



Spirit Airlines May Face Closure: Key Information for Travellers

Description

Spirit Airlines may shut down very soon. Reports say this could happen this week. The airline has money problems due to high jet fuel costs.

Spirit has not made money since COVID-19 started in 2020. It has also filed for bankruptcy, which means it cannot pay its debts. It did this twice since late 2024. On Wednesday, Spirit said it had no comment on these reports.

Despite this, Spirit is still flying and selling tickets. However, many people in the airline industry are worried about its future. Spirit wanted to recover from its second bankruptcy by summer. It planned to reduce the number of planes and change its flight routes.

Recent increases in fuel prices are causing issues for all airlines. If Spirit stops flying, customers may lose their money. Passengers with tickets bought by credit card may get refunds. They should call their credit card companies for help. But refunds are not guaranteed. Customers should check their options and may need to be flexible when booking new flights.

Vocabulary List:

1. **bankruptcy** //ˈbæŋ.krəp.si// (noun): when someone or a company cannot pay debts
2. **debts** //dɛts// (noun): money that someone owes to other people
3. **recover** //rɪˈkʌvər// (verb): to get better after a problem or loss
4. **refunds** //ˈriː.fʌndz// (noun): money returned to a buyer for a purchase
5. **guaranteed** //,gærənˈtiːd// (adjective): promised; sure to be given or happen
6. **flexible** //ˈflɛksəbəl// (adjective): able to change plans or adapt to new situations

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. When did Spirit Airlines file for bankruptcy?

Option: 2020

Option: 2021



Option: 2024

Option: 2023

2. What has caused financial problems for Spirit Airlines?

Option: Low ticket sales

Option: High jet fuel costs

Option: Increased competition

Option: New regulations

3. How many times has Spirit Airlines filed for bankruptcy since late 2024?

Option: Once

Option: Twice

Option: Three times

Option: Never

4. What did Spirit Airlines say about the shutdown reports?

Option: They confirmed it

Option: They denied it

Option: They had no comment

Option: They welcomed it

5. What does Spirit Airlines plan to do to recover from bankruptcy?

Option: Increase ticket prices

Option: Reduce the number of planes

Option: Merge with another airline

Option: Expand its routes

6. What should passengers do if Spirit stops flying?

Option: Contact their travel agents

Option: Check social media for updates

Option: Call their credit card companies

Option: File a lawsuit against the airline

True-False

7. Spirit Airlines has made money since COVID-19 started in 2020.

8. Spirit Airlines plans to increase the number of planes to recover financially.



9. Recent increases in fuel prices are only affecting Spirit Airlines.
10. Passengers may not get refunds for tickets if Spirit Airlines stops flying.
11. Spirit Airlines had commented on the shutdown reports.
12. Passengers should be flexible when booking new flights if Spirit stops operations.

Gap-Fill

13. Spirit Airlines has not made money since the COVID-19 pandemic started in _____.
14. Spirit has filed for bankruptcy _____ since late 2024.
15. The rising prices of jet fuel are affecting _____ airlines.
16. If Spirit Airlines stops flying, passengers may lose their _____.
17. Passengers with tickets bought on credit cards should contact their credit card _____.
18. Customers should check their options and be _____ when booking new flights.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 2024 2. High jet fuel costs 3. Twice 4. They had no comment 5. Reduce the number of planes 6. Call their credit card companies

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. 2020 14. twice 15. all 16. money 17. companies 18. flexible

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is typically prioritized during an emergency situation?
Option: Profit
Option: Security



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- Option: Efficiency
Option: Popularity
2. Who is responsible for managing public safety during a crisis?
- Option: Citizens
Option: Business Owners
Option: Authorities
Option: Media
3. What term is used when a company cannot pay its debts?
- Option: Surplus
Option: Profitability
Option: Bankruptcy
Option: Asset
4. What economic term describes the increase in prices and decrease in purchasing power over time?
- Option: Deflation
Option: Recession
Option: Inflation
Option: Stagnation
5. Who is often tasked with communicating on behalf of an organization?
- Option: Surgeon
Option: Spokesperson
Option: Lawyer
Option: Investor
6. What do companies issue when a customer returns a product?
- Option: Invoices
Option: Refunds
Option: Credits
Option: Dividends
7. Who actively buys and sells financial assets in the market?
- Option: Traders
Option: Investors
Option: Analysts
Option: Auditors
8. What type of oil is often referred to in commodity markets?
- Option: Synthetic
Option: Refined
Option: Crude



Option: Vegetable

9. What index measures changes in the price level of a basket of consumer goods and services?

Option: Production Index

Option: Consumer Index

Option: Cost Index

Option: Stock Index

10. What is critical for consumers to feel secure about their financial situation?

Option: Doubt

Option: Confidence

Option: Anxiety

Option: Ambivalence

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The team is focused on _____ outdated equipment from the campus.

12. The new marketing strategy aims to _____ sales significantly.

13. After the financial crisis, many companies struggled to _____ from their losses.

14. The service comes with a _____ satisfaction policy.

15. The new work arrangement offers _____ hours to accommodate employees' needs.

16. After years of managing their _____, the company finally saw a turnaround.

17. The financial _____ increased due to positive economic news.

18. In case of a major _____, the protocol must be followed strictly.

19. The _____ is expected to take a year to complete.

20. The design was so _____ that it caught everyone's attention at the exhibition.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The building was evacuated promptly to ensure everyone's safety.

22. The spokesperson provided important updates during the press conference.



23. Managing debt is crucial for both individuals and businesses to maintain financial health.
24. The authorities assessed the threat level before making a decision.
25. Consumer preferences are essential in shaping market trends.
26. Bankruptcy can be a difficult process for any company facing financial difficulties.
27. Building consumer confidence is vital for economic growth.
28. Many businesses were able to recover after implementing new strategies.
29. Inflation affects the purchasing power of consumers over time.
30. The school is renovating its campus to provide better facilities for students.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Security 2. Authorities 3. Bankruptcy 4. Inflation 5. Spokesperson 6. Refunds 7. Traders 8. Crude 9. Consumer Index 10. Confidence

Gap-Fill: 11. removing 12. boost 13. recover 14. guaranteed 15. flexible 16. debt 17. index 18. emergency 19. project 20. striking

Matching sentence: 1. evacuated 2. spokesperson 3. debt 4. threat 5. consumer 6. bankruptcy 7. confidence 8. recover 9. inflation 10. renovating

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