

The Rising Cost of Last Minute Car Hire – Carrentals.co.uk



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Carrentals.co.uk urges customers to book in advance to avoid paying elevated charges for car hire this summer

23 March 2011 – Top price comparison website Carrentals.co.uk is advising British travellers who want to hire people carriers and MPVs this summer to act quickly. A high demand is anticipated during the school holidays, which should cause rental costs to soar.

Carrentals.co.uk's figures suggest that the best way to save money on your choice of large vehicle is by booking early. Prices could rise by as much as 50% in the next few months, especially in popular destinations such as Malaga, Paris and Nice, while the cost of hiring a vehicle at the moment is still relatively low.

If [car rental prices in Alicante](#) mirror those of last August, they can be expected to almost double in the next six months, rising from the current price of just £16* a day to as much as £31.

This was confirmed recently by Carrentals.co.uk Managing Director Gareth Robinson, who commented: "Hiring an MPV or a people carrier has become rather popular in the last few years, as groups of friends and family get together to share their holidays along with the cost of vehicle hire.

"[Booking car hire early](#) can make a huge difference to your costs, as the difference in prices between March and August could be as much as £150, which was certainly the case last year."

This is the perfect time to arrange car hire for August, as the current prices start from just £18* per day from Larnaca Airport, dropping to £17* per day when you collect your desired vehicle from [Malaga Airport](#).

"What's more," adds Gareth. "Booking early allows motorists to take their pick from additional extras such as children's seat and navigation systems, which tend to sell out fast during the busy summer season."

Carrentals.co.uk is the UK's leading car hire comparison site, comparing deals from brands including Alamo, Auto Europe, Budget, Holiday Autos and Sixt. To compare the latest half term car hire deals visit www.carrentals.co.uk.
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*Prices based on a one-week rental from 20 August 2011 and are subject to change.

About Carrentals.co.uk

Carrentals.co.uk was launched in February 2003 and grew to become one of the UK's leading online car hire companies by 2006.

In 2007 the company re-launched its site to create the first major online price comparator in the travel industry. Using the latest technology the Carrentals.co.uk site now searches up to 50 different car hire websites, providing an impartial comparison of the best prices available in over 10,000 locations.

Websites searched include Alamo, Auto Europe, Budget, Ebookers, Hertz, Holiday Autos, Opodo, Sixt and Thrifty, with the Carrentals.co.uk site quickly comparing prices and allowing customers to refine their search by car type.

The Carrentals.co.uk site also features over 5,000 pages of travel information in a mini-guide format.

In 2008 Carrentals.co.uk was voted Best Car Hire Website in the Travolution Awards, and in 2010 it was Highly Commended in the Best Meta-search/Price Comparison category. To book or for further information visit www.carrentals.co.uk

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