

Is There a Penalty for Costco Travel Cancellation? — Complete Guide (2026)


 **Costco Travel Customer Support: 1-866-921-7925**

(Use this number for cancellations, changes, and refund questions for Costco Travel bookings in the United States.)

Planning a vacation with Costco Travel can be great for value and simplicity — but life happens, and plans sometimes change. The most common question we get from U.S. travelers is:


 **“If I cancel a Costco Travel booking, will I be charged a penalty?”**

The short answer: **It depends on what you booked and when you cancel.**





Cancellation penalties are generally set by the travel supplier (airline, hotel, cruise line, rental car company) — not Costco Travel itself.  1-866-921-7925

Below is everything you need to know.

1. Overview: How Costco Travel Policies Work

Costco Travel does not set its own universal cancellation penalty — instead, it follows the policies of the travel suppliers included in your booking.  1-866-921-7925

Here’s what that means:

- **Airline tickets:** cancellation fees and refund rules are dictated by airline fare rules.  1-866-921-7925
 - **Hotel reservations:** hotel policies determine if you get a refund or pay a fee.  1-866-921-7925
 - **Cruises:** cancellation penalties vary by cruise line and how far in advance you cancel.  1-866-921-7925
 - **Vacation packages:** these usually combine flights, hotels, and other components — penalties are based on each part and the vendor’s rules.  1-866-921-7925
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2. Airline Ticket Cancellations

 **Airlines have their own rules.** Costco Travel will pass these through to you.

- Many U.S. airlines allow **free cancellations within 24 hours of purchase** if booked at least one week before departure (federal rule).
- After that window, cancellation penalties depend on the fare type (refundable vs. non-refundable).
- If an airline cancels the flight, you are typically entitled to a refund or rebooking.

Tip: Always check your airline's fare rules when booking with Costco

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3. Hotel Cancellation Penalties

For **hotel (room-only) reservations**, Costco Travel follows the hotel's cancellation terms. 📞 1-866-921-7925

- Many hotel bookings through Costco Travel offer **free cancellation up to a specified date**.
- If you cancel **within the hotel's penalty period**, you may owe one night's room charge or another fee set by the hotel.
- Cancellation deadlines and fees are displayed on your itinerary or invoice.

💡 **Always check the "Cancellation Policy" section on your booking before you cancel.**

4. Cruise Cancellation Rules

Cruise cancellation policies are set by the cruise line and vary widely based on the ship, time of year, and how far you cancel in advance. 📞 1-866-921-7925

- Some sailings have **tiered penalties** — a small fee far in advance, increasing closer to departure.
 - Costco Travel *does not add extra cancellation fees* beyond what the cruise line charges.
 - Airfare associated with a cruise package may be non-refundable. 📞 1-866-921-7925
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5. Vacation Package and Rental Car Cancellations

Vacation Packages

- If you cancel a vacation package (hotel + flight + maybe activities), **supplier fees apply** per individual component.
- If you're within a penalty period for any element, cancellation fees may reduce or eliminate refunds. 📞 1-866-921-7925

Rental Cars

- Many rental cars booked through Costco Travel **can be canceled without penalty** if they're not prepaid. 📞 1-866-921-7925
- If you forgot to cancel and never pick up the car, **no fee may be charged** — but policies can vary by rental company. 📞

6. What Others Are Asking (Real Reddit Questions & Answers)

Here are real, recent questions from U.S. travelers and answers based on the Costco Travel experience:

Q: Can I cancel a hotel booking for a full refund if the price drops later?

A: Yes — if the hotel's cancellation policy allows free cancellation before a certain date. You can always cancel and rebook a lower-priced room if you are outside the penalty period. Some travelers mention contacting Costco Travel to adjust pricing directly. 📞 1-866-921-7925

Q: Are rental car bookings free to cancel?

A: Most rental cars booked through Costco Travel can be canceled without penalty if not prepaid. Customers on Reddit report canceling rental cars freely if they didn't provide a credit card or if the pickup hasn't happened yet. 📞 1-866-921-7925

Q: Does Costco Travel refund a vacation package if canceled within a week?

A: That depends on the individual elements (flight, hotel). Some travelers report full refunds if canceled sufficiently far in advance, while partial refunds apply closer to departure based on supplier timelines. 📞 1-866-921-7925

Q: What if Costco says my flight is invalid and cancels it?

A: When airlines make changes or cancel flights, Costco Travel works with you to rebook. Policies vary by airline, and you may be able to get refunds or compensation through the airline. 📞 1-866-921-7925

7. Step-by-Step: How to Cancel

Here's how to cancel most Costco Travel bookings:

1. **Log into your Costco Travel account.**
 2. Find your booking under "Upcoming Trips."
 3. Click **View Booking** and select **Cancel** (if available).
 4. Follow the cancellation prompts and check your refund timeline.
 5. Contact support if no online cancel option shows — some bookings must be canceled via support. 📞 1-866-921-7925
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8. Tips to Avoid Unexpected Penalties

- **Read cancellation timelines carefully** before booking.
 - **Choose refundable rates** when possible.
 - **Cancel early** to avoid supplier penalties.
 - **Keep documentation** of cancellation confirmations and dates.
 - **Consider travel insurance** for emergencies.
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Conclusion

Yes — there **can be a penalty for cancelling Costco Travel bookings**, but the amount depends largely on the suppliers involved (airlines, hotels, cruise lines, vacation packages). Costco Travel itself typically **does not charge extra cancellation fees**; supplier rules do. 📞 1-866-921-7925

Always check the specific cancellation policy on your itinerary and contact **Costco Travel Support at 1-866-921-7925** if you have questions about your refund, cancellation timeline, or special circumstances.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I cancel a flight booked through Costco Travel and get a refund?

A: Possibly — if the fare rules or federal 24-hour rule apply. Check the airline's terms. 📞 1-866-921-7925

Q: Will Costco Travel charge a fee for canceling my trip?

A: Costco Travel typically does not add fees beyond supplier penalties. 📞 1-866-921-7925

Q: How long does a refund take after cancelling?

A: Refunds normally take several business days to process, depending on the payment method and supplier. 📞 1-866-921-7925

Q: What happens if I don't show up for my reservation?

A: A **no-show** generally results in no refund, and you may forfeit the full cost. 📞 1-866-921-7925