The very long queues of up to 4 hours at some car rental desks at Alicante airport are not just because they are very popular, which indeed they are, but because the queues are a consequence of the car rental firms processing unexpected extra charges upon the hirer and the ensuing complaints raised about them by holidaymakers.

Why is this? In order for competing car rental firms and brokers to be seen at the top of the compare websites search results the lowest rates need to be shown by such firms.

To achieve a low rate the packaged product excludes Fully Comprehensive insurance and may exclude breakdown cover, so it is primarily these costs that can effectively double the cost of the car hire, although the holidaymaker is unaware of such cover, and the extra charges, until arrival at the destination airport, whereby one is then asked to pay for the extra cover and/or pay a high deposit.

What happens upon arrival at the airport if I have TP, CDW & TC cover? Upon arrival to your destination airport you will be asked by such car rental firms to pay for added insurance cover that is between 60-84 Euros per week. If you do not pay this added insurance cover, then you will be asked to pay cash or leave your credit card details and pay between 300 - 1200 Euros in case any damage or theft occurs to the car. With some firms like Gold Cars you are asked to pay extra for breakdown cover, or you risk the cost of recovery yourself in the event of the car breaking down (see below Gold Cars and complaints and breakdown cover fees). Your deposit and credit card details are then held by them and therefore a deduction will be made for any damage that occurs or any missing item of the cars inventory.

Does CDW, Theft Cover and Third Party fully protect me? No. A common misconception is the belief that Third Party (TP), Collision Damage Waiver (CDW) and Theft Cover (TC) packaged together gives you full protection and eliminates your liability if the car is damaged or stolen. This is not the case whatsoever. You will be responsible for the cost of repair up to the excess amount, but only if you bought the extra excess cover protection.

What is Damage Excess Refund? Some firms offer this cover for around £5 per day, but it should not to be confused with Fully Comprehensive cover. You will still be asked to pay for additional cover for fuller protection and leave a high deposit at the desk.

Does car rental include breakdown cover? Only if it says so in the details. This can be an extra charge requested by some firms when you arrive to the airport. If you do not pay you're then liable if the car breaks down (see Gold Car on pages 2 & 3 and consumer comment on page 29 by Sabinal on moneysavingexpert thread). In all cases an excess is payable and common in all European countries, though the sum should be low at around £200.

What is the policy on fuel? Most rental firms have a policy of full/empty, meaning you leave the tank empty at the airport. This is an unfair policy since you can never use all the fuel that the tank holds, although you're charged the full price. Some firms allow you to leave the car at the same level on the fuel gauge as when the car was collected or a full full policy, whereby you fill the tank prior to dropping it back and getting a credit for it.

What should I do? Do not book any car hire unless Fully Comprehensive cover is included.

The following 35 pages show 15 website screenshots of quotes from major and minor car rental firms and brokers serving Alicante airport, based upon a Cat B car rental, along with some reviews that highlight the issues to each firm.

Wherever possible the screenshot includes the insurance cover given within the quote and where this has not been possible the text is copied and pasted.

The car rental firms listed also include Brokers such as Car Trawler and HolidayAutos, for which they both link to Gold Car Rental in Spain as part of their offers.

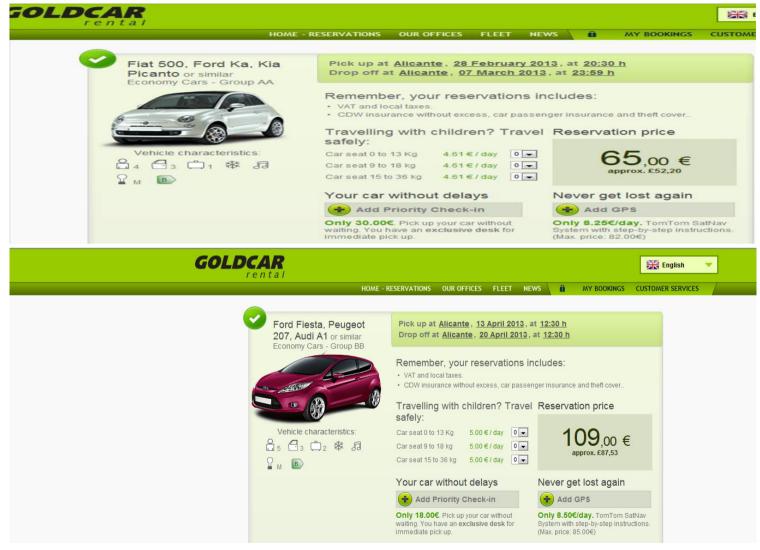
The quotes mostly all reveal insurance cover for third party (TP) collision damage waiver (CDW) and theft cover (TC) being included.

None show Fully Comprehensive (FC) insurance cover, though some show an option button giving additional insurance cover for a fee, though this still does not always minimise your liability that would be available ordinarily with Fully Comprehensive cover. In addition, personal accident insurance (PAI) is included with (FC), whereas on all quotes it is either excluded or available at an extra cost.

Issues arising with Gold Car Rental are as follows; Only third party, CDW and theft cover is offered in the quote. The rental is subject to a high insurance excess, for which insurance is offered to reduce this liability upon arrival to the airport. Excludes breakdown cover, though protection for this liability may be quoted at the destination airport.

Charges can be made for loss of rental income in the event the hirer has an accident or the vehicle is damaged (see page 3).

Additional driver cost 4.5€ per day. Baby seat 5€ per day. Priority check-in charge of 30€ with GoldCar rental as at 14/2/1 for rentals in winter, then dropping to 18 Euros in spring April. See terms & conditions of Gold Car, extract below, that exclude key cover. **Read some complaints about Gold Car on page 26**



Gold Car small print on insurance

8 INSURANCE

The insurance cover is guaranteed and assumed by **Goldcar**'s insurance company and is subject to the insurance policy's general and specific clauses, and current legislation. By signing the vehicle hire agreement, **customers** accept the conditions of the insurance policy, which are available to **customers** upon request.

The insurance cover includes damage to the vehicle caused by collision, theft, accidental fire and acts of vandalism, providing that:

- a. In the event of a collision, **customers** send **Goldcar** the full details of the third party and any witnesses before forty-eight hours have elapsed, as well as a completed accident report form (DAA Amicable Accident Report) stating the number plate, the name and address of the third party, the circumstances of the collision, a sketch of the accident, the name of the third party's insurance company and, if possible, the number of the insurance policy. The accident report form must be signed by the two drivers involved in the accident. If there is no accident report form, the parties must complete a Claims Report provided by **Goldcar**.
- b. The insurance company does not refuse to accept the claim because, at the time of the accident, the vehicle's driver was not in the physical and mental condition required by the Highway Code.
- c. The collision, theft, fire or act of vandalism was not the result of non-authorised use of the vehicle as set out in section 10, and
- d. **Customers** sent notice of the collision, theft, fire or act of vandalism caused to the vehicle within forty-eight hours of the event, together with the relevant documents (accident report, report to the authorities, etc.). Notwithstanding the foregoing, THE INSURANCE COVER EXPRESSLY EXCLUDES:
 - e. Damage to tyres, tyre rims, the vehicle's interior, outside rear view mirrors, glass and underside
- f. Flat tyres and blowouts
- g. Damage to the clutch
- h. Loss-of-income for the days the vehicle cannot be used due to repairs.
- i. Tow-truck costs
- j. Battery recharge

These exclusions may be covered in full or in part by expressly taking out a specific insurance at an extra price. The insurance cover and guarantees of the additional insurance are only valid if **customers** meet the terms and conditions established for the damage they cause to the vehicle.

Gold car charges per item depending on category of car should damage arise.

