



# UK Trip Planning Tips

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- **Take Photos.** Before you put your bags in the boot, snap pix of the front, back, and both sides of your rental car, including the roof. Even though you're insured, every CDW policy has a *deductible* of some sort—cash that will be picked from your pocket if a claim occurs. The only way to prevent having to pay a deductible for rental car damage that was there *before* you left the lot is to be armed with photos demonstrating damage that already existed.
- **Petrol Points.** Have car rental personnel specify what **kind of petrol** (gas) the car takes—unleaded or diesel—and what **color pumps** you need to use. Have them show you where the **gas-cap-release** is, and be sure you know **which side the gas cap is on**.
- **Check the GPS Device.** If you brought one with you, fire it up. Does it show the rental car location accurately? Input the coordinates of your first destination. Is it working? If it isn't, you'll need to rent one from the car rental agency.

When renting a GPS from the car rental agency, do not leave the lot before ensuring that the agency's unit is working properly and **you know how to use it**.
- **Test Drive All the Car's Operational Features.**

Before letting the car rental employee leave you, get inside the car and play with all the functions. Yes, the employee may become impatient. But they'll get over it.

  - Do the headlights come on automatically with the engine?  
If not, how do you put them on?
  - How do you switch the headlights to high-beam?
  - **Seat settings:** How do you make the seats go back and forth? Up and down?  
Is there a lumbar spine support?  
**\*Adjust the driver's seat to the most comfortable driving position before proceeding to the next check list item.**
  - Adjust the rear-view mirror.
  - Learn how to operate the side mirrors and adjust them.
  - Run the front and rear windshield wipers and sprayers.
  - Run the heater or air conditioner.
  - Turn on the radio.