

CAR RENTAL AGREEMENT

For the short-term rental of a motor vehicle

Rental Agreement No.: _____

This Car Rental Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into as of ____ day of _____, 20____ (the "Effective Date"), by and between:

OWNER / RENTAL COMPANY ("Owner")

Legal Name	
Business Address	
Tax ID / Reg. No.	
Authorized Representative	
Email	
Telephone	

RENTER ("Renter")

Full Legal Name	
Home Address	
Date of Birth	
Driver's License No. / State / Country	
License Expiry Date	
Email	
Telephone	

ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED DRIVER (Optional)

Full Legal Name	
Driver's License No. / State / Country	
License Expiry Date	
Relationship to Renter	

The Owner and Renter are referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

VEHICLE DETAILS

Make / Model / Year	
Color	
License Plate No.	
VIN	
Transmission	
Fuel Type	

1. Rental Period

The Owner agrees to rent the Vehicle to the Renter for the period below (the “Rental Period”):

Pick-up Date and Time	
Pick-up Location	
Return Date and Time	
Return Location	

If the Vehicle is not returned by the date and time set forth above, the Renter shall pay an additional fee of \$_____ per _____ (hour/day) and may be considered in default under Article 11.

2. Rental Charges and Payment

The Renter agrees to pay the following charges:

Item	Rate	Amount
Base Rental Rate (per day/week)		
Mileage Charge (per mile/km over limit)		
Additional Driver Fee		
Young / Senior Driver Surcharge		
Optional Insurance / Damage Waiver		
GPS / Child Seat / Other Equipment		
Taxes and Surcharges		

Item	Rate	Amount
Other: _____		
TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES		

2.1 Security Deposit. The Renter shall pay or authorize a hold of \$_____ as a refundable security deposit, returnable within ____ (__) days after return of the Vehicle, less any amounts owed under this Agreement.

2.2 Payment Method. Charges shall be paid by _____ (e.g., credit card on file, cash, bank transfer). The Renter authorizes the Owner to charge any unpaid amounts to the Renter’s payment method on file.

2.3 Late Charges. Unpaid balances shall accrue interest at ____% per month or the maximum rate permitted by law.

3. Mileage and Fuel

	Pick-up	Return
Odometer Reading		
Fuel Level (E / ¼ / ½ / ¾ / F)		

3.1 Mileage Allowance. The Renter is allowed ____ miles/km per day, included in the base rate. Additional usage shall be charged at the per-mile/km rate set out in Article 2.

3.2 Fuel Policy. The Vehicle shall be returned with the same fuel level as at pick-up. Otherwise, the Renter shall pay \$_____ per gallon/liter for missing fuel, plus a refueling service fee of \$_____.

4. Permitted Use of the Vehicle

The Renter shall use the Vehicle only for lawful, personal, or business transportation purposes and shall not:

- (a) Drive while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any impairing substance;
- (b) Use the Vehicle to transport passengers or property for hire (e.g., rideshare or commercial delivery) unless expressly permitted in writing;
- (c) Race, off-road drive, or use the Vehicle in any speed contest or driving instruction;
- (d) Tow or push any vehicle or trailer;
- (e) Carry more passengers than the number of seat belts;
- (f) Transport hazardous, illegal, or improperly packaged materials;

- (g) Allow any person other than the Renter or an Additional Authorized Driver listed above to operate the Vehicle;
- (h) Take the Vehicle outside of _____ (e.g., the country, state, province) without the Owner’s prior written consent;
- (i) Smoke or vape inside the Vehicle (a cleaning fee of \$_____ shall apply for violations).

5. Renter Eligibility and Representations

The Renter represents and warrants that the Renter (and any Additional Authorized Driver): (a) is at least _____ years of age; (b) holds a valid, unexpired driver’s license; (c) has not had their license suspended, revoked, or restricted within the past _____ years; and (d) has the legal authority to enter into this Agreement.

6. Condition of Vehicle and Inspection

The Renter accepts the Vehicle in its current condition. Existing damage is recorded in the diagram or notes below. Any new damage discovered upon return that was not noted at pick-up shall be the Renter’s responsibility, subject to applicable insurance or damage waiver.

