

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION AT AIRBERLIN

## **WILL THE FLIGHT OPERATION BE CONTINUED BY AIRBERLIN / NIKI?**

As far as we are currently aware, the airline will no longer be able to operate under the IATA airline code AB from October 28th 2017 at the latest during the insolvency proceedings.

NIKI flights will still be operated.

## **IS NIKI ALSO INSOLVENT?**

No, as per August 15th 2017 NIKI is not affected by the insolvency. It is not intended for NIKI to file for insolvency.

## **DOES AIRBERLIN HAVE A FUTURE?**

The negotiations with potential partners have been initiated and are intended to be completed shortly. airberlin is currently focusing to achieve a best possible plan for the company, our clients and our employees.

## **DO AIRBERLIN AND NIKI STILL ACCEPT NEW BOOKINGS?**

Yes, airberlin and NIKI flights are bookable through our distribution channels. All fares are still valid. All sales channels remain open.

Payments for flights operating after November 1st 2017 will be secured by a trustee. In case these flights are not operating against expectations, affected guests will receive a ticket refund. This only applies for bookings from August 15th 2017 onwards.

## **HOW LONG IN ADVANCE CAN I BOOK FLIGHTS?**

The entire schedule published by airberlin and NIKI can be booked. As far as we are currently aware, the airline will no longer be able to operate under the IATA airline code AB from October 28th 2017 at the latest during the insolvency proceedings.

## **WILL I CONTINUE TO EARN TOPBONUS MILES ON MY FLIGHTS?**

topbonus, the frequent flyer program of airberlin filed for insolvency on Friday, 25th August 2017. However the topbonus program and your status benefits are still valid. The earning and redemption function of miles has been reactivated. The current conditions valid from September 20th 2017 can be retrieved from the topbonus website.

## **WILL THE SALES PROGRAMS SUPERSELLER AND BUSINESS POINTS REMAIN?**

Both sales programs are currently deactivated.

## **DO THE AIRBERLIN / NIKI PRODUCT AND SERVICES REMAIN THE SAME?**

Yes, the existing services and products remain the same.

## **IS MY VOUCHER STILL VALID AND IF YES UNTIL WHEN?**

Vouchers cannot be redeemed anymore. Due to insolvency regulations the utilization of vouchers had to be terminated.

Affected guests have the opportunity to file the claim for the insolvency schedule after the opening of the insolvency proceedings. We will advise about the formal proceedings at a later stage separately. Tickets that have already been booked against vouchers remain valid.

**CAN I PAY OUT MY VOUCHER FOR CASH?**

No, see above.

**DO TICKETS REMAIN VALID?**

Yes, all issued tickets are valid.

**WILL ALREADY ISSUED TICKETS BE REIMBURSED?**

All airberlin tickets issued (745 ticket stock) before August 15th 2017 are no longer refundable due to insolvency regulations. Tickets valid from August 15th 2017 are subject to the applicable tariff conditions. An automated refund application via GDS is no longer possible. Therefore please use the BSPlink Refund Application Function to hand in your refund request in a BSP market. For tickets issued in the USA via ARC with credit card as form of payment, please contact the airberlin Service Center (Tele-phone: USA 1-855-420-0614 or e-Mail: sales@airberlin.com) and for any other form of payment, please contact our IATA helpdesk email (IATA@airberlin.com). The cancellation function in the CRS systems (TOMA, MERLIN, etc.) has been deactivated. However, bookings can be canceled via the travel agency's hotline: +49 (0)30 40818885 on the above conditions.

**CAN I REFUND APPLICABLE FEES AND TAXES?**

No, taxes and fees collected before August 15th 2017 cannot be refunded by insolvency regulations. Affected passengers can file the claim for the insolvency schedule after the opening of the insolvency proceedings. Any request for refund of taxes and fees collected after August 15th 2017 may be submitted as per above mentioned refund request process.

**CAN TICKETS BE REBOOKED?**

The tariff conditions, valid at the time of ticket issuance, still apply. Any issued ticket may be rebooked on the basis of the applicable tariff conditions, provided these allow changes. Any applicable fees must be paid by the client.

**DO I STILL RECEIVE REGULATIONS FOR MY CLAIM FOR DAMAGES / COMPENSATIONS, E.G. FOR DELAYS OR FLIGHT CANCELATIONS?**

For departures before the filing for insolvency unfortunately no compensations will currently be paid, due to effective insolvency regulations. Affected passengers have the opportunity to file the claim for the insolvency schedule after the opening of the insolvency proceedings. In this case affected passengers automatically receive an official form with further information.

For departures after the filing for insolvency please refer to our online claim form provided by our Guest Relations Team using the following link: [www.airberlin.com/en/feedback/complaint](http://www.airberlin.com/en/feedback/complaint).

Our Guest Relations Team will handle your request and will contact you directly. We kindly ask for your understanding that due to the current situation the processing time might take longer.

**I BOOKED A PACKAGE-TOUR FOR 2018 AND MY FLIGHTS ARE WITH AIRBERLIN. WILL THIS TOUR STILL TAKE PLACE?**

As far as we are currently aware, the airline will no longer be able to operate under the IATA airline code AB from October 28th 2017 at the latest during the insolvency proceedings.

Please refer to your tour operator, if you have any further questions.

**HOW IS AIRBERLIN / NIKI AVAILABLE FOR SALES PARTNERS / GUESTS?**

airberlin / NIKI can be reached via the published contact numbers / email addresses. The existing sales contacts remain at your disposal.

**IS AIRBERLIN / NIKI STILL A MEMBER OF BSP?**

Yes, airberlin remains a member of the BSP.

**DOES AIRBERLIN REMAIN A MEMBER OF ONEWORLD?**

Yes, airberlin remains a member of oneworld.

**ARE AIRBERLIN TICKETS VALID ON PARTNER AIRLINES?**

Please refer to our Partner Airlines to check on your current ticket status.