Damage and Ac	cesories	/Groups	AA	CC	DEFFG	DD	JI	K	LL P PP	R	S	X
Clutch			490€	610€	695€	540€	670€	720€	705€	470€	520€	620€
Rim		105€	100€	370€	295€	115€	165€	125€	265€	105€	235€	
Hub	caps		25€	50€	25€	45€	25€	75€	45€	20€	30€	5€
Duplio	ate Key		110€	110 €	110€	220€	120€	230€	220€	155€	125€	110€
Cran	kcase		260€	180 €	260€	290€	250€	390€	345€	270€	205€	265€
New Engine		5.000€	5.900€	8.160€	11.350 €	5.140€	8.515€	11.350 €	4.890€	4.730 €	7.320€	
Crankcase Cover		220€	120 €	120€	165€	120€	130€	85€	125€	165€	130 €	
Catalyst		840€	1.025€	1.900€	1.310€	1.275€	1.425€	1.305€	700€	605€	610€	
Radiator			320€	210 €	310€	350€	305€	345€	305€	320 €	350€	205€
Windscreen			370€	370 €	365€	745€	950€	365€	325€	420€	405€	315€
Fixed Side Glass			100€	160€	115€	180€	215€	220€	125€	135€	155€	130 €
Side Window Down			130€	140 €	155€	110€	190€	540€	120€	110€	105€	120€
Front Seats		2.060€	2.460€	1.315€	1.965€	990€	1.485€	1.965€	1.860€	975€	1.590 €	
Rear Seats			1.210 €	2.150 €	2.470 €	2.495€	1.185€	1.435€	2.495€	2.480 €	1.780 €	1.120 €
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Car Trawler is a broker, giving results that show only third party, CDW and theft cover and not FC. Results show Gold Car and others too.

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As at 14/2/13

Complaints

joe 7 months ago listed on https://getsatisfaction.com/cartrawler/topics/dont_use_car_trawler#reply_9734451 DONT USE CAR TRAWLER.

I booked with these cowboys to pick up a hire car for the week myself and my family where staying in ibiza. Upon arrival we waited at the "meeting Point" for over 45 minutes at 0130 in the morning with several other families who had booked with the hire company. The van could only hold 8 people and the driver said he would be back within 10 minutes, an hour later we took a taxi to our hotel as no van returned. I called the hire company who Cartrawler had booked the car with (BK car Hire) and was told to take a taxi back to ibiza airport or lose the rental, they gave me a number for car dollar to cancel if I wished, no one could speak English at this office and our Hotel receptionist was told that that car dollar would not deal with the matter as it was a third party rental agreement. I e-mailed Car trawler from the hotel and upon my return to the uk and recieved no reply or correspondance from them . i called them directly and was told the claim was being investigated by their customer services department. I have now issued a county court claim and summonsed a representitive from Car trawler to court in order to get my £400 returned. My advice use a reputable hire company such as Avis or Hertz it will save you a lot of messing about . This company are nothing but cowboys doing third party bookings BE WARNED!

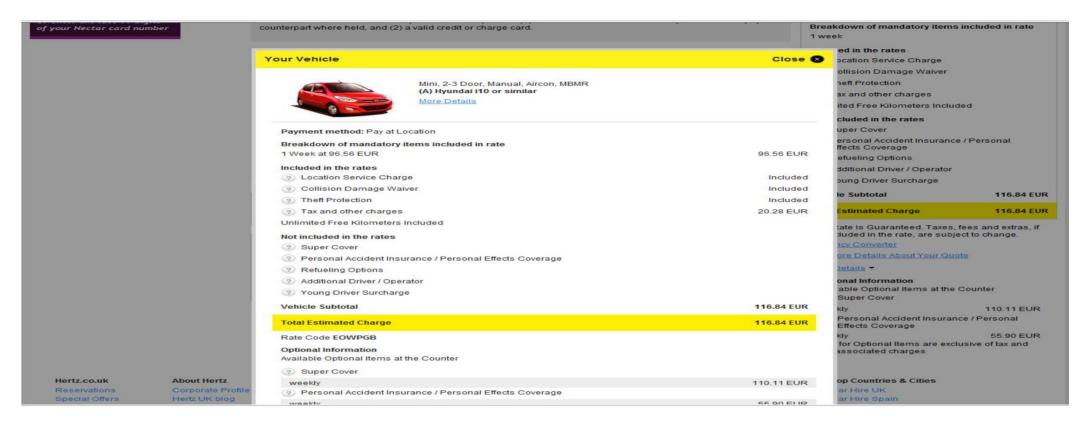
Wyn House 4 months ago

Thank you for setting up this website - I wish I had read it before booking the car with Argus, who turned out to be Cartrawler. We did not realise initially that they were agents, who then subcontracted our booking to Sixt (County Cars), Dublin. I did not read the small print in the terms and conditions which meant that I did not know that we had to pay for a full tank of petrol regardless of our mileage, as all other cars we have hired were "full tank out full tank back".

The car was unroadworthy, no headlights, no water, no heating, faulty interior light and broke down within half an hour of collection. We have written to Car Trawler whose E Mail reply gave us a link site, however you cannot communicate via the link; we are therefore having to put everything in writing to their H.O. address via the post. Sixt have offered us half price on a further car hire booking. (Would anybody every want to use either company again?)

We have hired cars before and have never experienced their fuel policy. We only wanted the car for the weekend and the weekend was ruined because of this. We are trying to get our hire costs and fuel costs returned - does anybody out there know how best we can do this? To date, they appear to be just investigating the matter despite the fact that the Irish AA were involved (produced a report). We will stick with Hertz next time. DO NOT USE ARGUS, CARTRAWLER, or SIXT, WHEN CONSIDERING HIRING A CAR.

Hertz car rental as at 14/2/13. Taking super cover adds 110.11 Euros to the price. Taking PAI adds a further 55.90 Euros.



Complaints

Review of Hertz Car Rental Written on: 18/02/2013 http://www.reviewcentre.com/Car-Hire/Hertz-Car-Rental-review_1869631

"TOTAL RIP OFF"

Booked a car on line and picked up at Fuerterventura airport, where they demanded either 7500 euro off our credit card or 140 euro insurance. This doubled to price of the car and the staff were not at all helpful. We booked the car for 11.30am and were still waiting in the car park at 1.00pm for a car and no one to help. Avoid this rip off.

Review of Hertz Car Rental Written on: 10/12/2012 "Do not use Hertz!!" http://www.reviewcentre.com/Car-Hire/Hertz-Car-Rental-review_1794567

I booked a week's car hire at Malaga Airport through their website. The price seemed reasonably competitive and I thought I was dealing with a reputable company. The booking details stated that Collision Damage Waiver (CDW) and theft protection was included. There was no reference to any excess applying to the insurance. On arrival at Malaga I was informed by their staff that an excess of almost 1100 euros would apply unless I paid an amount almost equal to the original hire charge. I protested to no avail and asked to speak to the Manager but he was 'unavailable'.

