

PER I TURISTI STRANIERI: GUIDARE IN ITALIA



CAR RENTING

The following documents are generally required to rent a car in Italy:

- Valid national driving licence enabling to drive the category of the vehicle being driven. Rental companies usually require drivers to hold their driving licence for at least 1 year. Unless your national driving licence was issued by an EU/EFTA-member state, it must be accompanied either by an [international driving permit](#), to be obtained prior to departure, or by a [certified translation](#) (*traduzione giurata*) into Italian.
- Identification document (passport or identity card).
- Credit card in the name of the driver.

ADDITIONAL CAR RENTING FEES

- ✓ An additional charge is usually applied for a second driver.
- ✓ GPS navigation device and child seat are to be requested in advance and paid on the spot.
- ✓ Extra charge if the vehicle is to be driven abroad.
- ✓ Extra charge if the vehicle is returned to a different location.

Please remember that children up to 1.5 m in height must always be placed in an approved restraint system or seated in a child seat suitable for their weight.

CAR RENTAL TIPS

- Check any possible driving age limit. Some car rental companies require the driver to be over the age of 21 or 23, and under the age of 65 and 75. Usually drivers must have had their driving licence for at least 1 year.
- Look carefully at the car's bodywork and check whether any possible damage is already there: this should be reported in the car's delivery paper to avoid being unduly charged. When returning the car, please check any possible damage occurred and mention it in the specific paper annexing photographic evidence with date and time.
- Inquire about any cost not clearly indicated, concerning for example:
 - Limited mileage
 - Age of the driver (under 23) or additional driver
 - VAT (the final tax amounting to 22% of the requested amount), which is often not included in the final price
 - Car child seat.
- Be fully aware of the refuelling policy. Check beforehand fuel level, and return the car with the same fuel level.



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- Check carefully the insurance cover.
Limits of liability may vary from country to country. If possible choose a comprehensive insurance cover and check that theft is also included.
Check that all risks are actually covered. Damages to tyres, bodywork and caused by stones on the windscreen are generally not included.
Check that legal costs and possible court costs are also included.
- Ask for a copy of the agreement you have signed (if possible in your own language). In any case, the contract must be drawn in a widely spoken language (English, as a rule). Do not subscribe any incomplete or blank contract. The car rental company will deliver a certified copy of the vehicle's registration certificate.
- Inquire as to what you should do in case of breakdown, theft or accident. Ask for a telephone number you should dial in case of need.
- Make sure the car is clean before returning it. Consider car-washing. Some companies make no difference between damage and dirt and charge expensive fees for cleaning.
- It is advisable to return the car during Car Rental opening hours and check car conditions together with Car Rental staff. You are responsible for the car maintenance until they collect it.
- When returning the car, it is recommended to make sure Car Rental staff terminate the authorization you signed to charge your credit card for car rental expenses.

