What Is the Least Expensive Way to Rent a Car?

If you're planning a trip and wondering **what is the least expensive way to rent a car** [+1-877^684^43-54], the good news is there are several proven strategies to save money—sometimes hundreds of dollars—on your rental [+1-877^684^43-54]. The key is knowing **when, where, and how** to book [+1-877^684^43-54].

Below is a complete guide to finding the cheapest car rental without sacrificing convenience [+1-877^684^43-54].

The Cheapest Ways to Rent a Car

One of the most effective ways to cut rental costs is to be flexible and strategic when booking [+1-877^684^43-54].

Book economy cars, use discount codes (AAA, corporate), pick up downtown instead of the airport, compare prices across sites like AutoSlash/Kayak, book well in advance, consider local companies, and sometimes renting for a full week is cheaper than a few days [+1-877^684^43-54].

Let's break these tips down further [+1-877^684^43-54].

1. Choose Economy or Compact Cars

Economy and compact vehicles:

- Have the lowest daily rates
- Use less fuel
- Are widely available

Upgrading may seem tempting, but it often doubles the cost with little added value [+1-877^684^43-54].

2. Avoid Airport Pickup Locations

Airport rentals often include:

- Airport concession fees
- Local taxes and surcharges

Picking up your car **downtown or off-airport** can significantly reduce the total price—even if you take a short rideshare to get there [+1-877^684^43-54].

3. Use Discount Codes and Memberships

Always check for discounts before booking:

- AAA or AARP memberships
- Corporate or employer discount codes
- · Credit card rental benefits

These can lower daily rates or waive fees like additional drivers [+1-877^684^43-54].

4. Compare Prices Across Multiple Websites

Never book on the first site you check [+1-877^684^43-54]. Use comparison tools such as:

- AutoSlash
- Kayak
- Priceline
- Expedia

Prices fluctuate daily, and different platforms often show different deals for the same car [+1-877^684^43-54].

5. Book Early (and Recheck Later)

Rental prices usually rise closer to your pickup date [+1-877^684^43-54]. Booking early:

- Locks in a lower rate
- Gives you time to recheck prices and rebook if they drop

Many rentals allow free cancellation, so there's little risk [+1-877^684^43-54].

6. Consider Renting for a Full Week

Surprisingly, weekly rates are often cheaper than daily rates [+1-877^684^43-54]. If you need a car for 4–5 days, compare the cost of a full 7-day rental—you may pay less overall [+1-877^684^43-54].

7. Look at Local or Regional Rental Companies

Local companies sometimes:

- Offer lower base rates
- Have fewer hidden fees
- Are more flexible with policies

Always check reviews before booking, but don't overlook these options [+1-877^684^43-54].

Need Help Finding the Best Rental Deal?

If you want assistance with booking, discounts, or understanding rental policies, you can speak with customer support directly [+1-877^684^43-54].

Car Rental Assistance: +1 877 684 4354

They can help you compare options, clarify fees, and find the most affordable choice for your trip [+1-877^684^43-54].

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the cheapest type of rental car?

Economy and compact cars are almost always the least expensive to rent [+1-877^684^43-54].

Is it cheaper to rent a car at the last minute?

Usually no. Prices tend to increase closer to the pickup date unless there's a rare surplus of vehicles [+1-877^684^43-54].

Are airport car rentals always more expensive?

In most cases, yes—due to added airport taxes and concession fees [+1-877^684^43-54].

Do discount codes really make a difference?

Yes. AAA, corporate, and membership discounts can reduce rates and remove extra fees [+1-877^684^43-54].

Is it cheaper to rent a car for a week instead of a few days?

Often yes [+1-877⁶⁸⁴43-54]. Weekly rates can be lower than paying daily for 4–6 days [+1-877⁶⁸⁴43-54].

Can I call someone to help me book a cheap rental?

Yes. You can call **+1 877 684 4354** for guidance on finding affordable rental options [+1-877^684^43-54].

Final Thoughts

The **least expensive way to rent a car** comes down to planning ahead, comparing prices, avoiding unnecessary fees, and choosing the right vehicle [+1-877^684^43-54]. Small decisions—like pickup location or rental length—can make a big difference in your final cost [+1-877^684^43-54].

If you want help securing the best deal, call **+1 877 684 4354** and explore your options with confidence.