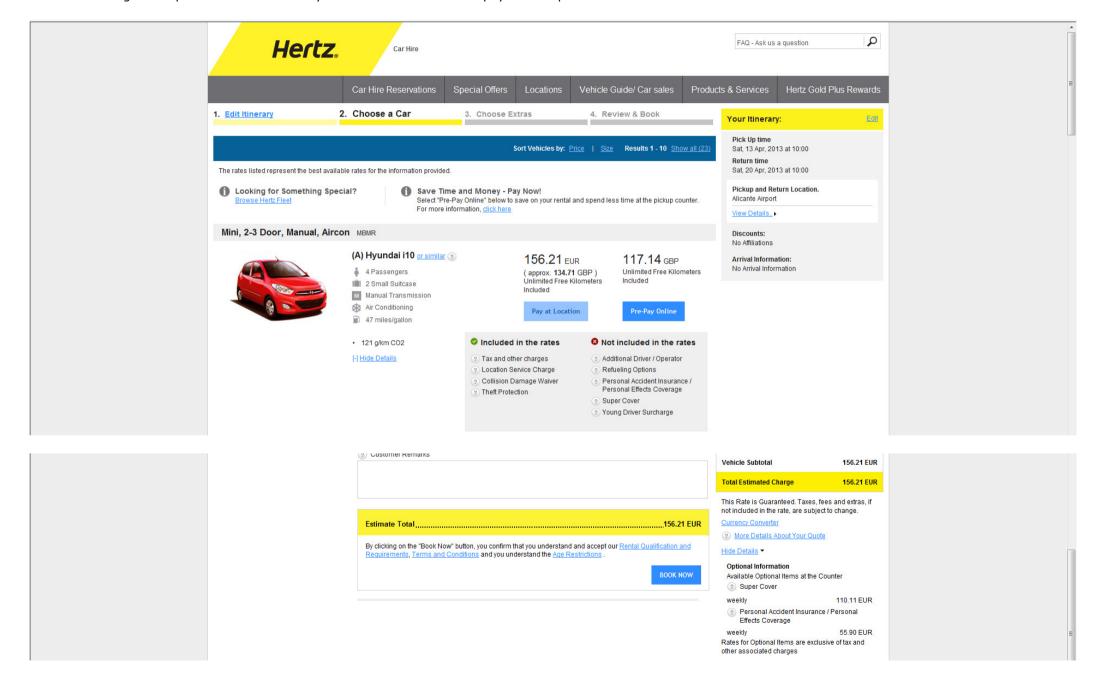
As I was not prepared to drive with such a huge excess charge I most reluctantly paid the extra under protest and told the staff that I would take the matter up with their head office on my return to the UK.

When home I emailed Hertz head office expressing my views. They replied claiming that by clicking a 'submit' button on their website I had agreed to a further list of terms and conditions which had not been shown at any point during the booking process. They say that the excess was included in these hidden terms and conditions. I responded to their reply on 9th November and so far have not had the courtesy of any reply.

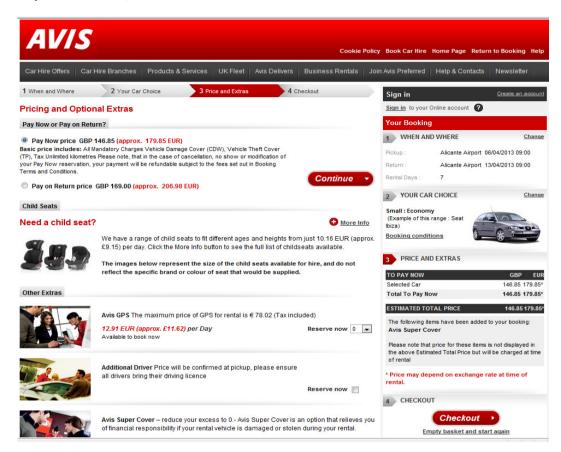
I consider this practice to be verging on dishonest. The true cost of hiring should be clearly displayed before the booking is confirmed and should not be deliberatly hidden away in this manner.

I will never deal with Hertz again and would recommend others to do likewise.

Below is showing Hertz quote from them directly. It states extra insurance payable in Spain of 110 Euros and PAI at 55 Euros.



Avis car rental quote shows CDW, TP and TP. You will notice under estimated total cost it says super cover cost will be advised to you upon arrival at the airport. As at 20/2/13



Written on: 11/01/2013 Review of Avis Car Hire http://www.reviewcentre.com/Car-Hire/Avis-Car-Hire-review_1822650

"beware the hidden cost of extra insurance-AVIS CAR HIRE"

I did an internet booking for a hire car from AVIS Edinburgh in June[the cost was £175.74]-the holiday was actually in october 2012. When I was planning another trip this week I noticed my bank statement showed the extra payment i made at the airport to reduce the excess of £1000 [I had no idea it would be this large] was a staggering extra £199.54 !!! I thought I must have paid twice at first but the company checked my account and said it was correct and that they had more than doubled my cost to provide "premium cover" my only memory was that I didn't dare take on such a big basic excess in the event of a collision.

IT MAYBE THAT AVIS ARE NOT ALONE IN DOING THIS SCAM TO EXTORT EXTRA MONEY. However having obviously decided NEVER TO HIRE FROM AVIS AGAIN I was easily able to find another company who charged LESS THAN AVIS for the whole inclusive deal [no charge for collision damage and no charge for second driver]. I JUST WISH I HAD DONE A BIT MORE RESEARCH and not been fooled by a quick link to their site offering a good deal-surely even AVIS cannot claim they are good value !!!!!!



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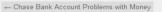
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TOP 1

Insurance Problems with Avis Car Rental

These consumer complaints, scams, and reviews via our Submit a Complaint form.

I rented an economy car through Expedia. It turned out Avis had the best deal at 225 (UK pounds). after renting the car I ran over a pot hole in a road. Avis sent out roadside assistance that towed me to a Tire company. I paid out nearly 90 pounds for a new tire. Avis told me my insurance did not cover this and since the car was in my care i had to pay. I have just received another credit card statement with an extra cost to Avis for 265 pounds. They told me first it was car damage (Which there was none) then changed it to 'I had taken out extra insurance'. I of course challenged but they said I signed for this.

Of course the tire was not part of the insurance!! So in attempting to hire a cheap economy car it's cost me more than i could have imagined. Avis and a lot of car rental companies need a watchdog or ombudsman. Avis are not nice people to deal with.



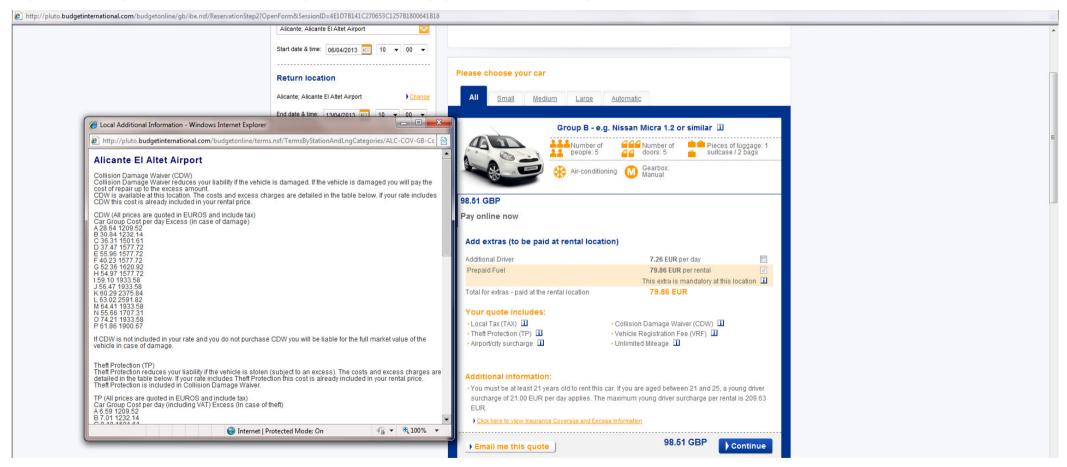


Budget car rental booking as at 21/2/13. Note the CDW box on the left hand side states that you are responsible up to the excess amount, so in the case of a category B car you will pay the first 1232.14 Euros. CDW cover serves only to reduce your liability to the figure stated.

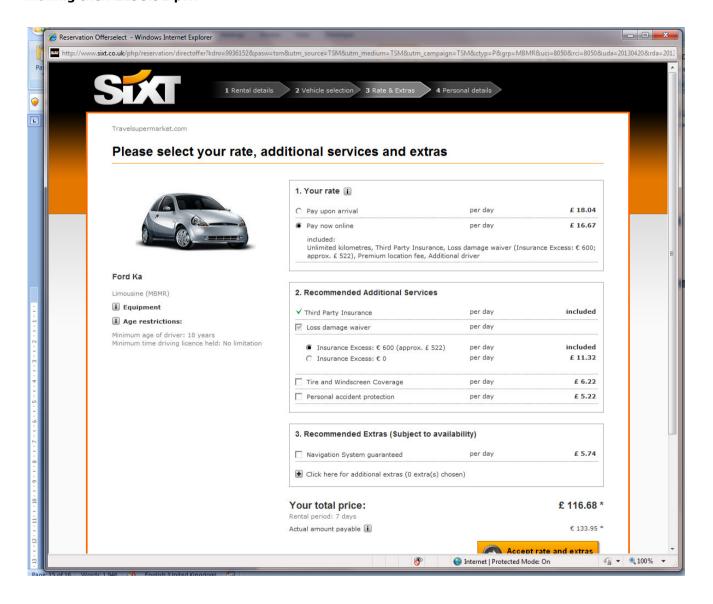
Scroll down further and you will see that theft protection (TP) has an excess of 1232.14 Euros too, meaning you pay the first 1232.14 should the car be taken.

