Car renting and related regulations

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For travelers who visit other countries for vacation or any other reasons, and who needs a car to move around, renting a car to reach desired destinations is a preferable choice. With a firm budget on hand, you can also hire a luxury car for yourself or your family. Hiring a luxury car will ensure a comfortable ride and time for you and your family while being able to see various spots. For this arrangement, you need to make an advance booking some two weeks ahead. Online booking facilities are a good way to get a car of your choice from the various providers.

The internet can provide a great deal of detail on car renting. There are numerous web portals that give comparative rates of all major car rental providers including Hertz, Europcar, Thriftry etc. The portals all give detailed information on the type of luxury cars available for hire.

Car rental rates also vary in weekdays and during the weekends. In fact, Friday is no longer considered a week day by many car providing agencies and is charged the same amount as that of the weekend.

It must be known that rental car companies make a lot of money selling gas, insurance and often adding fees and taxes. Some car providers located on the premises of the airport will charge airport fee. It is advisable to avoid this; for which it is suggested that you hire a car from your hotel or far away from the airport.

Keep in the mind that while renting a car it is important to return your car with a full tank if you had hired a full tank gas in the beginning or they will charge as much as $9 per gallon.

There must be prior knowledge related with car rental in European countries. Firstly, the minimum age of renting a vehicle in Europe is 21. Some countries and companies may set 25 as their minimum age. The maximum in some of the countries like the United Kingdom, Cyprus is 75.

Secondly, International Driving Permit or IDP is required in some of the European countries. But it is necessary that holding IDP is not enough, you need to have the original driving license of your home country. A valid passport would also be required; moreover the valid date should extend to at least 12 months from the date of rental.

Thirdly, crossing countries in a rental car should be treated with prior information on the laws and regulations of the concerned countries. Never forget all sort of documents such as passport, visa, vehicle registration, travel documents and a cross border fee. Before crossing from one country to another you may be required to stop by Customs Officers to check the said documents or any other reasons. For some Eastern European countries, crossing countries in rented car is not allowed.

Fourthly, European countries excluding UK and Ireland drive on the right hand side of the road, again use of mobile phones while driving is prohibited. Lastly, there are other doâ€™s and donâ€™t but th car rental company would be glad to give you all the details and keep any trouble at bay, while you see and explore the cities by yourself.

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