

Car Rental Vehicle Options

When going through the process of renting a vehicle, one step involves choosing the class you'll be driving. A lot of people aren't entirely sure what this means, and let themselves be sold on a higher priced option than what they need. There are three main types of options:

Economy - Economy cars are the smallest of the car rental choices. These are also the most fuel efficient, which has made them an increasingly popular choice in recent years. While economy cars appeal to the gas budget conscious they do not hold as much weight if storage space is a big concern.

Economy cars can generally accommodate four adults and one small bag, one medium bag and one large suitcase. These cars can come in either a 2 or 4-door version and include such models as a Hyundai Accent or Ford Focus.

Compact - Compact rental cars are a bit larger than economy sized rental cars. They usually can fit 5 people and can accommodate 2 small bags, 2 medium bags and 1 large suitcase. The Chevrolet Cobalt is one example of a compact car that you may receive if you book this size vehicle at your rental agency.

Intermediate - The next step up after the compact size car is the intermediate size rental car. This class of vehicle fits 5 individuals and has room for slightly more luggage as the compact rental car.

The Hyundai Sonata or Pontiac G6 may be your rental car if you choose to go with the intermediate size vehicle. Generally, it will be more of a "luxury vehicle" than the compact.

Full Size - The full size vehicle, such as a Ford Taurus or Chevrolet Impala, is the next size up and it is a great family car. It also holds 5 individuals but has enough room in the car for two large suitcases as opposed to the intermediate class of vehicle which only has enough storage room for one suitcase of that size.

If stretching room and leg room are a priority, this is probably the class you want to look at for the most comfortable travel experience.

Keep in mind that each rental car company has their own selection with regard to vehicle makes and models. If you are looking for a specific type of vehicle, make sure you call ahead to see what they have available for your particular needs and time-frame.

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