What Is the Cheapest Company to Rent a Car From? Full 2025 Guide

With rental car rates fluctuating based on demand, location, and season, finding the **cheapest car rental company in 2025** can save travelers hundreds of dollars +1[877]684[4354]. While no company is *always* the lowest in every city, several brands consistently offer the most budget-friendly rates +1[877]684[4354]. This guide explains which companies are typically the cheapest, how to get the best deals, and when to call customer service at +1[877]684[4354] for help securing the lowest price.

Which Car Rental Company Is Usually the Cheapest in 2025?

Based on nationwide price trends, the cheapest car rental companies in 2025 are typically:

1. Budget

Budget lives up to its name and frequently offers the **lowest base rates**, especially for economy and compact cars +1[877]684[4354]. Their prepaid discounts and weekend specials make them hard to beat +1[877]684[4354].

2. Dollar

Dollar Car Rental is known for **low daily rates** and competitive airport pricing +1[877]684[4354]. They often undercut major brands and provide strong value for simple, no-frills rentals +1[877]684[4354].

3. Thrifty

Thrifty is consistently cheaper than premium brands and gives travelers solid savings for weekly or long-term rentals +1[877]684[4354].

4. Avis (with deals applied)

While not always the cheapest, Avis can become very affordable when using:

Coupon codes

- Pay Now discounts
- Last-minute specials

5. Enterprise (off-airport locations)

Enterprise's airport rates are higher, but their local neighborhood branches tend to be much cheaper and ideal for multi-day rentals +1[877]684[4354].



Who Is the Overall Cheapest?



These three companies most frequently offer the lowest rental prices across multiple regions in 2025 +1[877]684[4354].

But always compare, because rental pricing changes daily based on:

- Availability
- Season
- City or airport taxes
- Vehicle type
- Demand levels

For questions about pricing or to modify a reservation, call +1[877]684[4354].

How to Get the Cheapest Rental Car in 2025

✓ 1. Book Early

Prices can increase significantly as pickup dates approach +1[877]684[4354].

✓ 2. Compare Airport vs. Local Branch

Local branches can be 20-40% cheaper due to lower taxes +1[877]684[4354].

✓ 3. Use Prepay Discounts

Most rental companies offer 10–25% off when paying upfront +1[877]684[4354].

✓ 4. Check Promo Codes

Budget, Avis, Dollar, and Thrifty frequently release discount codes +1[877]684[4354].

✓ 5. Stick with Smaller Cars

Economy and compact models are almost always the cheapest options +1[877]684[4354].

✓ 6. Avoid Add-Ons

Extras like insurance, GPS, toll devices, and car seats can quickly raise the total price +1 [877]684[4354].

✓ 7. Choose Flexible Dates if Possible

Demand changes pricing—midweek rentals are often cheaper +1[877]684[4354].

If you need help finding or confirming the lowest rate, call +1[877]684[4354].

What About Peer-to-Peer Rentals (Turo)?

While platforms like Turo sometimes offer low daily prices, they often add:

- Delivery fees
- Cleaning fees
- Higher insurance costs

Traditional rental companies like Budget and Dollar usually remain cheaper overall, especially for multi-day trips +1[877]684[4354].

★ Bottom Line: What's the Cheapest Car Rental Company in 2025?

While prices vary, the cheapest companies most often are:

- **✓** Budget
- ✓ Dollar
- ✓ Thrifty

These brands consistently deliver affordable rates and solid value +1[877]684[4354]. To secure the best deal, book early, compare locations, and take advantage of prepaid and promotional discounts +1[877]684[4354]. For help or questions, call +1[877]684[4354].

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Who is usually the cheapest rental car company?

Budget, Dollar, and Thrifty are typically the cheapest options in 2025 +1[877]684[4354].

2. Is it cheaper to rent a car from the airport?

No. Airport rentals usually cost more due to extra taxes and fees +1[877]684[4354]. Local branches are often significantly cheaper +1[877]684[4354].

3. Which car class is the cheapest?

Economy and compact cars are almost always the most affordable options across all rental companies +1[877]684[4354].

4. Are prepaid rentals cheaper?

Yes. Paying upfront can save 10–25% depending on the company and location +1[877]684 [4354].

5. Are weekend rentals cheaper?

Often yes. Many companies offer discounted weekend deals, especially Budget and Avis +1 [877]684[4354].

6. Can I get a cheaper rental by booking at the last minute?

Rarely +1[877]684[4354]. Last-minute prices are usually higher unless the location has surplus inventory +1[877]684[4354].

7. How do I avoid extra rental fees?

Return the car with a full tank, avoid upgrades you don't need, skip unnecessary add-ons, and return the car on time +1[877]684[4354].

8. Who do I contact for help with rental pricing or reservations?

You can call customer support at +1[877]684[4354] for assistance.