

# Rental Cars

I will be taking my first travel assignment in a few months. I would like to rent a car (because I do not want to add too many miles on my car), but I'm not sure how all the details work with car rentals and the company. If I choose to rent a car will I get reimbursed or will the company reimburse me partially or not at all? How much assistance with a car rental can I expect to receive or is it better to drive my car?

Traveling does take a lot of wearing on your car. You will gain lots of miles on your cars along with lots of memorable experiences. In general, it is considered one of the prices to pay for being able to travel.

On the other hand, traveling makes up for this in many ways by paying more per hour of work than most permanent staff positions, pay for mileage to and from your assignments, and many additional tax benefits that are not allowed for people working and living at home. Some of the tax benefits can apply to your car as well. This is why it is important to find a travel tax specialist who knows your situation and makes sure you maximize on all your tax advantages.

Getting a rental car is one of those negotiable benefits. What I mean is that rental cars, in general, are not part of the standard travel contract. Rental cars are usually provided in places such as Hawaii and Alaska. However, sometimes, depending on the company and your situation, you may be able to negotiate for a rental car. For instance, if you already have health insurance and don't need the company to provide it for you, you may be able to negotiate that they give you a rental car in place of health insurance and something else. It's worth a try.

Don't forget the power of negotiation. Be reasonable and flexible and they may work with you. They definitely want you to come to work for them so they make money. They have to make a certain amount though to make it worth it. Some companies give their recruiters more negotiation power than others as well.

Regardless, don't let your car slow you down or block your travels. You will miss out on many opportunities and adventures doing that. Being on the road is a wonderful experience for most.