You will therefore be offered upon arrival at the airport fully comprehensive insurance or super cover that reduces the amount of liability you pay to a substantially lower level, but you then pay 60-84 Euros for this protection. There will still be an excess payable and should be around 150 Euros.

If you do not accept the insurance offered then you will be asked to pay a substantial sum on your credit card in case of an accident or theft of the vehicle.



Sixt as at 21/2/13. Note price is £116.68 and includes only TP &LDW. To get full cover, though with a 600 Euro excess, it shows extra cost is £79.24 pw making then £195.92 pw.

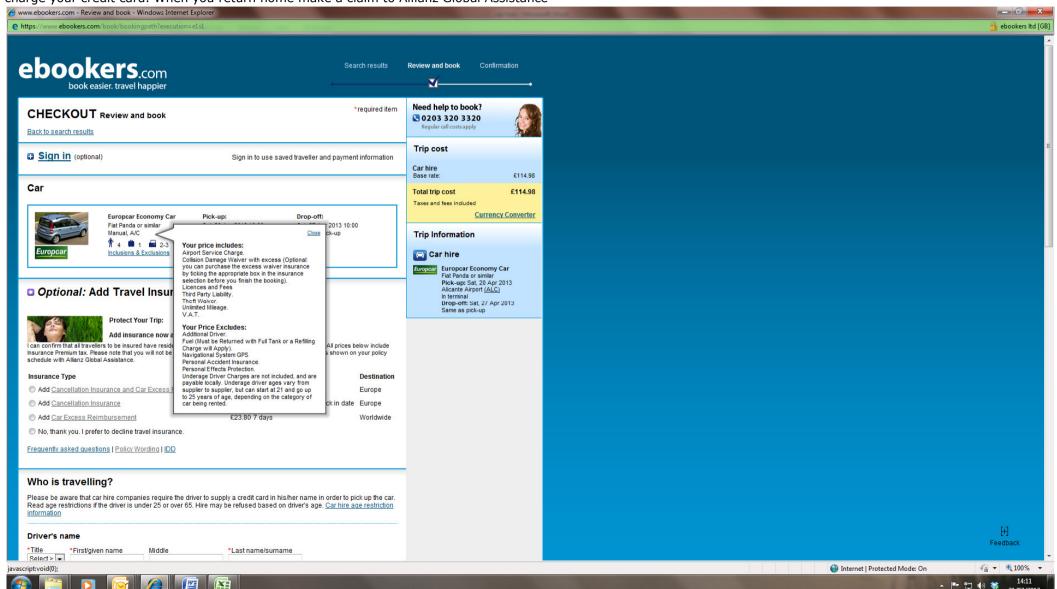


Ebookers via Europocar as at 21/2/13 give a price of £114.98 including TP, CDW & TC but not FC.

However, you can purchase for £23.80 pw excess car cover reimbursement as noted below, but this is not fully comprehensive cover, since the car rental firm will charge your credit card for the excess, for which you then need to reclaim it in the UK.

Car excess Waiver Reimbursement

This insurance type can only be booked in conjunction with a car rental. At most car rental locations, the customer is responsible for the excess on the rental vehicle in case of an accident or theft of the vehicle. This insurance type covers the excess on damage or excess on theft. If your car gets damaged or stolen, the car rental company will charge your credit card. When you return home make a claim to Allianz Global Assistance



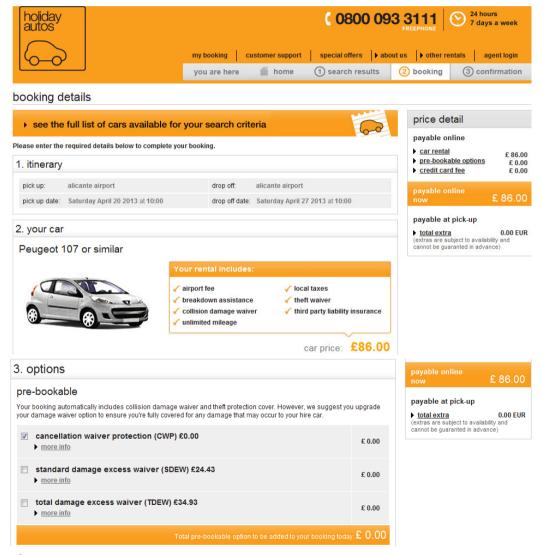
Holiday Autos as at 21/2/13.

Small print says on point 5.1: All customers will be required to leave a deposit to cover the excess for collision damage waiver, theft protection (where applicable) and fuel.

If you include total damage waiver on point 6.3 at an extra cost of £34.93 cover remains restricted as follows;

The excess otherwise payable under the Collision Damage Waiver and the excess otherwise payable under the Theft Protection Damage to: Wheels & Tyres Windows/Windscreen, Interior, the underside or roof of the car, Replacement Keys.

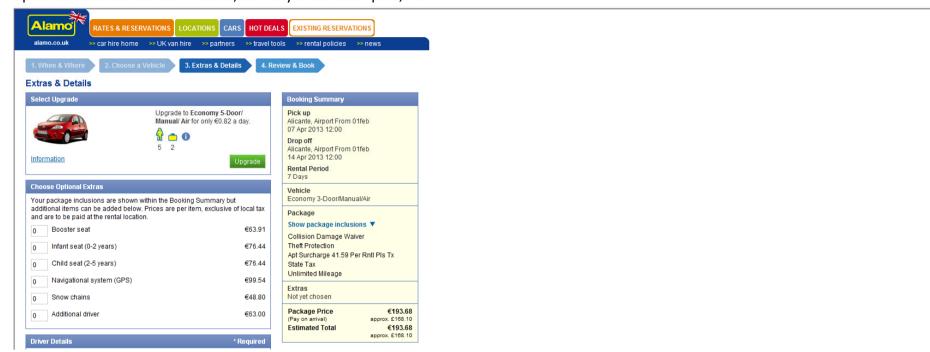
Holidayautos, as a broker, uses Gold Car Rental, so you may well be subject to Gold Car rules upon arrival at the airport.



Alamo

CDW has an excess of 1299 Euros, below extract and full T&C at http://www.alamo.co.uk/rentalpolicies/740/uk/ES

Options exclude breakdown cover, delivery of car to airport, FC.



