



Country Profile: Kuwait

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Kuwait
Continent:	Asia (Middle East)
Capital City:	Kuwait
Boundary Countries:	Iraq, Saudi Arabia
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Al-Rashid Hospital, Al-Salam Hospital, International Clinic- Salmiya, New Mowasat Hospital
Main Cities:	Kuwait, Al-Jahra
Country Size:	17,820 sq km
Population:	2,418,393 note: includes 1,291,354 non-nationals

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Arabic (official), English widely spoken
Currency:	Kuwaiti Dinar (KD)
Predominant Religions:	Muslim 85% (Sunni 70%, Shi'a 30%), Christian, Hindu, Parsi and other 15%
National Holidays:	National Day, 25 February (1950)
Economic Status:	Kuwait is a small, oil-rich constitutional monarchy with 10% of proven world oil reserves. Foreign workers constitute approximately 80% of the labor force. Kuwaiti citizens constitute only 34% of the country's population of 2.9 million, and enjoy the benefits of a generous social welfare system that guarantees employment, housing, education and medical care.
Security:	Land Forces, Kuwaiti Air Force (Al-Quwwat al-Jawwiya al-Kuwaitiya), National Guard
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy Kuwait City P. O. Box 77 Safat 13001 Kuwait Telephone: 00-(965) 2259-1001
Major Airports:	Airports: 7, Airports w/paved runways: 4 Kuwait International Airport (KWI/OKBK) Kuwait Airport, Kuwait, PO Box 17, Safat 13001, KUWAIT Tel: +965 (0)475 7537 Fax: +965 (0)472 3423 Website: www.kuwait-airport.com.kw Customs, hours: Sat-Wed 07:30-20:00, Thur 07:30-14:00, closed Fri

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