

USA Rv Rental Frequently Asked questions:

How much does it cost to rent an rv in America?

The costs of rv rental in America are broken down into the following charges

1. Daily rate (the cost of hiring the vehicle)

2. The Mileage. You have to pre-select the number of miles that you may use the vehicle for on your holiday. If you think you are going to use around 2000 miles then select 4 x 500 mile packs. If you are hiring for a long time, say over three weeks then unlimited mileage may be a better option. (Look out for discounted mileage packs or discounted unlimited miles)

I use google maps to do a rough calculation on how many miles I am likely to travel. If you go just over the 500 mile packs then just pay the extra on return as this works out at around 0.35c per mile.

3. Vehicle Kit. This is the pots and pans, crockery and cutlery and general cleaning equipment. Many locals just take their own and you can save if you want to just buy it when you get there. You may need to check if the gas bottle (that's the cooking gas and not the fuel in the vehicle) is full.

4. Personal Kit. This is the bedding and usually includes sheets, pillows and duvets. If you take your own you can easily save here. Or, perhaps buy locally at one of the many big supermarkets.

5. Camp chairs. Hire if you want to sit outside the camper. Or buy your own when you get on the road.

6. Child restraints. These are supplied with some companies but you will have to fit them yourself as they won't take responsibility. You may want to take your own.

7. Generator package. Generators are usually built into the vehicle and you pay either per day or per hour's usage. You only need a generator if you are considering free camping or you know there are no "hook-up" facilities.

8. What are "hook-ups"? This is when you attach your campervan/motorhome or rv to an electrical point. Most of the vehicle is powered by a battery pack that is separate to the main engine battery but this will only power lights and small appliances. You will need to hook up when you are in one place for any length of time and also to power micro-waves etc.

9. SLI. Supplemental Liability Insurance is separate to the cover that is included in the vehicle hire rates. This insurance will cover any damage to any third party that is caused by the vehicle for up to \$1M. It is worth considering this option.

10. The Insurance Deductible. This is the standard insurance included in the daily hire. The insurance excess is usually around the US\$1000.00 mark. Please check your own insurance cover to see if it includes cover for this excess. You are liable for any damage up to US\$1000.00. A security deposit is taken at the start of your hire to cover this excess.

11. Security deposit. You will need to leave a security bond. If you have taken out extra insurance then the bond is only applied to make sure the vehicle is returned in a good and clean condition to the correct location. If the insurance excess is US\$1000.00 then you will need to leave this as a security deposit on your credit card. Please note that cash or debit cards are not acceptable.

12. What type of vehicles can I hire in the USA?



These are the cheapest and are small sleeper cars or vans. They have basic cooking facilities and a big double bed in the back. Petrol driven and usually automatic transmission.

They have room for 2 people to sleep in.

Vehicle Specifications

Make/model- GMC Safari or Chevy Astro

Engine- 4.3 Liter, V6

Automatic transmission

Fuel consumption- 16 city / 22 hwy mpg.

Passenger capacity- 2

2 Seatbelts

Living Features

Picnic table & camping chairs

Cooking and kitchen equipment

R.V. awning for added living space

Fresh linen

Portable ice cooler

Air conditioning

Stereo w/ CD player

Tinted windows

Storage under bed:- 6' x 4' x 12"

sink

5 gallon water storage

5 gallon waste water tank

interior dining table

Sleeping Configuration

1 double bed- 6' x 4.5' (with extra space at end of bed to stretch out).

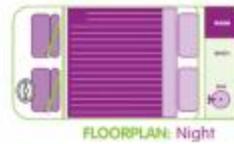
Vehicle Dimensions

Length - 16'

Width - 6.5'

Height - 6.25' (plus an extra 5 ins with the RV awning).

4 berth camping car



This is the cheapest option for four people. The Jucy 4 berth has two people sleeping in the roof area and two in the rear of the vehicle. This vehicle has basic cooking facilities.

