



KUWAIT CITY

## **NATIONAL DAY**

National Day celebrates the creation of Kuwait as a nation in 1961. The day is marked by national celebrations which include public meetings and get-togethers, firework displays and a spirit of celebration that imbues every Kuwaiti. Public buildings are illuminated on the occasion and Kuwaitis, young and old wear their national dress to participate in the festivities.

## **LIBERATION DAY**

Liberation Day (February 26<sup>th</sup>) celebrates the liberation of Kuwait by the multi-national force from seven months of traumatic Iraqi occupation on February 26, 1991. Each year the day is marked with public gatherings and get-togethers.

## **HALA FEBRUARY FESTIVAL**

The Hala February Festival is an annual event that takes place in Kuwait during the spring season. It is a time when parched sands of the desert transform into a magical green carpet covered with blossoming, colorful flora. Most of the shopping malls have great offers and discounts during this festival too.

## **EID HOLIDAYS**

The Muslim year has two religious festivals: Eid Al Fitr, the festival of breaking the fast, which celebrate the end of Ramadan. Eid Al Adha, is a sacrificial festival held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Dhu Al Hijjah, the 12<sup>th</sup> month. Eid Al Adha coincides with the Hajj pilgrimage, the journey to Mecca that is one of the five pillars of Islam.

## **NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LITERATURE EVENTS**

- Kuwait Book Exhibition ( December)
- Al Qurian Cultural Festival ( January)
- Kuwati Theatrical Festival ( March- April)

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