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How to get better rates when parking at the airport



There is no single price for airport car parking. Even cars parked directly next to each other for the same period may incur different charges. The following advice will help you get better car parking rates at Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth or Sydney airports.

Use a free waiting area

Arrived at the airport but still waiting to hear whether your family and friends are ready to be picked up? All four airports provide waiting areas away from the terminals at no charge for at least 15 minutes.

Consider your airport's 'at-distance' car park

Don't mind leaving for your flight a little earlier? Then consider using your airport's 'at-distance' car park. These car parks are located at the airport but require a free shuttle bus trip to the terminal. They include the long-term car parks in Melbourne and Perth, Blu Emu in Sydney (for domestic passengers) and Airpark in Brisbane. This could potentially save you 33–60 per cent compared to drive-up prices at car parks near the terminals.

Book your parking online

Get yourself organised and save some cash. Booking your long-term parking online may save you up to 39 per cent compared to drive-up rates.

Book your parking sooner rather than later

Finished booking your flights? That's the best time to book your parking as well. Not only does it tick another item off your to-do list, but some airports offer cheaper rates the earlier you book.

Explore rates from independent car parks near the airport

The four airports compete with nearby independent car parks that provide free pick-ups and drop-offs at the terminals via shuttle bus. Shop around and you could save up to 36 per cent compared to booking online at the airport, although the shuttle bus may be a bit longer. You will likely be charged by calendar day at an independent car park, compared to 24-hour increments at an airport's at-distance car park.

More information

Airport monitoring report 2018-19: www.accc.gov.au/publications/airport-monitoring-reports