Specifications

Vehicle: Chrysler Town & Country

Seats: 4 x Seatbelts

Sleeps: 2 x Double Beds (1 interior, 1 in roof pod)

Year: 2010

Fitout: Custom Built Interior in 2012

Power: Dual 12v Battery System

Engine Size: 3.3 litre, 6 cylinder

Fuel usage: +/- 10-14l / 100km

+/- 2.6-3.6gal / 62mi

Fuel Tank: 60L (15.8gal)

Petrol: Regular Unleaded

Transmission: Automatic

Features

Dual Gas Cooker

35L (9gal) Compressor Fridge

Sink with Tap and Drain

20L (5.2gal) Cold Water Tank

25L (6.6gal) Waste Water Tank

Internal Table

External Picnic Table

LCD-TV / DVD player

CD player and radio

2 Bench Seats

Blinds on all Windows

Storage Space Under Benches

Luggage: 2 Large + 2 Small

Power Steering and ABS

Air Conditioning in Cabin

Automatic Gearbox
Petrol Engine

Bed Dimensions

Penthouse roof pod bed (access from outside only) - 1.98m x 1.20m / 6' 6" x 3' 11"
2 bench seats - that convert to double bed - 1.84m x 1.20m / 6' x 3' 11"

These are other 2-4 berth small campers for hire in the USA. They don't have a shower or toilet on board.



The smallest 2 berth with a shower and toilet is the Euro Tourer.



VEHICLE

Ford Make/Model
2 seatbelts in driver's Cabin
132L/35gal fuel capacity
Approx. 14-16 miles p/gal fuel consumption
Automatic transmission
Power steering
Radio & CD player
Rear vision camera
Generator

BABY / BOOSTER SEAT

No baby seat or booster seat can be fitted in this vehicle

COOK

3 burner gas stove
Ample bench & pantry space
Cooking utensils provided
Crockery & cutlery provided
Microwave
Fridge(2.8ft3) / Freezer
Sink

LIVE

76L/20 gal water tank
Hot water supply
12/110 Volt Electricity
Dual Battery
Air conditioning/heating in driver's and main cabin
Fire Extinguisher
Spacious dining/living area
Internal walk through access
LCD TV & DVD player
Sink & vanity mirror
Shower
Toilet

SLEEP

1 Double bed: 76in x 65in

This is a compact economical vehicle. The rates are based on "flex rates" which change every week. Book early to get really cheap rates on this camper. It is only available on the West Coast from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver and Las Vegas.

The next size up is the 2-3 berth C-19 the Compact RV with shower and toilet from Cruise America. Book really early just to get this one at a cheap rate as they are very popular with the locals.



Features

Late model vehicles
Ford V-8 chassis engine
2 wheel drive
Automatic transmission
Power steering
Power assisted brakes
Cruise control
Air conditioning in driver's cabin and roof
Furnace
Generator
AM/FM radio and stereo
Single rear tires
Baby/Booster Seat Fitting: with lapbelt

Tank capacities

Water heater - 6 gal / 22L
Fresh water - 20.5 gal / 76L
Grey water - 18 gal / 68L
Black water - 17 gal / 64L
Gasoline - 40 gal / 151L
LP Gas - 11 gal / 42L

Kitchen and bathroom

Refrigerator/freezer (LP Gas / electric)
Cooktop - 2 LP Gas burners
Microwave oven - 110-volt
Combination shower
Fresh water flush toilet
Sink

Sleeping

Cab Over: 37" x 72" / 0.94 x 1.83 m
Bed in roof canopy: 60" x 84" / 1.52 x 2.13 m

The 4 berth campervans or motorhomes are somewhere between 19 foot and 22 feet in length. These often have a fixed double bed at the rear of the vehicle and are popular with families or couples who don't want to making up the bed each night. Great for going to a festival such as the Burning Man.

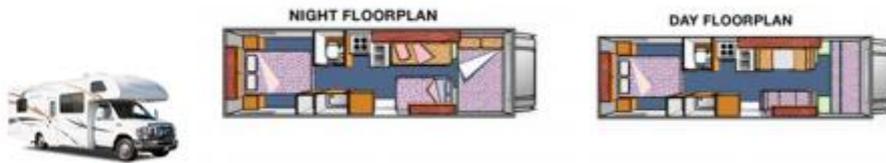


The C-25 is a popular 2-berth, 4-berth or 5-berth with a fixed bed or ideal for a small family of 4 to 5. (the 25 refers to the length of the rv)



These vehicles have a shower room with toilet and full kitchen.

The C-28 is a great 4 + 2 vehicle:



This extended version of a cab-over style RV, with a length of up to 29', is truly a home away from home and great for a family/group of up to 4 adults and 2 children.

