

Forest fires on Rhodes - TUI deploys additional aircraft to bring affected guests back early to their home countries

 Travel group continues with more than 300 service staff on the island - round-the-clock care for affected guests

Rhodes/Hanover, 24 July 2023. TUI has extended its support for holidaymakers affected by the devastating forest fires on the island of Rhodes. Early on Monday morning, six additional TUI planes flew guests, TUI customers as well as others, from Germany and the UK back home. The TUI planes brought holidaymakers safely back to Hanover, Frankfurt and Stuttgart and in the UK to London-Gatwick, Birmingham and Manchester. In addition, another TUI flight will take Danish guests back to Billund. Thomas Ellerbeck, member of TUI's Group Executive Committee: "Our colleagues continue to work around the clock to support the affected guests. During the night we have also sent six available aircraft from our fleet directly to Rhodes to pick up guests and fly them back to their home countries. Further operations have already been implemented and are planned, we are informing our guests on site and organising all necessary steps." Since the weekend, more than 300 service staff in south-eastern Rhodes have been ensuring the safety of TUI guests and providing them with replacement accommodation, food and drinks.

On Sunday, the group had around 39,000 guests on the island, 7,800 of whom were affected by the situation. They have been moved to other locations on the island and are staying in hotels or in accommodation designated by the local authorities. The situation on the ground is constantly evolving and changing and is regularly reassessed by the travel group. TUI will send an update on the current situation in the course of the afternoon.

About TUI Group

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