebremariam notes that Ethiopian Airlines is the official airline of The Ethiopian Millennium. “As the national airline of Ethiopia, and the home to these awe-inspiring Millennium celebrations, we are proud to sponsor and promote all of the special events that the committee has lined up to celebrate this historic occasion. Everyone at the airline, and Ethiopians all over the world are excited by this momentous event, and we look forward to welcoming visitors from around the globe on Ethiopian Airlines and to Ethiopia.” This opportunity to celebrate in the country where the first remains of humankind were discovered, will allow travelers the opportunity to come full-circle, from the birthplace of civilization to the third Millennium and promises that everyone that participates will gain a remarkable experience.

In addition, the 8th African Union Summit has called up on African countries to join Ethiopia in celebrating the up coming Ethiopian Millennium. Briefing journalists at the conclusion of the summit, Foreign Minister Seyoum Mesfin said “Africa has accepted the Ethiopian Millennium as the African Millennium, and as Ethiopia is the only country in the world that has not yet celebrated its millennium, this unique event should be celebrated colorfully not only in Ethiopia but also across Africa.”



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### **About Ethiopian Airlines**

Ethiopian Airlines is one of the largest airlines in Africa, and winner of the Best African Airline Award for 2006. Ethiopian Airlines features six weekly flights from Washington, D.C.'s Dulles International Airport. The airline offers both morning and evening departures, with the morning departure allowing seamless connections to 28 African destinations. The airline's web site, [www.ethiopianairlines.com](http://www.ethiopianairlines.com) provides excellent information on additional flights, services and special web fares. Ethiopian Airlines provides seamless connections to 45 destinations around the globe. Major destinations served include: Abidjan, Accra, Addis Ababa, Amsterdam, Bamako, Bangkok, Beijing, Beirut, Brazzaville, Brussels, Bujumbura, Cairo, Dakar, Dar Es-Salaam, Delhi, Djibouti, Douala, Dubai, Entebbe, Frankfurt, Guangzhou, Harare, Hargiesa, Hong Kong, Juba, Jeddah, Johannesburg, Khartoum, Kigali, Kilimanjaro, Kinshasa, Lagos, Libreville, Lilongwe, Lome, London, Luanda, Lusaka, Mumbai, Nairobi, N'djamena, Paris, Rome, Stockholm, Tel-Aviv, and Washington, D.C. Learn more about Ethiopian Airlines at [www.ethiopianairlines.com](http://www.ethiopianairlines.com).

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