Insurance Excess says:

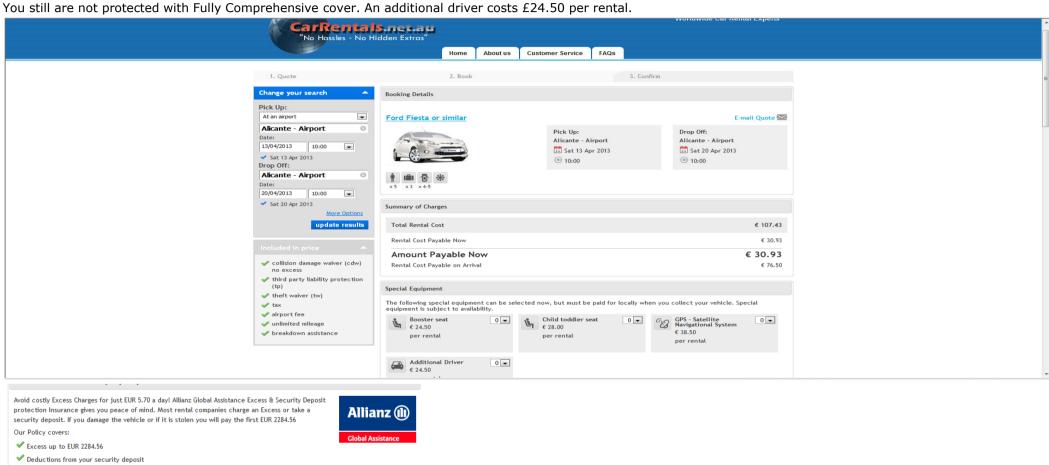
For rentals from 1st February 2013: Collision Damage Waiver & Theft Waiver limits the customer's financial responsibility for loss, damage or theft of the rental vehicle. The maximum excess that is payable in the event of one of these incidents is EUR 1299.41. The maximum excess will vary depending on the vehicle you are renting, please ask at time of rental for further information on which excess applies. If you would like to reduce or remove your excess responsibility please ask the rental staff when collecting your vehicle about additional products that are on offer.

Frank Jacobi 6 months ago https://getsatisfaction.com/cartrawler/topics/dont_use_car_trawler#reply_9734451

Similar has happened to me on 13. August in Jerez de la Frontera. Car prepaid. Agent at Airport ALAMO. They have demanded to pay additional € 568.- which might be reimbursed later to me if the rental rate was paid to them by Cartrawler. At a rental price of € 189.- this is outrageous. So far I have not come across any e-mail address or phone number to claim the advance payment back since I had to hire another car from another company

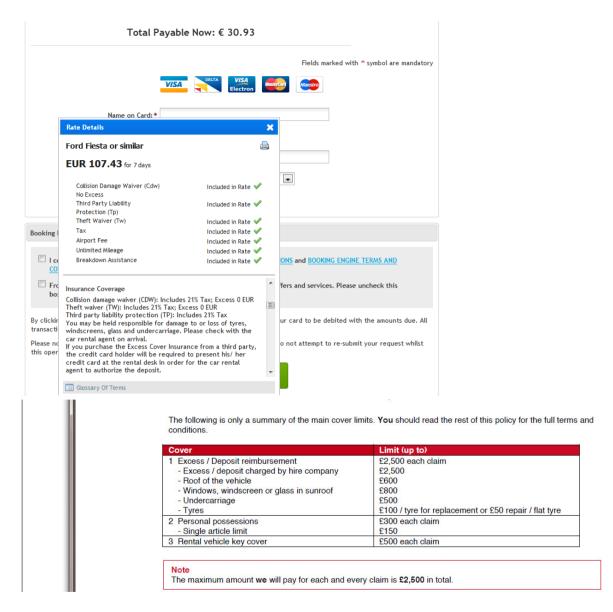
A Travel supermarket result shows Car Rentals.net which says No hassle and no Hidden extras. Cover includes TP, CDW, TC and breakdown cover. Excess reimbursement cover is available at an extra cost of 5.70€ per day (£35pw) up to a claim of 2284 Euros. The damage cost will be debited from your credit card by Car Rentals.net in Spain, for which you then reclaim this back in the UK, much like how most excess cover protection cover firms work and is normal.

However note you will be responsible for any damages that cost above 2284 Euros even with this cover. You would be better off with an annual policy at around £50 that offer double the protection at £4,000 with someone like insurance4hire .



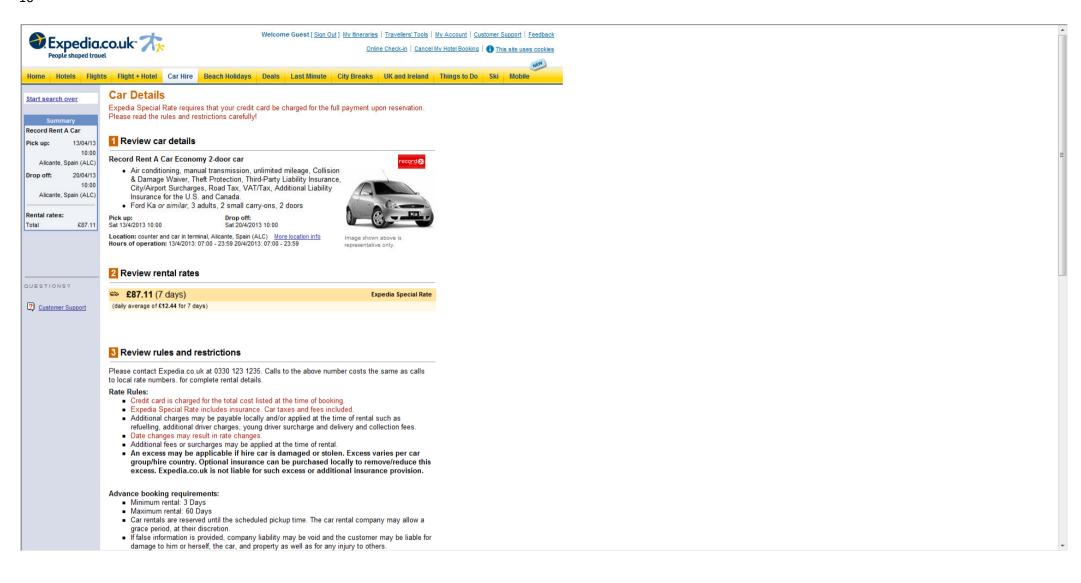
✓ Windows ✓ Tyres ✓ Undercarriage ✓ Roof ✓ Rental car key cover up to EUR 571.14 ✓ Personal Possessions up to EUR 342.68 Allianz Global Assistance is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) I wish to purchase excess reimbursement insurance for EUR 39.90 (EUR 39.90 = GBP 34.93) ☐ I have read and understand the excess reimbursement terms and conditions

Continued Car Rentals.net

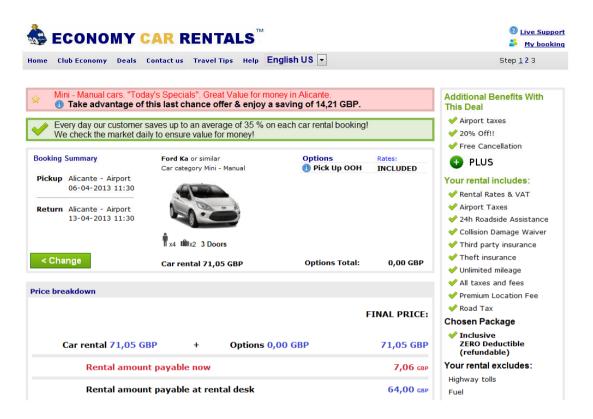




Expedia. No fullly Comp. No breakdown cover. Says additional charges may be payable at airport.



Economycarrentals.com only refer to TP, CDW & TC and not FC.



Tripadvisor comments about Economycarrentals.com

101. Re: economycarrentals.com RiIP OFF 23 November 2012, 19:05

I rented a car in Italy, Bergamo airport, when my credit charge account arrived I found an extra charge tripling the charge I was quoted, the local hire firm was called advantage. Despite my writing and telephoning economy car hire only a standard response has been given stating they need more time to resolve the issue. I have placed the problem with my bank and credit card protection system. The car was booked on the net in England, ECR are in greece, the car was collected in Italy, hence my warning to UK prospective customers.

BE WARNED

97. Re: economycarrentals .com RiIP OFF 02 August 2012, 22:15

BE AWARE!

Just avoid this company, they don't really refund you the money that their partners charge you!

I needed car in Munich, economy car rentals gave me AWFUL partner TERSTAPPEN that is trying to charge my bank account on 7000 EUR, cause usual accident is considered BY THEM as NEGLIGENCE.

