

Kuwait



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Country Name	State of Kuwait
Capital City	Kuwait City
Major Cities	Kuwait City, Al Ahmadi, Hawalli, Salmiya, Farwaniya, Jahra, Fahaheel, Mangaf, Sabah Al Salem, Mahboula
Official Language	Arabic
Business Language	Arabic is the official language, while English is widely used in business, banking, engineering, healthcare and multinational companies. Hindi, Urdu, Malayalam, Tamil and Bengali are also commonly spoken among Kuwait's large South Asian workforce.
Currency	Kuwaiti Dinar (KWD), recognised as one of the world's strongest and highest-valued currencies. The Kuwaiti Dinar is managed against a basket of international currencies by the Central Bank of Kuwait, helping maintain long-term stability.
Time Zone	Arabia Standard Time (AST), UTC +3. Kuwait does not observe daylight saving time.
Weekend Days	Saturday and Sunday. Government offices and most private sector businesses operate a Sunday to Thursday working week, with Friday and Saturday as the official weekend. Retail, hospitality, healthcare and some service industries operate throughout the week with shift-based working patterns.
Population	Approximately 4.9 million people (2026 estimate). Around 70% of the population are expatriates. Indian nationals are the largest expatriate community, with an estimated 1 million residents working across a wide range of industries.
Size of Country	Approximately 17,820 square kilometres , making Kuwait one of the smaller GCC countries. It is located at the northern end of the Arabian Gulf and shares borders with Iraq and Saudi Arabia.
Climate	Kuwait has a hot desert climate with extremely hot, dry summers and mild winters. Summer temperatures regularly exceed 45–50°C , while winter temperatures typically range between 8–22°C . Rainfall is minimal and generally occurs between November and April. Kuwait also experiences occasional dust and sandstorms, particularly during the summer months.
Religion & Cultural Overview	Islam is the official religion and strongly influences Kuwait's culture, traditions and public life. Kuwait is known for balancing traditional Islamic values with a modern business environment. Expatriates from many nationalities live and work throughout

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the country, contributing to its multicultural society. Residents are expected to respect local customs, dress modestly in public places and observe cultural etiquette, especially during Ramadan and national religious celebrations. Alcohol is prohibited throughout Kuwait.

Why Kuwait is Popular with Desi Region and Indian Professionals

Kuwait has maintained close economic and cultural ties with India for many decades and is home to one of the GCC's largest Indian expatriate communities. Approximately **one million Indian nationals** live and work in Kuwait, making Indians the country's largest expatriate population.

The country offers strong employment opportunities across oil & gas, engineering, healthcare, construction, education, banking, logistics, retail, manufacturing and professional services. Many employers provide attractive employment packages that include accommodation allowances, annual air tickets, medical insurance and end-of-service benefits.

Key Advantages

- Tax-free personal income
- One of the world's strongest currencies
- Large and well-established Indian community
- Competitive salaries, particularly in engineering, healthcare and oil & gas
- Modern healthcare facilities
- High standard of living
- Good quality international schools, including several offering the Indian CBSE curriculum
- Stable economy supported by substantial oil reserves
- Attractive employee benefits including housing, medical insurance and annual flights
- Short travel times within the country due to its compact size

For Desi region and Indian professionals seeking financial stability and long-term savings, Kuwait remains an attractive destination. Its strong economy, significant demand for skilled expatriate workers and large Indian community provides a supportive environment for individuals and families relocating to the Gulf. Although the lifestyle is generally more traditional than some neighbouring GCC countries, Kuwait offers excellent career opportunities and a high standard of living for many expatriates.