

Driving in Australia



These are just suggestive guidelines. Please make sure you visit the official website to check exact rules

There Really Is Only One Way To See The Best Of Australia...Self-Drive

A self-drive holiday is about freedom on wheels. You can go where you want, when you want, and with peace of mind. When you're in the driver's seat, you can take control of your adventure and take the time to experience and enjoy the places you visit.

To prepare for your self-drive holiday, check out this guide for practical tips on how to make the most out of your self-drive holiday. Here you will find all the information you need; from planning and making car rental reservations to things you should look out for while on the road.

Documents Required

Drivers must present the following documents at the rental counter:

- Booking confirmation
- Valid driver's licence and international driving permit (IDP), both required if driver's licence is not printed in English language
- Valid credit card
- Passport (for international travellers only).

Additional Drivers: Additional drivers must be listed on the rental agreement and a valid driver's license and IDP must be presented at the time of rental pick up. There is no coverage for damages by drivers not registered. A nominal fee may apply.

Refuelling Options: Car rental company will provide you with a full tank at the time of rental and expect full tank return.

Toll Roads and Charges: Managing toll payments can be difficult and time consuming. We have simplified how we process road tolls so you can focus on getting to your destination on time. Please check with your operator

Option 1: Prepaid Toll Day Pass is an opt-in system that covers all toll charges under one flat daily amount which allows unlimited toll usage during your rental period. You can choose this option at any time during your rental and the daily flat fee will appear on your rental agreement/invoice.

Option 2: Pay Later This option records all toll roads you've driven on, and you will be invoiced for the actual toll amounts plus a per rental fee that covers processing costs shortly after your rental.

Bond Deposits: A bond deposit to cover additional costs such as fuel and optional extras is required on all rentals. All major credit cards and VISA debit cards are accepted for the deposit bond at the time of rental.

Driving Guidelines:

Speed Speed limit signs show the maximum speed you can travel. Speeding is a serious offence and speed limits vary from state to state, so ensure you adhere to the speed limit signs posted along all major roads, at all times.

Always Wear your Seatbelt Each passenger in your vehicle must wear a seatbelt. Children must be secured in an approved child seat. Hertz have child seats available to rent if you don't have your own.

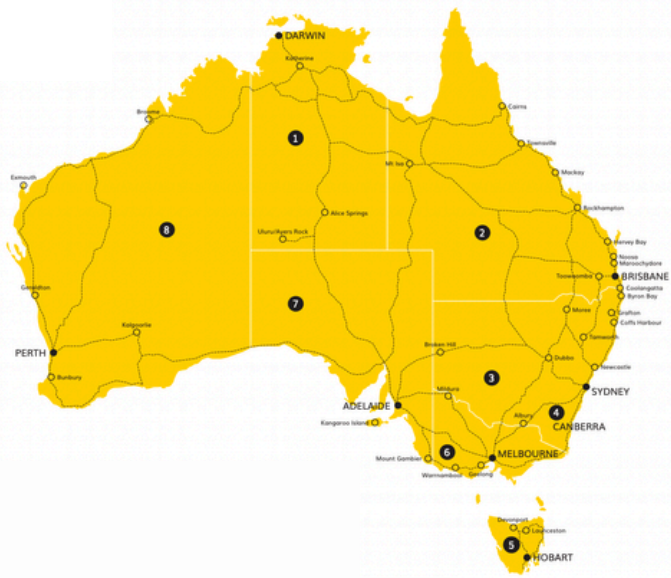
Lost Out There/Vehicle Breakdown Do not leave the vehicle under any circumstances – a missing vehicle is easier to locate than missing people. In case of a vehicle breakdown, refer to the information on the 24-hour roadside assistance service that is provided with your car. Depending on the severity of the breakdown, a replacement vehicle may be made available

Keep Left! Always drive on the left side of the road in Australia.

Driver Fatigue Fatigue can be as dangerous as drink driving or speeding, and contributes to many fatal accidents. Stop every two hours to stretch your legs and get some fresh air. Try to time your day's travel so that you arrive at your overnight destination with time to relax and unwind.

