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Finding the best car rental rate can be challenging. Our guide to booking will help you to get a great deal.

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Depending on the type of trip that you are planning you can choose between many types of vehicles. Budget or Economy city run-around vehicles, with which to see the stunning local sites and shuttle between hotels, friends and airports are available. Luxurious or oversized vehicles can also be rented for those longer inter-city cruises.

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hire insurance is often an issue for many companies. The collision damage waiver (CDW) purchased from an agency is often very expensive. You can go for other options like obtaining insurance through a credit card or negotiating insurance cover as a part of the rental agreement. Many large companies offer collision and liability insurance as a part of their insurance package.

### Booking Tips

- Weekend rentals are usually the lowest rates.
- Weekly rates are often much lower than the daily rate would be over five or more days.
- Often an advance booking of up to 21 days is required to get the best deals.
- You will usually find the lowest base rates at airport locations.
- Plan your travel to avoid peak season (December - January), when rentals tend to be the highest.
- Smaller cars are not necessarily the cheapest, as prices depend on inventory, and there may be an unusually high number of larger cars when you're renting.
- Don't pay for an upgrade unless you know there are smaller cars available; the rental companies will often give you an upgrade for free if they don't have cars available in the class you reserved.
- Don't forget that you can earn frequent flyer points on most airlines when you rent from major car companies.

- When you find a deal you're happy with, book the rental right away. If you wait too long, the deal may not be there next time you check.

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