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### British tourists face huge rises in insurance excess charges

# £2,200 SUMMER HIRE CAR RIP-OFF

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**HOLIDAYMAKERS** face a bill of up to £2,200 if they damage their hire car abroad, the Mail can reveal today.

In the latest travel rip-off, car hire firms have hiked the excess charges they impose on customers involved in an accident overseas.

British travellers face an average excess of more than £1,000 on a holiday hire car, with some firms charging more than £2,000. It means holidaymakers face an 'outrageous' bill equivalent to a month's wages if they have a prang – even if it wasn't their fault.

Drivers are also told that the only way to protect themselves is to pay for costly insurance.

Families already face a string of rip-offs when renting a holiday car. These can include inflated fuel costs, extortionate charges for upgrades or extras such as satnavs, or poor exchange rates if they choose to pay in sterling. But today's study reveals the costs of a minor prang could be significant.

When a hire car is damaged, the driver must



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