

ROAD TRIP ESSENTIALS

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New England Driving Guide

Scenic, generally well-maintained roads make New England a delightful road-trip destination. Let us answer all your driving-related questions, including where to park your car.

Driving Fast Facts

- ➔ **Right or left?** Drive on the right
- ➔ **Legal driving age** 16
- ➔ **Manual or automatic?** Most rental cars come with automatic transmission
- ➔ **Top speed limit** 75mph (on interstate in rural Maine)
- ➔ **Best bumper sticker** 'Wicked Cool Bumpah Stickah'

DRIVER'S LICENSE & DOCUMENTS

All drivers must carry a driver's license, the car registration and proof of insurance. If your license is not in English, you will need an official translation or an International Driving Permit (IDP).

INSURANCE

Liability All drivers are required to obtain a minimum amount of liability insurance, which would cover the damage that you might cause to other people and property in case of an accident. Liability insurance can be purchased from rental-car companies for about \$12 per day.

Collision For damage to the rental vehicle, a collision damage waiver (CDW) is available from the rental company for about \$18 a day.

Alternative sources Your personal auto insurance may extend to rental cars, so it's worth investigating before purchasing liability or collision from the rental company. Additionally, some credit cards offer reimbursement coverage for collision damages if you rent the car with that credit card; again, check before departing. Most credit-card coverage isn't valid for rentals of more than 15 days or for exotic models, SUVs, vans and 4WD vehicles.

RENTING A CAR

Rental cars are readily available at regional airports and in major towns. Rates usually include unlimited mileage. Dropping off the car at a different location from where you picked it up usually incurs an additional fee. It always pays to shop around between rental companies, utilizing price-comparison websites.

Renting a car without a major credit card is difficult, if not impossible. Without one, some agencies simply will not rent vehicles, while others require prepayment, a deposit slightly higher than the cost of your rental, pay stubs, proof of round-trip airfare and more.

The following companies operate in New England:

Alamo (☎844-341-8645; www.alamo.com)

Avis (☎800-633-3469; www.avis.com)

Budget (☎800-218-7992; www.budget.com)

Dollar (☎800-800-3665; www.dollar.com)

Enterprise (☎844-362-0812; www.enterprise.com)