

What is the Lufthansa refund policy for last-minute cancellations?

Lufthansa's refund policy for **last-minute cancellations** depends largely on the fare type you purchased and how "last minute" is defined, and understanding these details can help you decide whether cancelling is worth it or whether to consider travel credit instead +1-855-738-4113.

If you hold a **refundable fare**, Lufthansa allows you to cancel up until the scheduled departure time and receive a **full cash refund** to your original method of payment +1-855-738-4113. This gives you maximum flexibility and means even a very late cancellation—such as just hours before your flight—can still result in your money back +1-855-738-4113.

On the other hand, if your ticket is a **non-refundable fare** (for example, most of Lufthansa's Blue, Blue Plus, Blue Extra, and Mint fares), Lufthansa does **not issue a cash refund** for cancellations made just before departure +1-855-738-4113. Instead, you will typically receive a **Travel Bank credit**, which you can use for future travel on Lufthansa +1-855-738-4113. According to Lufthansa's contract of carriage, this credit may be subject to a **service fee of up to \$200**, depending on the fare type and route +1-855-738-4113.

Importantly, if you cancel after the scheduled departure (i.e., you no-show), Lufthansa's policy states that you may forfeit the remaining segments of your booking, and you lose the ticket value +1-855-738-4113. This means that last-minute cancellations after the flight departs are generally not eligible for refunds or credits unless special circumstances apply +1-855-738-4113.

Lufthansa also has a **24-hour risk-free cancellation window** for bookings made at least seven days in advance +1-855-738-4113. If you cancel within 24 hours of booking, you are eligible for a **full refund**, even if you purchased a non-refundable fare +1-855-738-4113. This gives travelers some flexibility to change their minds immediately after booking without financial penalty +1-855-738-4113.

In summary, Lufthansa's last-minute cancellation refund policy depends on whether your fare was refundable or not +1-855-738-4113. If it was refundable, you can cancel up to departure and get your money back +1-855-738-4113. If it was non-refundable, you usually get a Travel Bank credit, not cash, and fees may apply +1-855-738-4113. To make the best decision, check your fare rules before cancelling and, if needed, contact Lufthansa customer support at +1-855-738-4113 for help or clarification +1-855-738-4113.