CONDITION NOTES — PICK-UP

Exterior	
Interior	
Tires / Wheels	
Other	

CONDITION NOTES — RETURN

Exterior	
Interior	
Tires / Wheels	
Other	

7. Insurance

7.1 The Renter is responsible for maintaining valid insurance covering the Vehicle and any third-party liability, to the extent required by applicable law.

7.2 The Owner offers the following optional coverages, accepted or declined by the Renter as initialed below:

Coverage	Daily Rate	Accept (Initial)	Decline (Initial)
Collision Damage Waiver (CDW)			
Liability Insurance Supplement			
Personal Accident Insurance			
Personal Effects Coverage			
Roadside Assistance			

7.3 If the Renter declines optional damage/liability coverage, the Renter shall be fully responsible for any damage to or loss of the Vehicle and for any third-party claims, subject to applicable law.

8. Damage, Loss, and Theft

The Renter shall promptly notify the Owner and, where required, the police of any accident, damage, loss, theft, or vandalism involving the Vehicle, and shall cooperate in any investigation. The Renter shall not admit fault or settle any third-party claim without the Owner’s prior written consent. Failure to notify or to provide a police report (where applicable) may void any insurance or damage waiver and shift full responsibility to the Renter.

9. Maintenance and Mechanical Issues

The Renter shall check fluid levels, tire pressure, and warning lights as a reasonable user would, and shall stop driving immediately if a warning light or mechanical problem appears. The Renter shall not perform or authorize repairs without the Owner’s prior written consent. The Owner shall reimburse pre-approved, reasonable repair costs upon presentation of itemized receipts.

10. Tickets, Tolls, and Fines

The Renter is responsible for all parking tickets, traffic violations, toll charges, and related administrative fees incurred during the Rental Period. The Owner may charge an administrative fee of \$_____ for processing each such item.

11. Default and Repossession

The Renter is in default if the Renter (a) fails to return the Vehicle by the return date and time, (b) provides false information, (c) violates Article 4 (Permitted Use), or (d) fails to pay amounts when due. Upon default, the Owner may, to the extent permitted by law, recover possession of the Vehicle (including by repossession at the Renter’s expense), terminate this Agreement, and pursue all amounts due plus reasonable collection costs and attorneys’ fees.

12. Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Renter shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner from any claims, damages, fines, losses, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of (a) the Renter's use of the Vehicle, (b) any breach of this Agreement, or (c) the acts or omissions of the Renter or any Additional Authorized Driver, except to the extent caused by the Owner's negligence or willful misconduct.

13. Limitation of Liability

Except as required by applicable law, the Owner shall not be liable for any indirect, incidental, or consequential damages, including loss of personal property left in the Vehicle. The Owner's total liability under this Agreement shall not exceed the total rental charges paid by the Renter.

14. Privacy and Telematics

The Vehicle may be equipped with GPS, telematics, or other location- and usage-tracking technology. The Renter consents to the collection and use of such data by the Owner for safety, theft recovery, contract enforcement, and insurance purposes, in accordance with applicable privacy laws.

15. Governing Law and Dispute Resolution

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of _____, without regard to its conflict of laws principles. The Parties agree to first attempt to resolve any dispute through good-faith negotiation, and if unresolved within ____ (___) days, by _____ (e.g., mediation, arbitration, or the courts of [jurisdiction]).

16. General Provisions

16.1 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including any attached schedules, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior discussions on its subject.

16.2 Amendments. Modifications must be in writing and signed by both Parties.

16.3 Severability. If any provision is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

16.4 Notices. Notices shall be delivered to the addresses set out above by email, personal delivery, or recognized courier.

16.5 Counterparts and Electronic Signature. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, including by electronic signature, each of which is deemed an original.

By signing below, the parties acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to be bound by all terms of this Agreement, including the vehicle inspection and fuel/mileage details recorded above.

OWNER / RENTAL COMPANY	RENTER
Signature _____ Name: _____ Date: _____	Signature _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

— END OF AGREEMENT —

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