Now economy car rentals, that is dealer, is just out. They wrote me "no compensation on such amount, we only refund up to 1050 EUR, but as our partner sees this accident as negligence, we won't refund you any amount".

Is that ok? YOU gave me this partner, YOU write on the voucher that partner is Thrifty/Dollar, but just at the airport desk I understand that it's Terstappen, that even had not that car type I selected...they demanded to overpay 100 EUR for another car type (if not - we don't have car for you at this moment, sorry), and also 50 EUR for diesel car (NO gas, but for diesel you need to pay TOO)...I was so tired that I paid them, but now I need to pay more.

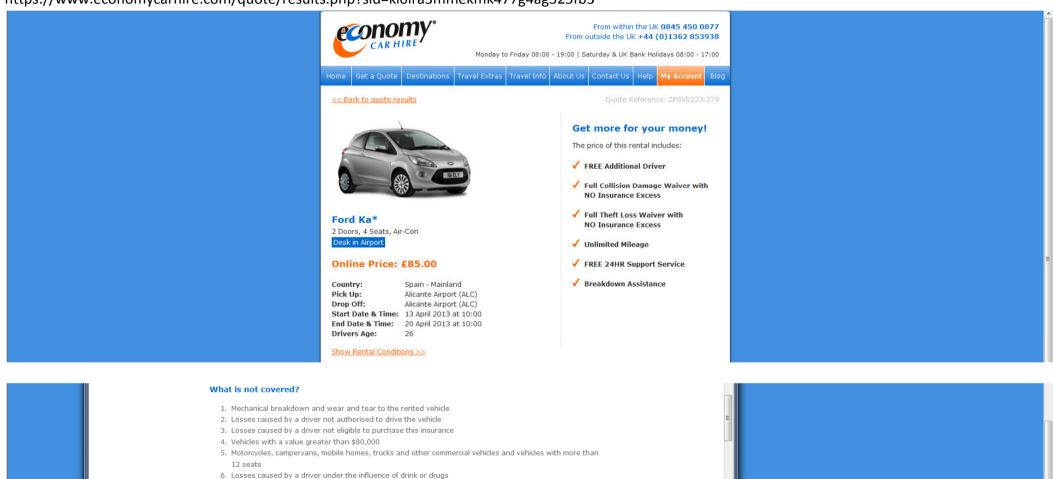
DON"T DEAL WITH ECONOMY CAR RENTAL, REALLY, DON'T REPEAT MY FAULT...=(You don't know the partner, don't have possibility to read all the contract at home, they send you to the cheapest companies they work with - that's horrible attitude and you don't know how to get out that story after, as economy car rental is just DEALER...

104. Re: economycarrentals.com RiIP OFF 13 December 2012, 11:10

I was offered a car for 99 euros ALL INCLUSIVE (insurence and with ALL THE INCLUSIVEs listed below. I knew about the fuel policy I thought it was expensive and the top of that I got charged 20% taxes. NOw my fuel was even more expensive. The Car company in MAdrid had no idea who economy car rental is and i was forced to buy full insurance I was charged taxes so my 99 euro car at this point cost me 250 euros. I true RIPP OFF. When i contacted economy car rental they tried to justify ALL the cost and they did not even try to work with me. They maded sounded like I missunderstood the the agreement however it seemed pretty clear at the time of reservation what is included and what is not.

Economy Car Hire is a broker that uses different car firms. They State that there is no excess on CDW &TC.

Small print says: **Deposit Requirements:** Full Collision Damage Waiver and Full Theft Waiver are included (with no insurance excess). Clients need to be in possession of a valid credit card to collect the vehicle. This MUST be in the name of the main driver and CANNOT be a pre-paid credit card, an AMEX card or a debit card and must have sufficient funds available. This enables the supplier to authorise a security deposit, which covers any parking or speeding fines, damage to un-insured parts of the vehicle, fuel charges if applicable, and in the unlikely event that a claim is made when the insurance has been invalidated. It says you are covered for breakdown, but in the lower box under their T&C says mechanical breakdown is not included, so confusing. https://www.economycarhire.com/quote/results.php?sid=kl0ira3mmekmk477g4ag525fb3



Comments made about economycarhire.com at review centre http://www.reviewcentre.com/Car-Hire/Economy-Car-Hire-www-economycarhire-com-review_1885685

Written on: 01/01/2013 by jonty2002: why when you book a car hire it says you have full insurance and then when you get to the desk you are persuaded to take extra cover, for what they call full cover, for example tyres etc, and if you don't they want a big deposit from you - you just get sick of it

Written on: 27/02/2013 by Nicoled: We hired a car (and purchased the most comprehensive insurance possible) from Economy Car Hire. We had an incident with the car in Portugal where my partner damaged the garage door to our hotel car park.

Our claim has been going on for nearly 5 months now (nearly \$900) as Economy Car hire told us to pay the hotel directly for the damages, they gave us the incorrect company to claim through so it was rejected. Then they gave us the correct company to claim through but they have been sitting on the claim for nearly 3 months now because they said it was incorrect procedure to pay the hotel direct (as we were instructed to do through Economy Car Hire)

We have spent nearly 5 months in total - LOTS of money and LOTS of time - calling and emailing overseas (we are now in Australia) chasing our tails and getting nowhere. I am so stressed and upset by the way this has been handled (or not handled).

We paid Economy Car Hire for the vehicle hire as well as insurance and we no longer believe we should have to wait to be reimbursed just because we were given incorrect information. Yet they refuse to take responsibility and help us, they just tell us to wait. HOW MUCH LONGER DO YOU WANT US TO WAIT?

Written on: 03/08/2012: When I placed my order I was promised good service. They recommended Centauro (Palma). We had to wait and 1hr 30mins in the hot son with two young children then a further 2hr 30mins to collect the car. The staff were not apologetic, and told us "we don't care". We then received a car (not what we ordered) which was basically smashed up. We had also paid extra for a car seat for my baby which was defective and would have been extremely dangerous for my child. We then got a puncture during our holiday and agreed a 25 euro repair with Centauro. We then arrived home to find out as soon as we had left the office in Palma they had charged us for a replacement tyre (180euros for one tyre). A disgrace. When I took this up with economy car hire they didn't care. Both companies a disgrace. I will never use them again.

Written on: 27/11/2012

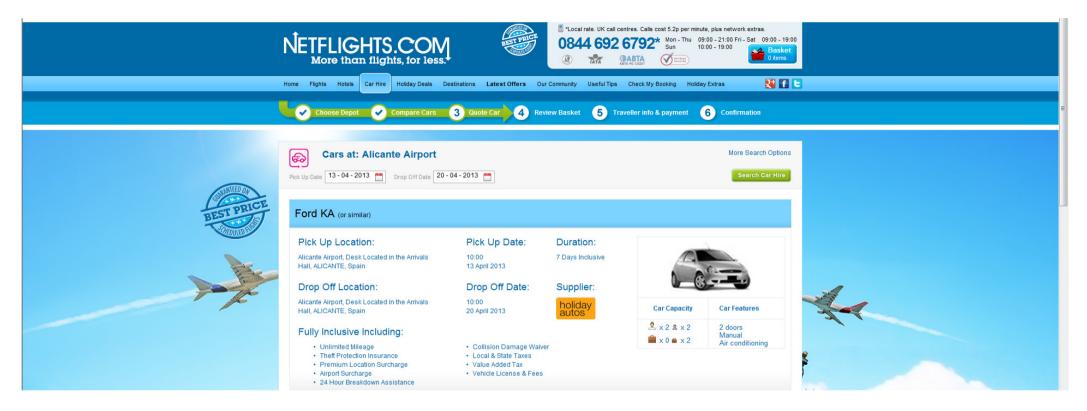
We hired a car through economycarhire.....(we thought?) at Fuerteventura Airport. I chose them because of a previous experience with them at Glasgow.

I was not aware, till completing the booking, that this company do not operate here but subcontract to HERTZ.

