

Booking Air, Airport Transfers, and Related Information

Pre-Cruise Extension. If you have been undecided about adding the two-night Budapest pre-cruise extension, you should make this decision soon so you can book your flights accordingly. As of 4/18/2025, space is still available.

Travel Dates.

- Cruise only. Arrival into Budapest on December 13** (depart from the U.S. on Dec 12). Departure home out of Nuremberg on December 20.
 - **If you are doing the cruise only, it is *highly recommended* you arrive into Budapest one night early in case of any flight delays, cancellations, etc. This would be U.S. departure on Dec 11 to arrive into BUD on Dec 12. Return on Dec 20.
 - For anyone arriving on Dec 12, Deb will arrange for the extra night of lodging in Budapest.
- Pre-cruise Budapest extension and cruise. Arrival into Budapest on December 11 (depart the U.S. on Dec 10). Departure home from Nuremberg on Dec 20.
 - There is no need to arrive an extra day early for the pre-cruise extension.

Booking Air.

There are two options for booking air. You can book your own air, or we can book your air using AmaWaterways air department.

- **Booking your own air.** Note that if you are doing independent travel (not connected with AmaWaterways) before or after the cruise, or booking your flights using airline reward points, you should plan to book your own air.
 - Using the dates above based on your travel plans, you will want to arrive into BUD and depart out of NUE
 - **Book directly with the airline!!!** (Delta, AA, United, etc). Do NOT book using a third-party on-line travel company (Expedia etc)! This is VERY important so you can retain control of your air booking for the airline to provide you with support.
 - After you book your flights, **forward the airline confirmation to me!** I need your air information so I can provide it to the cruise line and so I can assist you with questions you might have about your air booking.
 - I will double-check your booking dates, airports, etc. Because you are flying into one airport (BUD) and back home from another (NUE), you will book a “multi-city” flight on one ticket.
 - If you want to book your own air, but are uncertain as to how to do it, [please contact me!!](#) I’m happy to help and will walk you through the process. That’s what I’m here for! 😊
- **Booking air through AmaWaterways.** Although this would be booking through a third-party, because AmaWaterways is booking air for their own cruise, they will monitor your flights and if changes are needed, they will make changes that accommodate the cruise.
 - I do the air bookings for those people wanting to use AmaWaterways air service. I work with you to find the best flights. Ama will book any flights we request.
 - Once Ama puts your flights on hold, you have 24 hours to approve or decline the booking. If you accept the itinerary they provide, there is a \$350 non-refundable deposit for main cabin

and premium economy, and a \$600 deposit for business or first-class service. Once you pay the deposit (again within 24 hours), AmaWaterways will ticket your air. The balance of your airfare can be paid when you make your final cruise payment.

- Except for the non-refundable deposit, should you need to cancel your cruise, the remainder of the airfare is refundable up until 25 hours prior to your scheduled departure. If you cancel with less than 25 hours remaining, your full airfare is non-refundable.

Airport Transfers.

- *If you book your air through AmaWaterways* and you arrive on the first day of the itinerary (Dec 11 for those doing the pre-cruise extension; Dec 13 for those doing cruise only) and you are departing on Dec 20, AmaWaterways provides your airport transfers.
 - If you are doing cruise only and arriving one day early on Dec 12, departing on Dec 20, AmaWaterways will provide the post-cruise transfer only.
- If you are booking your own air or arriving a day early on Dec 12, you may purchase airport transfers from AmaWaterways. I highly recommend this.
 - Transfers from the BUD airport to the pre-cruise hotel (on 12/11) or to the cruise port (on 12/13) are \$30 per person.
 - Transfers from the cruise ship to the NUE airport on 12/20 are \$45 per person.
 - The cost of the transfers will be added to your booking and will be paid with the rest of your cruise fare.
 - Let me know which transfers, if any, you'd like me to add for you.

Final Payment Date. I will begin processing final payments for your trip on or about September 1. Prior to this, you will receive an e-newsletter giving you a “heads-up” that the final payment date is drawing close and asking you to authorize the payment in the portal.

- If you would prefer to avoid the large lump-sum final payment, and would like to make payments prior to Sept 1, you are welcome to do so. All you need to do is [email me](#) and tell me how much you want me to pay, the date you want it paid, and a statement authorizing me to make the payment using the credit card you have on file. Once I make your payment, you will receive an updated invoice showing your remaining balance.

In Closing...Your "To-Do" List! 😊 A reminder to:

- Let me know your decision about the 2-night pre-cruise Budapest extension (if you were uncertain at the time you made your cruise reservation).
- If you are doing the cruise only, let me know if you plan to arrive in Budapest one day early (on 12/12) and if you would like to be included in the lodging arrangements for that night.)
- [Email me](#) and let me know if you will be booking your own air, or if you would like me to work with you to book it through AmaWaterways.
 - If you are booking your own air, don't forget to forward your air confirmation to me.
- Let me know what airport transfers, if any, you want added to your cruise booking.