

RENTAL CAR CHECKLIST

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When booking

- ☐ Age and residence of driver
- ☐ Cancellation rules
- ☐ Authorized milage
- ☐ Pickup location, hours and conditions
- ☐ Authorization to cross border or take a ferry
- ☐ Type of transmission
- ☐ Deposit / caution
- ☐ Insurance as required
- ☐ Price of other extras (GPS, seat...)

At the counter

- ☐ Recheck dates before signing
- ☐ Decide if insurance to get deposit to zero, but don't get bullied into it
- ☐ Confirm return level of fuel
- ☐ Ask about management of tolls
- ☐ Ask what to do if car breaks down
- ☐ Ask about return process

Take a picture of all the places where you find damage

Car's outside

Check for damages to:

- ☐ Bodywork state
- ☐ Roof
- ☐ Under front bumper
- ☐ Under back bumper
- ☐ Back of the mirrors
- ☐ Mirrors folding
- ☐ Fenders (mud wings)
- ☐ Tires (inflation, wear)
- ☐ Glass
- ☐ Fuel cap
- ☐ License plates

Car's inside

- ☐ Spare tire
- ☐ Seats
- ☐ Plastics
- ☐ Trunk cover
- ☐ Bodywork inside trunk door
- ☐ No odor
- ☐ Fuel level
- ☐ Manual for the car
- ☐ Country's mandatory equipment (e.g. triangle, reflective vest)

Return

- ☐ Refuel as required
- Check nothing left:
 - ☐ Glove compartment
 - ☐ Between seats
 - ☐ Under the seats
 - ☐ Seat pockets
 - ☐ Door bins
 - ☐ Trunk
 - ☐ Sunglasses box
- ☐ Take pictures of any damage
- ☐ If returning after hours, take pictures of car at space in good condition