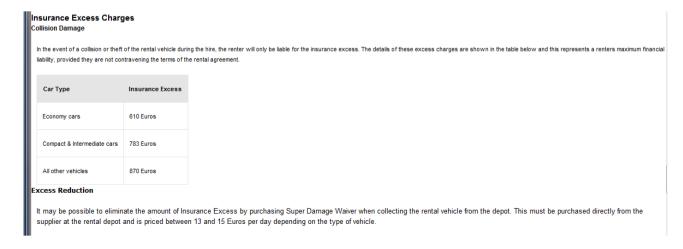
It was not as cheap as others but did claim to offer complete insurance cover with no additional excess...wrong!!!. At the end of the online booking I was offered yet another insurance option of £14 to cover windscreen tyres and underbody. Luckily we chose this option.

When arriving at the HERTZ desk it was 6 deep and it took almost an hour to get attention. I was then told I must pay 670 euro deposit against windscreen tyres and underbody, or a £38 waiver. On reading the small print later the £14 did cover this RISK but I must pay the deposit to HERTZ and claim it back from a third party insurer in the event of a claim. The rest of the hire went ok and the collection point was conveniently close and easy to find, the car was dirty outside, had done 71000 miles and had no wheel trims. HERTZ did refund my 670euros on inspection of the vehicle.

Netflights link to HolidayAutos, who in turn link to Gold Cars



Small print shows you are liable for the first 610-870 euros, but this can possibly be reduced by paying 13-15 Euros per day extra, which is presumably when you arrive.



Enjoy Car Hire. 300 Euros security deposit. No Fully Comp. They offer extra protection on some items at £4.95 per day, though will still debit your credit card..



**Please note that if you have taken the Total ENsurance offered on our website for £4.95 a day you

will not need to take any additional insurances offered by the local supplier. In the cases where Total Ensurance has been taken before arrival the excess may still be blocked on your credit card, however any charges for damage that occurs during your rental is fully refundable via our insurance

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Review centre http://www.reviewcentre.com/reviews253492.html 18/04/2012"Poor choice, even worse customer services"

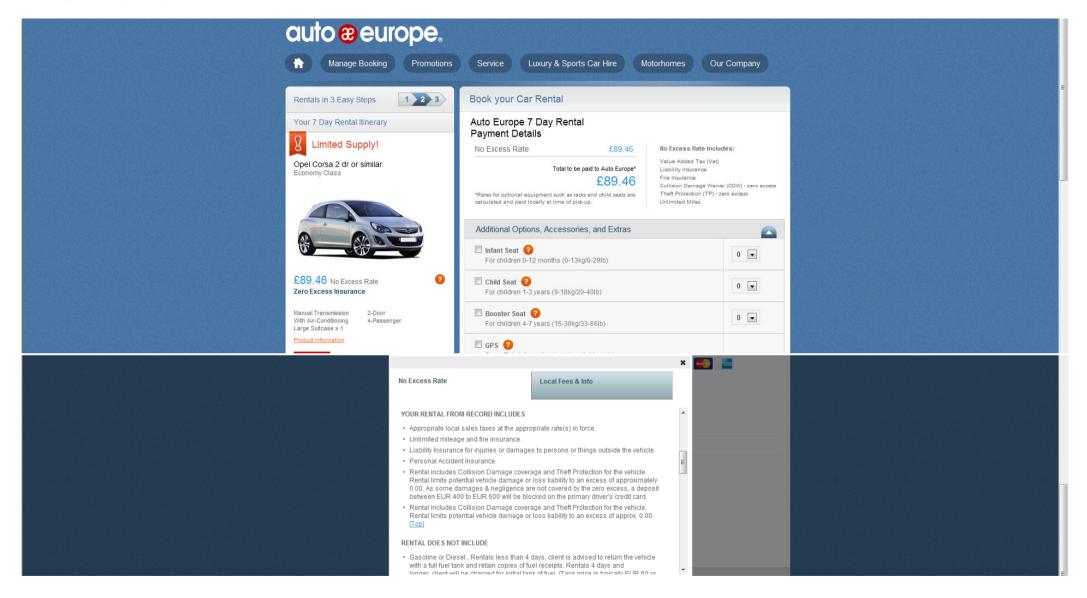
Booked car through Enjoy. Got all paperwork etc, good price and all looked good until I arrived in Malaga airport. Charged 97 Euros for a 55 litre tank of fuel, worth 77 Euros on local prices. Guy was late collecting my return, outside the main terminal. Nearly booked by Police. Cost me an international mobile call to sort. Car was adequate but with 155,000 miles on clock was hardly new!! The car did what we asked during week so not going to make any further comment on that. When I returned...

Written on: 05/10/2011 "Very poor service"

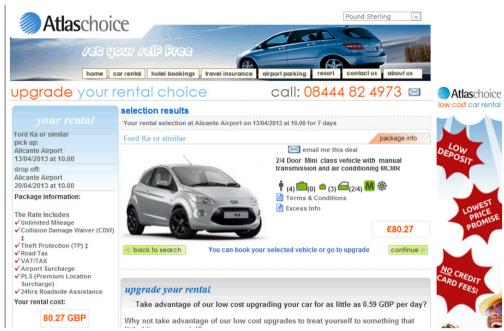
I have to agree with the other reviews on this website regarding Enjoy car Hire - who used a company called Advantage at Alicante airport (Advantage, what advantage) ...Avoid! I booked for 3 days car hire from Alicante Airport on an understanding from their own website which states you can return the car full of fuel, instead of paying for a full tank €85 - As I only had the car a few days and only planned on travelling a few hundred kilometres it would save me quite a lot of money -...

Auto Europe is a booking agent that mostly uses for example SIXT Car Rental.

Small print says deposit must be left of between 400-600 Euros to cover items not covered in the so called No Access rate.



Atlas Choice. Extras to be paid for upon arrival.



EXCESS REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE POLICY COVERAGE

In consideration of the payment of the appropriate premium, the Insurers shall reimburse you, the Insured Person, in respect of the Excess that you are obliged to pay, up to the maximum of £2,000 (or equivalent in local currency) each and every claim.

The Excess is defined as the amount for which you are held responsible under the terms of the Car Rental Agreement as a result of the loss of or damage to the Rental Vehicle, including fire, vandalism, theft and loss of use.

Written on: 25/02/2013 Review centre http://www.reviewcentre.com/Car-Hire/Atlas-Choice-www-atlaschoice-com-review_1883810 "Do not rent a car from Atlas Choice!"

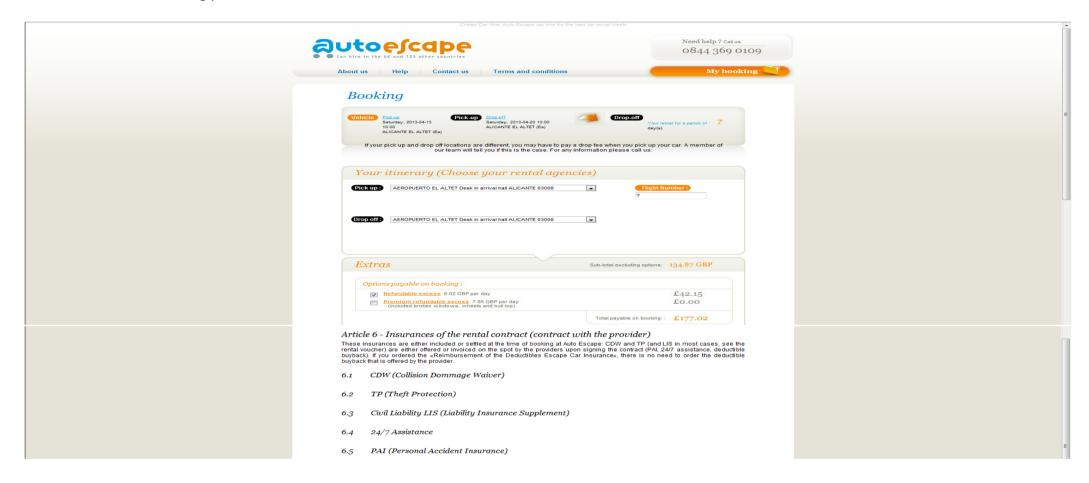
I rented a cheap car for one week costing £75. I thought, bargain! Went to collect the car and was told i had to pay £950 deposit on a credit card before i could have the car! I was not aware of this. So, i lost my £75 and had no car. It spoilt my valentines weekend and all the plans i had. Cancelled wverything planned. It turned out to be a nightmare! Taxi costs, trains fares and the loss of the rental car money all added up. I have rented a luxury car from Europear before and i only paid £300 deposit on my visa debit. Atlas choice are a rip off, stay away! I was not the only customer complaining at the office. Next time i'll go to Europear. There is no customer service because no one phoned me to ask what happened and i didnt collect the car. Fatma

