



US Airlines Provide Rescue Fares for Stranded Spirit Passengers

Description

Immediately after Spirit Airlines halted operations early on Saturday morning, competitors in the airline industry quickly stepped up to offer alternative travel options for stranded passengers and unsettled staff. The grounding of the Florida-based budget airline has prompted numerous major carriers to assist those impacted.

Various airlines have introduced measures such as discounted fares and additional flight capacities to accommodate Spirit's displaced customers. In many cases, passengers who were supposed to fly with Spirit this weekend can find alternative arrangements without incurring exorbitant last-minute ticket prices. Several airlines are prioritising seats for Spirit flight attendants and pilots who no longer have jobs due to the sudden cessation of operations.

American Airlines announced its response by offering cheaper rescue fares and considering the introduction of extra flights on critical routes where Spirit operated. Additionally, American plans to facilitate transport for displaced Spirit employees and organise recruiting events in the forthcoming weeks for those seeking new employment.

Delta Air Lines has also committed to capping ticket prices and implementing fare reductions on routes shared with Spirit, maintaining these lower fares for up to five days following the grounding. United Airlines has launched a website for Spirit customers, providing one-way fares capped at \$199 for most affected cities, with special rates for longer flights capped at \$299.

Southwest Airlines revealed it would set flat fares for Spirit customers at its airport ticket counters, with prices varying based on flight distances. JetBlue announced \$99 rescue fares for customers as well as a continuation of its previous cooperation agreement for Spirit employees, offering interviews for roles within their operations.

For Frontier Airlines, Spirit passengers can obtain fares up to 50% off if booked by May 10, with specific conditions surrounding flight days. The carrier expressed support for Spirit's role in promoting affordable travel options. Further updates on this situation are expected as more information becomes available.



Vocabulary List:

1. **halted** //ˈhɔːltɪd// (verb): stopped moving or working suddenly and completely
2. **competitors** //kəmˈpetətərz// (noun): other companies trying to win the same customers
3. **stranded** //ˈstrændɪd// (adjective): unable to leave a place or return home
4. **accommodate** //əˈkɑːməˌdeɪt// (verb): provide space, help, or services for someone
5. **exorbitant** //ɪgˈzɔːrbɪtənt// (adjective): much higher in price than is normal
6. **cessation** //səˈseɪʃən// (noun): a stop or end of an activity or event

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Which airline announced cheaper rescue fares in response to Spirit's operational halt?
Option: Delta Air Lines
Option: American Airlines
Option: United Airlines
Option: JetBlue
2. What is the maximum fare offered by United Airlines for Spirit customers?
Option: \$199
Option: \$249
Option: \$299
Option: \$99
3. What discount does Frontier Airlines offer for Spirit passengers?
Option: 25% off
Option: 30% off
Option: 50% off
Option: 40% off
4. How long will Delta Air Lines maintain reduced fares after Spirit's grounding?
Option: Three days
Option: Five days
Option: Seven days



Option: Ten days

5. Which airline promised special rates for longer flights for Spirit customers?

Option: Southwest Airlines

Option: JetBlue

Option: United Airlines

Option: American Airlines

6. What did JetBlue announce for Spirit customers amid the operational halt?

Option: \$49 fares

Option: \$99 fares

Option: \$199 fares

Option: \$299 fares

True-False

7. Spirit Airlines is known for its luxurious services.

8. American Airlines is helping Spirit employees find new jobs.

9. Southwest Airlines is charging fixed fares for Spirit passengers at its counters.

10. Delta Air Lines has raised ticket prices after Spirit halted operations.

11. Competitors in the airline industry have remained inactive following Spirit's grounding.

12. JetBlue and Spirit Airlines have previously cooperated on employment opportunities.

Gap-Fill

13. After Spirit Airlines halted operations, competitors quickly stepped up to assist stranded passengers and unsettled staff at _____ airline industry.

14. American Airlines plans to facilitate transport for displaced Spirit employees and organise recruiting events in the forthcoming _____ weeks.



15. United Airlines has launched a website for Spirit customers, providing one-way fares capped at _____ for most affected cities.
16. Passengers who were supposed to fly with Spirit this weekend can find alternative arrangements without incurring exorbitant last-minute ticket _____ .
17. Spirit passengers can obtain fares up to 50% off if booked by _____ 10.
18. Delta Air Lines committed to capping ticket prices and implementing _____ reductions on routes shared with Spirit.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. American Airlines 2. \$199 3. 50% off 4. Five days 5. United Airlines 6. \$99 fares
True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. True
Gap-Fill: 13. the 14. weeks 15. \$199 16. prices 17. May 18. fare

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is the term for the desire to promote the welfare of others, typically through charitable donations?
Option: Philanthropy
Option: Corruption
Option: Antitrust
Option: Merger
2. What is the term for the combination of two companies into a single entity?
Option: Merger
Option: Debris
Option: Cessation
Option: Investigation
3. Which term refers to the height of an object or point in relation to sea level?
Option: Altitude
Option: Collision



Option: Sustainability
Option: Concentration

4. What term describes the amount of money spent on a particular activity?

Option: Expenditures
Option: Depreciation
Option: Outstrip
Option: Accommodate

5. What do we call the scattered pieces of waste or remains from an object?

Option: Debris
Option: Altitude
Option: Philanthropy
Option: Halted

6. What term is used to describe an agreement or cooperation between two political parties?

Option: Bipartisan
Option: Prudent
Option: Stranded
Option: Cessation

7. What is the process of examining something in detail called?

Option: Investigation
Option: Collision
Option: Stranded
Option: Evolved

8. What should one take when making a definitive decision that involves risks?

Option: Caution
Option: Collision
Option: Halted
Option: Buoyed

9. What term refers to a potential source of danger?

Option: Hazard
Option: Antitrust
Option: Concentration
Option: Stranded

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



10. She generously _____ her time and resources to support the local charity.
11. After the heavy snowfall, many travelers were _____ at the airport.
12. The project was _____ due to lack of funding and support.
13. The case was brought to the court by the _____ who sought compensation for damages.
14. The company is focusing on _____ practices to reduce its environmental impact.
15. It is _____ to save money for emergencies rather than spending it all.
16. The car accident was a serious _____ between two vehicles on the highway.
17. The team is _____ the damage caused by the storm to determine the next steps.
18. The technology has _____ over the years to become more efficient and user-friendly.
19. Many people complained about the _____ prices of the new smartphone.

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

20. He was held in high esteem for his contributions to the community.
21. Her ability to inspire others has made a significant impact on the organization.
22. The law aims to promote fair competition and prevent monopolies in the market.
23. The two companies announced their plan to combine forces and resources for mutual benefit.
24. The demand for electric cars is expected to the supply in the coming years.
25. The company announced the of its operations due to financial difficulties.
26. The encouraging news from sales figures the morale of the staff.
27. There is a high of tech startups in Silicon Valley.
28. The venue was able to a large number of guests for the event.



29. The accountant explained how equipment affects the company's financial statements.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Philanthropy 2. Merger 3. Altitude 4. Expenditures 5. Debris 6. Bipartisan 7. Investigation
8. Caution 9. Hazard

Gap-Fill: 10. donated 11. stranded 12. halted 13. plaintiffs 14. sustainability 15. prudent 16. collision
17. assessing 18. evolved 19. exorbitant

Matching sentence: 1. revered 2. influence 3. antitrust 4. merger 5. outstrip 6. cessation 7. buoyed
8. concentration 9. accommodate 10. depreciation

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