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Car Rentals - Good to Know

Your next rental car may be 4 years old & 70,000 miles

Remember the good old days when you arrived at your rental car and got inside only to enjoy that amazing new car smell? Looking at the odometer you could see the car only had 1000 miles under the hood. That was pre-covid.

The new car shortage from the manufacturers is causing massive problems for the rental a car industry. They can't buy new cars, so they are holding onto cars longer and buying used cars to try to find enough cars to fill the explosive demand this summer. The only way you will be able to have that new car scent for the next few years in a rental car will be if you bring with you a "Little Trees" car air freshener that you hang on your car mirror.

One-way car rentals are hard to find & more expensive

– The cost of a one-way rental has always been a shock to many travelers. This year with the car shortage many rental car companies are short cars and don't want to give up any inventory for a one-way rental. Thus, they price it so high that if a customer does rent it the car company makes hay.

Be sure to ask for a little training if you rent a hybrid gas-electric vehicle

– Ask Questions. Do you know that one gauge shows electric charge, and another shows how full is the fuel tank? Avoid confusion about when and where do I charge the car. Should you just fill up the tank and not worry about the charge level? Ask when picking up the car.

Don't forget that renting a car in many large cities is a big mistake

– If you are traveling to a large metropolitan city the cost of renting a car is very high. Add to that the parking fees, toll fees, insurance, taxes and fees and you can easily pay upwards of \$200 a day for a rental car. You can take a lot of Ubers and taxis for that amount of money and skip all the hassle.

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