Written on: 20/02/2013 Review of Atlas Choice www.atlaschoice.com

Susan Verness on comments made on http://www.attraction-tickets-direct.co.uk/forum/showthread.php?10327-Atlaschoice.com

I would be slightly concered after reading some of the reviews here: http://www.reviewcentre.com/reviews107184.html There are enough 1-Star reviews that I would trust there may be a problem. I take most review sites with a huge grain of salt, since many post 'positive' reviews for themselves and many competitors post 'negative' reviews, but when the majority are negative I'd pay attention to that. Having said that, I'm not sure if this is the right place or not, but it's what came up under Atlas Choice car hire.

Auto Escape is a broker. It does show an option to take additional premium cover, which gives personal accident (PAI) CDW and TC, though you need to ensure you follow the instructions when returning proof of accident.



Written on: 30/01/2013 Review of Auto Europe Car Hire - www.auto-europe.co.uk

"BEWARE CRIMINAL SCAM" Visit auto-europe.co.uk

BEWARE AUTO EUROPE / NIZA CARS SCAM. I booked a car through Auto Europe and ended up acquiring my vehicle from Niza Cars in Malaga, Spain. I foolishly turned down the added insurance option, as I was only driving a short distance and not using the car during my week long holiday. When I returned the car I was taken immediately to the windscreen, where a 'chip' was pointed out. Daniel, the employee, took no time to look at any other part of the car and did not even pretend to look for said chip. He simply pointed straight away to a small mark on the windscreen and told me it was damaged. They took £350 off my deposit. I have read the same story countless times from other review sites.

When I returned to the UK, Auto Europe told me they had had a problem with Niza Cars in the past. Nonetheless, they did not help me debate the case with Niza Cars and needless to say, my money is long gone.

Written on: 15/11/2012 Review of Auto Europe Car Hire - www.auto-europe.co.uk

"Worst Car Hire rip-off" Visit auto-europe.co.uk

Just came back from a trip to Tenerife where we hired a car through Auto Europe. We chose them as they were the cheapest. Big mistake. During booking trhough Internet the price for 11 days was 110 EUR and it was instantly charged from my credit card. When we went to pick the car up the longest queue was in front of Goldcar who handles Auto Europes practical details. After waiting for over an hour I was asked if I want to pay a huge deposit or take an additional insurance, which the clerk said would cost only 7 EUR. Of course I took this, gave him my credit card he asked for and signed the papers. When arriving home I found out that they had charged also my the Debet side of my Visa card with an additional 165 EUR. When complaining they supplied a breakdown:

Prepaid fuel: €79.30 EUR Upgrade: 4.41 EUR

Seguro RElax, optional insurance: €61.67 EUR VAT on above items (13.5%); €19.63 EUR

In other words they charged close to 90 EUR (79,30 VAT) for filling the tank of the Renault Megane (some 80 liters with Spanish fuel prices) and charged close to 70 EUR, instead of the promised 7 EUR on the insurance. When complaining I was just sent copies of the documents I had sadly signed myself without reading the fine print.

Helpful article about extras from the Daily Mail at

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-2002693/Holiday-car-hire-How-steer-clear-potholes.html

What does Excess mean?

When you hire a car your car rental agreement includes either Fully Comprehensive cover, or it may include components of this in the form of CDW (Collision Damage Waiver), Third Party Liability and Theft.

There is almost always an Excess on the CDW and Theft part of the car rental agreement. This means that in the event of theft or damage to the rental vehicle, you must pay the first portion of the cost to the car rental company. The amount of excess varies from country to country and company to company.

What does No excess mean?

Renters should however be aware that this does not mean that the car can be returned at the end of the rental entirely without worry. The following items would still be charged for depending on the small print:

Damages to the tyre and wheels, interior, roof, underside of the vehicle, lights and windscreen, wing mirrors, key, locks, aerials, vehicle documents, registration number plates and any additional equipment provided with the vehicle.

Forum thread extracts from the MoneySavingexpert link about Gold Car at http://forums.moneysavingexpert.com/showthread.php?t=2744712

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■19-07-2012, 1:54 PM

MoneySaving Newbie

Gold Car Rental

Join Date: Jul 2012

Posts: 1

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I had the misfortune to use them this year on my trip to Spain.

I booked via Holiday Autos and took out the extra insurance with Hoilday autos for £50.00 which is their total waiver policy.

On arrival at the desk with Goldcar, They tell me this insurance is no good and I MUST take out their one for an extra 60 euros.

After much arguing, I am told I must leave a deposit of 300 euros if I dont take it out.

Not the start I wanted at the start of my much needed holiday, so just paid the extra. Plus of course their rip off charge for the full tank of petrol.

Currently still waiting to see if Holiday Autos refund me anything, and have informed them that Goldcar Rentals tell their customers their insuance they sell is no good.

Oh, and whilst I was there for aprox 45 mins, I was one of three brits who were all involved in disputes with them.

sabinal

■18-11-2011, 11:32 AM

MoneySaving Newbie

Join Date: Nov 2011 Posts: 1 Thanked 0 Times in 0 Posts



If you do not take out full insurance with this companies insurance at 35 euro per week. You will be in for avery large bill if you breakdown,

they say roadside assistance(IMPLYING AA OR RAC) but only if you have there insurance. When i picked up the car it had a small dent in the rear passenger door but nothing stating this on booking form VERY DODGY i informed the only man issuing keys, who said DON T WORRY ABOUT IT(O YES). I always get my wife to video my inspection of cars i hire, and also the reporting of the damage to the goldcar employee in case goldcar say it was damage by myself.

On returning the car to malaga airport there was only one man in the goldcar portacabin office who only wanted the keys and would not come out and inspect the car. Again this is wide open for goldcar to

levy a charge for any damage they say was caused by myself,or after the date of return when the car is refuelled (THAT S A RIP OF TO FOR FUEL) Hope this helps other hirer s of cars from GOLDCAR

niblo

■05-11-2010, 3:02 PM

MoneySaving Newbie

Goldcar Rental Spain

Join Date: Jul 2006

Posts: 1

I have just returned from Spain where I hired a car through Goldcar at Jerez Airport (through Auto Europe).

Thanked 0 Times in 0

Posts

I had the standard CDW provided through Goldcar.

I had an accident, which was not my fault but the other party did not stop. The car was a write off. When I got to the airport to make an accident report at the Goldcar desk 2 days later, (after getting out of hospital) they had already taken 4000 euros from my credit card.

Having spoken to MBNA upon arriving home I am told that they can carry on taking money out of my account to fund "repairs" even though the car has been written off. MBNA will get their fraud department involved if the firm cannot provide a breakdown of the figures.

The last email from the hire company states that the "repairs" will cost 12000 euros and that I am not covered for these damages by their insurance! HELP! Does anyone have any ideas about what I can do?

All the searches from Travel Supermarket show car rental firms without Fully Comp as at 20/2/13

http://www.travelsupermarket.com/CarHire/CarHireResults.aspx?aggregationid=575500000000756434&c=16&a=366&l=666



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