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Ethiopian Airlines Celebrates the Historic Inauguration of President Barack Obama with Special Offer: Companions Fly Free!

Washington, D.C. – January 20, 2009 – In recognition of today’s historic inauguration of President Barack Obama, the first African-American President of the United States, Ethiopian Airlines is proud to provide an exciting new “Free Companion Fare.” Now, more than ever, is the time to experience all the wildlife, the wonder and the culture that the many destinations of Africa have to offer... and Ethiopian Airlines is enabling travelers to bring along a friend for free!

Travelers who purchase a regular fare will receive a “Free Companion Fare” to any of Ethiopian Airlines’ 32 destinations throughout Africa – more than any other airline. The airline flies directly from Washington Dulles International Airport to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and connects to 32 destinations throughout Africa, including: Luanda, Angola; Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; Bujumbura, Burundi; Douala, Cameroon; Ndjamena, Chad; Brazzaville, Congo; Lubumbashi, Congo; Kinshasa, Congo Democratic Republic; Djibouti, Djibouti; Cairo, Egypt; Libreville, Gabon; Accra, Ghana; Abidjan, Ivory Coast; Nairobi, Kenya; Lilongwe, Malawi; Bamako, Mali; Abuja, Nigeria; Lagos, Nigeria; Kigali, Rwanda; Dakar, Senegal; Hargeisa, Somaliland; Johannesburg, South Africa; Khartoum, Sudan; Kilimanjaro, Tanzania; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Lomé, Togo; Entebbe/Kampala, Uganda; and Lusaka, Zambia.

This special offer begins February 1, 2009 and is valid through March 30, 2009 with a 21-day limit on the length of stay. Travelers may book this “Free Companion Fare” either online, at Ethiopian Airlines’ web site (www.ethiopianairlines.com), or by calling 1-800-445-2733.

Ethiopia itself is rich in culture, history, and religion, featuring eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites, natural wonders and exotic wildlife. First-time visitors to Ethiopia and East Africa should consider a vacation package from Ethiopian Airlines Journeys, the airlines tour operator subsidiary. Ethiopian Airlines Journeys provides complete vacation packages highlighting the splendors of East Africa, from the religious magic in Ethiopia to the exciting safaris of Tanzania and Kenya to the white-sanded beaches of Zanzibar. Discover the history and culture of Ethiopia with the “Queen of Sheba Tour.” Uncover the secrets of Ethiopia on the “Ethiopian Tribal Cultures Tour.” Embark on one of the finest safari experiences in all of Africa with the “Tanzanian Odyssey.” The perfect ending to a journey, enjoying the “Exotic and Spicy Zanzibar Tour” where one can spend a few relaxing days on the pristine beaches.

Ethiopian Airlines Journeys brings together the most awe-inspiring experiences of East Africa, packaged in tours that have been carefully designed for the U.S. travel consumer. These tour packages combine the excitement of an African safari with the immense history that only the cradle of humanity can provide. Ethiopian Airlines Journeys makes it easy to tour Africa’s treasures, from the exotic wildlife of a safari to some of the greatest historical sites known to mankind. All Ethiopian Airlines journeys vacations feature unparalleled air service from Ethiopian Airlines, Africa’s premier airline for

more than 60 years and serving more destinations throughout Africa than any other airline. For more information on Ethiopian Airlines Journeys, call toll free 1-866-599-3797 or visit www.seeyouinethiopia.com.

About Ethiopian Airlines

Ethiopian Airlines is one of the largest airlines in Africa, as winner of the 2007 African Business of the Year and Best African Airline Award for 2006 service and quality are superior when flying Ethiopian Airlines. Featuring five flights weekly from Washington D.C.'s Dulles International Airport, the airline offers both morning and evening departures, with the morning departure allowing seamless connections to 32 African destinations. The airline's web site provides excellent information on additional flights services and special web fares. Ethiopian Airlines provides seamless connections to 50 destinations around the globe. For more information about Ethiopian Airlines, visit www.seeyouinethiopia.com.

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