Vehicle Specifications:

4 speed overdrive automatic transmission
Cruise control, power steering & brakes
Generator and auxiliary battery
Vehicle length: 27' - 29' (8.2 - 8.8 meters)
Interior height: 79" (2 meters)
Interior width: 96" (2.43 meters)
Ford / Chevy chassis

Bed dimensions (sleeps up to 4 adults and 2 children):

Couch: L 68" x W 42" (172 cm x 106 cm)
Cab-over: L 76" x W 54" (193 cm x 137 cm) and clearance is 27" (68 cm)
Dinette: L 74" x W 42" (188 cm x 106 cm)
Permanent: L 74" x W 60" (187 cm x 152 cm)

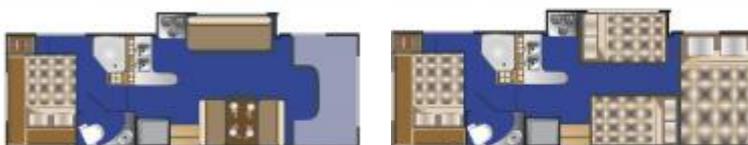
Kitchen, bathroom and living:

Wash basin, shower and toilet
Water heater
Range (stove), microwave, refrigerator and kitchen sink
Cab and ducted roof air conditioning (please note - roof air requires mains or generator power to run)
AM/FM Radio with CD
Heater and thermostat
12V interior lighting

Tank capacities:

Water Heater: 6 gal (22 ltr.)
Fresh Water: 30 gal (113 ltr.)
Sewage water: 37 gal (140 ltr.)
Propane Tank: 14 gal (53 ltr.)
Gasoline Tanks: 55 gal (208 ltr.)

And then there are the Slide-outs. The slide out area provides much more living area when parked up. This is a **single slide-out** for 4 people.



TV/DVD and slide-out room for extra comfort!

FEATURES

Seat belts: 7
Sleeps up: 7
Suggested occupancy: 6
V8/V10 automatic
Cruise control
AM/FM
CD player / MP3 port
Dash AC
3 stove burner
Microwave
Oven
2 way fridge
Freezer
110V hookup
Roof A/C
Shower inside
Hot water
Sink
Furnace
Flush toilet
Generator
Awning
TV / DVD
Slide-out
Hitch
Bike carrier possible
Cabover child safety net yes
Child seat tether anker 1

Fuel tank gallon/liter: 55 / 210
Gas mileage mpg: 7-10
Liter/100km: 25-35
Fresh water gallon/liter: 56 / 210
Grey water gallon / liter: 25 / 95
Black water gallon / liter: 29 / 110

Bed dimensions

Cab over bed : 88"x56" / 224x142 cm
Sofa bed: 66"x43" / 168x109 cm
Dinette bed: 68x42" / 173x107 cm
Rear bed: 75"x60" / 190x152 cm

Vehicle dimensions

Exterior width without mirror: 100" / 254 cm
Exterior height incl. AC: 11'2" / 340 cm
Interior height(max.): 6'10" / 208 cm

The next size up is the C30 that will sleep 6 adults comfortably. These also can have a slide-out and a fixed double bed at the rear.



If you're travelling with a family/group of up to 4 adults and 2 children then this is the vehicle for you. The CS30 is the largest in the supplier's range of cab-over style RVs and includes a slide out facility for that extra living room when you stop for the day.

Vehicle specifications:

5 speed overdrive automatic transmission
 Cruise control, power steering and brakes
 Generator and auxiliary battery
 Vehicle length: 30' - 31' (9.1 - 9.4 meters)
 Interior height: 79" (200 cm)
 Interior width: 96" (243 cm)
 Ford chassis

Bed dimensions (sleeps up to 4 adults and 2 children):

Cab-over: L 76" x W 54" (193 cm x 137 cm) and clearance is 27" (68 cm)
 Sofa: L 60" x W 42" (152 cm x 106 cm)
 Dinette: L 68" x W 42" (172 cm x 106 cm)
 Permanent: L 74" x W 60" (187 cm x 152 cm)

