

Rental Car Booking & Inspection Kit

Price the rental and the card hold separately

The counter problem is often a missing condition, not the daily rate.

Record the pickup location's exact requirements for license, age, payment card, deposit and additional drivers. Conditions can differ by country, branch and booking channel. A vehicle class does not guarantee a particular model or access feature.

1. List the route, borders, drivers, luggage and essential vehicle features.
2. Compare the total rental price with equivalent options and currency.
3. Record the temporary deposit or card hold separately from spending.
4. Confirm coverage questions with the relevant provider before deciding.
5. Plan pickup and return transport, including desk hours and after-hours procedures.

Keep proof

Save the quote, rental conditions and any written feature confirmation. This kit helps organize a booking and inspection; it does not decide insurance coverage or legal rights.

Worked example: cost versus available credit

Fictional four-day rental in U.S. dollars; no coverage recommendation is implied.

Item	Example
Quoted rental with taxes	\$240
Additional driver	\$40
Fuel / toll / parking planning estimate	\$60
Expected spending total	\$340
Separate temporary card hold	\$300
Question for pickup	How and when is the hold placed and released?

Expected spending is \$340, not \$640. The separate \$300 hold can still reduce available card credit. Ask which amounts are charged or held at pickup and check available funds with your card provider. Release timing may depend on both the rental company and card issuer.

Our estimated total / currency

Our deposit or hold / accepted card requirement