

Try before you buy

For those new to the caravan, camping and motorhome community you may not know where to start or even what you prefer. Whether you are looking to move from tenting and hire camper trailer or try out a caravan before you splash out for your own, hiring an RV is a great option. Here are some things you should think about before you dip your toe in the wild and exciting waters of caravanning and camping.

Prices vary from RV to RV. To hire a camper/tent trailer prices range from \$300 to \$400 a week with caravans costing approximately \$500 per week. A massive growth area in RV hire has been in the campervan and motorhome sector with this RV costing from \$200 to \$300 a week to hire. **Tip:** there may be a minimum time you are required to hire and if hire costs vary during different times of the year.

Insurance is a very important issue when hiring as some insurance companies won't provide insurance for just a week. Most hirers offer insurance through the hire agreement contract. **Tip:** does the policy also cover you for off-road travel if the RV is suited for it so you can explore a little deeper? Check when you can return the RV and what times. Get a guide through the vehicle and know how to use all of the accessories and how to pack it up properly.

When you pick up your hire RV the company should take you through and demonstrate exactly how it is packed-up, set-up, hooked up and also how everything works. Many hire companies also provide you with a basic guide just in case you need a little help when you get out there.

Allow yourself plenty of time to pack and if possible have a trial run in setting it up and connecting everything, you'll be surprised how much easier and quicker it becomes just after a few times.

You can hire almost anything for your next self-drive holiday. Once you have decided what you would like to try and when you want to explore, book it as soon as possible as many hire companies can't keep up with demand during holiday and busy periods. Remember to look for these things before you hire and have a great trip.