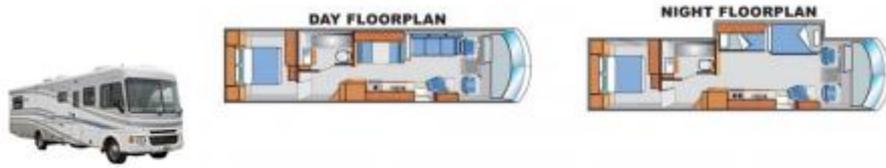
Kitchen, bathroom and living:

Wash basin, shower and toilet
 Water heater
 Range (stove), microwave, refrigerator and kitchen sink
 Cab and ducted roof air conditioning (please note, the roof air requires mains or generator power to run)
 AM/FM Radio with CD
 Heater and thermostat
 12V interior lighting

Tank capacities:

Water heater: 6 gal / 22 L
 Fresh water: 35 gal / 132 L
 Sewage tanks: 35 gal / 132 L
 Propane: 14 gal / 53 L
 Gasoline: 55 gal / 208 L

The large A-Class can be for four to six people. This gives you a large amount of space inside and you don't have the double bed above the cab. Great windows for seeing the sights.



Vehicle specifications:

5 speed overdrive automatic transmission
 Cruise control, power steering and brakes
 Generator & auxiliary battery
 Vehicle length: 32' - 34' (9.7 - 10.4 meters)
 Interior height: 79" (200 cm)
 Interior width: 96" (243 cm)
 Ford / Chevy chassis.

Bed dimensions (sleeps up to 3 adults and 1 child)

Bedroom: L 74" x W 60" (188 m x 152 cm)
 Couch: L 68" x W 40" (172 cm x 101 cm)
 Dinette: L 67" x W 42" (170 cm x 106 cm)

Kitchen, bathroom and living:

Wash basin, shower & toilet
 Water heater
 Range (stove), microwave, refrigerator and kitchen sink
 Cab and ducted roof air conditioning (please note, roof air requires mains or generator power to run)
 AM/FM Radio with CD, Color TV
 Heater
 12V interior lighting

Tank capacities:

Water Heater: 6 gal (22 ltr.)
 Fresh Water: 60 gal (227 ltr)
 Black Water: 38 gal (143 ltr)
 Grey Water: 45 gal (170 ltr)
 Propane Tank: 14 gal (53 ltr)
 Gasoline Tanks: 75 gal (283 ltr)

These are just a few of the types of each style of vehicle. Some are older and so cheaper and the insurance can also be reduced for older vehicles. The best way to get a cheaper price on rv rental is definitely to book early. You really need to book early for big events too.

Where can I camp with my motorhome?

There are campsites right across America such as KOA (www.koa.com) and the National Parks have great campsites in the most spectacular areas.

<http://www.allstays.com/Campgrounds/campgrounds.htm>

<http://www.trailerlifedirectory.com/Default.aspx>

<http://www.reserveamerica.com/>

<http://www.gocampingamerica.com/>

<http://www.yellowstonenationalparklodges.com/>

<http://www.americasstateparks.org/>

Book early for the national park sites as these are booked up really early especially in the summer and school holidays.

You can camp overnight for free in many of the Walmart stores car parks.

<http://www.allstays.com/c/wal-mart-locations.htm>

You can also overnight in some truck stops. <http://www.allstays.com/c/truck-stop-locations.htm>

This is another link for overnight camping for free <http://www.overnightrvparking.com/>

This is quite a useful site for dump-stations (when you have to empty out your tanks)

<http://www.rvdumps.com/dumpstations/>

Many of these sites now have apps that you can download.

One way hires incur a one way fee in most cases so if you plan to do a round-trip then you will save on these fees.

You can take your rv into Canada but you are not able to pick up in the USA and drop the vehicle off in Canada or vice versa even if it is with a company that has depots in both countries.

If you want to do a one way hire between California and Vancouver then consider dropping off in Bellingham on the border.

Sundays. If the depot is open on a Sunday and this is unlikely, then you will probably be charged for collecting or dropping your motorhome back on a Sunday.

You must overnight in a hotel before collecting your campervan if you have been on a long-haul flight.

Please note the pick up and drop off times when you book your campervan. These are limited depending on the company that you choose to hire with.

There is also minimum number of days that you can hire for especially in peak seasons.

There are no refunds for early returns. There are discounts for longer hires and for early booking.

There can be extra driver charges too.

Breakdown cover. This is included in the hire rates.

Ask us for help in finding the best price for renting an rv in America as we are here to help. You can email us or give us a call.