

Jazeera Airways provides 50,000 free tickets to frontline heroes of Kuwait

Kuwait, June 2, 2020:

Jazeera Airways today announced that it is offering 50,000 free round-trip tickets to frontline heroes fighting the Covid-19 pandemic in the State of Kuwait.

The initiative follows a pledge by the airline to support efforts made by the Government of Kuwait. Jazeera Airways had placed its assets and human capital at the disposal of the Government, supporting repatriation efforts as well as converting its Park & Fly facility into the first drive-through Covid-19 testing center in the country.

Announcing the initiative, Jazeera Airways Chairman, Marwan Boodai, said: “We are honored to follow the directive of His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah - may God protect him – to the government to reward our fellow frontline workers for their efforts to prioritize the safety of our people in the fight against the pandemic. The fifty thousand free tickets will be redeemable to any destination served by our airline’s network. The tickets will be distributed to frontline individuals as directed by our esteemed Government.”

The total value of these tickets is estimated at KD5 million.

Frontline workers nominated and approved by their ministry will be able to book their flight once Kuwait International Airport reopens for commercial flights and will be available until end of 2021.

Boodai concluded: “On behalf of everyone working at Jazeera Airways, I extend our deepest gratitude and recognition to our brave heroes for standing strong to ensure the health of citizens and residents in Kuwait. May God protect Kuwait and its people from all harm under the leadership of His Highness the Amir and his loyal Crown Prince.”

Repatriation Flights

Jazeera is proud to have participated in the largest air bridge repatriation program ever launched by the State of Kuwait. The airline operated over 60 flights bringing home over 6,800 Kuwaiti citizens.

Jazeera built the Kuwait Passenger Reception Centre (KPRC), in coordination with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the Ministry of Health at Kuwait International Airport to support the medical screening of all inbound passengers

The repatriation flights extended from March 25 to May 10 and flew citizens from London, Warsaw, Moscow, Yerevan, Riyadh, Manama, Dubai, Doha, Amman, Istanbul, Alexandria, Cairo, Najaf, Tehran, Tbilisi and Sarajevo.

Drive-Through Covid-19 Testing Center

In a continued support to the efforts of the State of Kuwait in the fight against Covid-19, Jazeera Airways converted its Park & Fly facility in record time for the use by the Ministry of Health to perform the first drive-through virus tests in Kuwait. Jazeera Airways' design and engineering team reconfigured the facility to comply with the stringent requirements of the local health authorities.

A second drive-through testing facility has also been constructed by the Jazeera Airways team at the Jaber Al-Ahmad national stadium for the Ministry of Health to operate, which recently opened.

Special expatriation flights

The airline is also operating expatriation flights that have been scheduled under the directive of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by request from local embassies.

Cargo operations

Since the suspension of commercial flights from and to Kuwait International Airport on March 13, 2020, Jazeera Airways continued to serve companies and institutions with its cargo services ensuring businesses continue to trade goods and equipment without interruption.

Future commercial flights

Jazeera Airways is fully ready and prepared to launch commercial flights as soon as Kuwait International Airport re-opens.