

New Travel Cost Calculator To Save Motorists



Bayswater Car Rentals want to give their customers more because they know there is nothing worse than having to fork out big bucks for petrol at the end of a long drive.

Last month, the 'no birds' car rental company launched the Fuel & Trip Calculator to help with budgeting petrol cost and travel time, which anyone can use, not just their customers.

CEO Arnold Kluck said Bayswater Car Rentals was established to cater to the budget conscious when it comes to hiring a car. "The feedback we get about petrol costs, over and over, when it comes to filling up at the end of the hire period," he said.

"People often forget to factor this into their travel plans. If you are not watching your dollars, it is easy to get caught out."

The Fuel & Trip Calculator calculates how much it costs to fill a tank from one point to another.

Arnold said the calculator uses the government rating for fuel efficiency for the cars in the Bayswater Car Rental fleet of Toyotas. "Users can enter the exact amount petrol costs at the time, select from our range of cars and then nominate their starting and finish point – and the calculator works out how much petrol will cost," he said.

"This is great for all because we have made the calculator available for free to everyone from our website.

"We offer it to our own customers as a way for them to estimate their fuel costs. But we also offer it to anyone who wants to estimate the fuel cost of a trip, all they need to do is input their own car's fuel consumption, which is easily found online."

The Fuel & Trip Calculator also tells the traveller how far it is door-to-door and how long it will take to get there – so you can plan your stops to rest and revive.

Hayley Birtles-Eades, director of Love Lockets, said she used the calculator to plan a recent promotion. "It made organising and budgeting so much easier. Our winner won a LOVEly Day Out and taken by a chauffeur driven car to a number of different venues," she said.

"We used Bayswater's Fuel & Trip Calculator to work out how much petrol we needed to budget for and how long it would take to travel to each location – we had organised a massage, make over, lunch and creation of the winner's own Love Locket.

"It took the guess work out of creating the schedule and we knew exactly how much we had to pay for petrol based on the price that weekend."

Arnold said because petrol prices differ from state to state, the driver can overestimate the price. "From one state to another, even suburb to suburb, there can be a big difference in price. If you use the most expensive price, you will not be surprised," he said.

For those who are not sure how they want to travel, using the calculator is a handy tool to help compare the cost of different types of travel.

"You can compare flying vs driving vs bus vs train to find the cheapest way to travel," Arnold said.

With five offices across NSW and Western Australian, the family-owned Bayswater Car Rental has been around since 1958.

Arnold said simplicity is key. "We provide quality service with 'no birds' and keep prices low for our customers," he said.

The Fuel & Trip Calculator is at www.bayswatercarrental.com.au/fuel-calculator

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