Sudden Equipment Failure This rarely happens but it is always good to know the basic handling techniques so you are more mentally equipped to react to such situations:

- Tyre Blowout – ease your foot off the accelerator, keep a firm grasp on the steering wheel and pull off the roadway.
- Brake Failure – if your brake pedal suddenly sinks to the floor, pump it to build pressure. If that does not work, use your emergency brake. Shift your vehicle into a lower gear to slow down.
- Steering Failure – ease your foot off the accelerator, turn on the emergency flashers and come to a slow stop. Brake gently to prevent vehicle from spinning.
- Stuck Accelerator – hook your toe underneath it to free it. If it does not become free, shift your vehicle into neutral and brake gently to slow down.



Common Road Signs

Warning Signs



Winding Road Ahead Roundabout Curve Right



Wildlife - Drive Carefully Road Bend Ahead Slippery When Wet



T-Junction Narrow Bridge Road Narrows

Regulatory Signs



Guide Signs



Speed Signs



Railway Crossing Signs



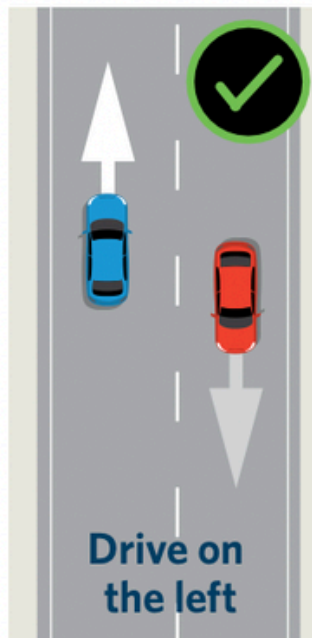
Natural Events Check road and weather conditions regularly as there could be unforeseen closures that may have an impact on your journey (e.g. temporary closure of highway due to forest fire or floods).

Fuel Stops You should plan fuel stops before you depart. Prices are higher in remote and country areas so it is advisable to fill up the tank before venturing to the countryside.

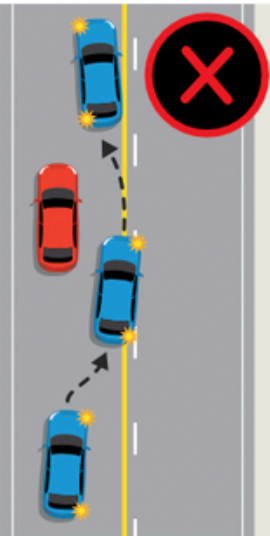
Bumped from Behind? Do not pull over and stop, especially in a secluded or dark area. Drive to the nearest public area and call for police assistance.

Keep left

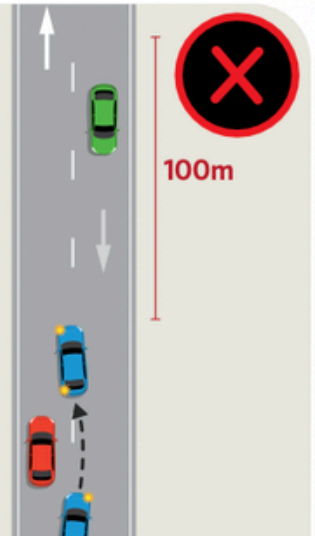
- Always drive on the left side of the road. Some narrow roads don't have line markings to guide you.
- Keep left at every intersection and every time you pull out on to a road.
- Don't cut corners.
- Don't cross the centre line unless safely passing or turning off the road.



A solid yellow line on your side of the centre line means it's too dangerous to overtake. A double yellow centre line means that no one on either side of the road can overtake.



When overtaking, you need to have 100 metres clear road in front of you the whole time you are passing including when you have finished passing.



Never overtake on or near a corner.



If you're driving slowly, and there's a line of traffic behind you, find a safe place to pull over and let them past.



Driving speeds

Look for speed limit signs - there are different speed limits for different roads. Sometimes you'll need to go slower than the limit to drive safely, like when it's raining or foggy.



These are examples of some speed limit signs