

Seven Things You Must Know Before Hiring a Limo Service

Introduction

We all treat special events in our lives as, well, something special! We honor them with ceremonies and celebrate them with parties. We decorate around them, sing and dance when they happen, eat and drink a little bit more than we should and generally behave with the happiness and hilarity these events deserve. Special events are the sprinkles on the cupcake of life. Whether it's a wedding, a birthday, or an anniversary, we commemorate these noteworthy events with actions that are out of the ordinary.

One of the best ways to celebrate a special event is by hiring a limousine. When you hire a limo, you underline the importance of the day and put an exclamation point behind everyone's expectations and excitement. Nothing is swankier than riding in a limo. The very act makes the day or evening an affair to remember. This happens because a quality limousine service is designed to take care of your every need. Your comfort and your convenience is the number one concern of your driver. They will take you where you need to go in style, accommodating your requests along the way. You may then celebrate without a care in world, because when your day or evening is done, they will whisk you home in safety and security.

When you hire a limousine, you want to make sure that you are getting the very best service for your price. Nothing can put a damper on your party quicker than being stranded without the transportation you're depending upon. Nothing is less classy than a dirty, dented and generally decrepit limo. Nothing says "let the good times stop" louder than sitting on the side of the road in a broken down limo. This is why you need to do a bit of homework before you make a decision on which limo provider to choose. To help you make this decision, here are seven things you must know before hiring a limo service.

1. Choosing The Right Limo Service For Your Event

There are a wide variety of events that we celebrate. Each of these events calls for a different celebration. A wedding is celebrated differently than the bachelor party that preceded it. An anniversary is celebrated differently than an evening at a big rock concert. A special birthday is celebrated differently than a reunion night out with your friends from college. We vary our behavior depending on the event, because each special event is unique. This is why, when you're considering hiring a limo service, it's important to match the the right service to your particular event.

In general, all limousine services provide the same basic amenities to their customers. They offer limousines (usually stretch or town car), a chauffeur and the ability to hire both for a fixed period of time at fixed rate. As a customer, you require both limo and chauffeur to be impeccably maintained. A

dirty and poorly maintained limo and/or chauffeur adds nothing to your celebration, no matter the event.

You should begin your search for the right limo service, by vetting potential services online. When you find one that looks promising, take a look at the reviews previous customers of that service may have left on review sites, such as Yelp. These can go a long way towards narrowing down potential candidates. Once you've got your search narrowed down to one or two services, give them a call. Ask them about their limousines, chauffeurs, refund policy, prices, etc. Once you have this info choose the service that is best for your event.

2. How To Make Sure That The Company You Are Considering Is Insured And Fully Licensed

The limousine service you are considering hiring needs to be adequately insured and fully licensed. Why? Well, these requirements are for your safety. Should the limousine in which you, or your guests, are riding be involved in an accident, adequate insurance coverage will pay for the injuries any of you may suffer. In addition, the chauffeur driving your limo is required by the state you live in to have a special license that proves he is qualified to safely carry people as passengers in the vehicle he operates. If neither of these legal safeguards are in place, your safety is at risk.

A reputable limousine service should be more than willing to offer you complete proof of insurance coverage and full licensure, prior to your hiring them. If they don't or won't, you should consider hiring another service.

3. How To Be Sure The Limo Service Will Be There For You Even If Their Vehicles Fail.

At the most basic level, you hire a limousine service to get you from Point A to Point B safely and on time. If you think about it, the primary task of any limo service is transportation. Luxury transportation without a doubt, yet transportation nonetheless. A good limo service is meeting both of these requirements, but not focusing on one at the expense of the other. So, how can you, the potential client, make sure that the limo service you hire will transport you to where you need to go, no matter what?

The most important step you can take to insure that you will get where you need to go on your big day is to only hire a limo service that will guarantee your transportation, on the date and time you need it. In such a case, a reputable limo service will be able to contract your transportation out to another limo service in the event of a breakdown of their equipment. Also, look for a service offers an unconditional money back guarantee. While this won't get you where you need to go, it will get you your money back should the worst case scenario happen.

4. How To Check The Reputation Of A Limo Company And Get Proof Of Quality Service

We're fortunate to be living in the information age. The info we need is usually at our fingertips and, as we all know, information is power. When it comes to checking on the reputation of a limousine service that you may be considering, put that power to you advantage.

One of the easiest ways to do this is by searching for the service in question on a crowd-sourced review service like Yelp, CitySearch or AngiesList. These websites can often give you a very good, but general, idea of how previous customers of the service you're considering felt about the treatment they received. Remember, these sites can only provide you with a general overview, since they are crowd sourced and largely unmoderated. Use them cautiously and only as a jumping off point.

A more direct method of checking on the reputation of a limo service is to go directly to that service's previous customers in your community. You can do this by word of mouth, asking co-workers, friends and family who may have used the service before. You can also ask the owner or management of the service itself. A good limo service will be more than willing to provide you with the contact information of previous satisfied customers.

5. What Information Do You Need To Prepare Before Getting An Estimate For A Limo Service

The easiest way to guarantee that you will hire the best limo service for your needs is to do a little prep work. You need to do this because before you interview any potential service, you need to know exactly what you want, when you want it and where you want it. You can't realistically expect the limo service to meet your needs if you don't already know what those needs are.

One of the primary decisions you need to make is how many people will be in your party? Two people may require a smaller vehicle. (Of course, your limo service will be more than willing to accommodate you if you desire even the largest vehicle.) The amount of people in your party will largely determine how many vehicles you may need.

Another consideration is how long you will need the vehicles you are hiring. The length of time the vehicles are hired often dictates the hourly rate for hiring those vehicles. Before you get an estimate from a limo service, figure out the approximate amount of time you will need the vehicles you hire.

Finally, make an estimate of the distance you may be traveling during the time you will be using the vehicles you hire. Most limo services will not charge you for mileage. However, if you plan on using the limo to travel an extensive distance, it's in your best interest to let the service know this fact up front.

6. Things You Must Know About The Vehicles Used By The Limo Company

You want your limousine service to enhance the experiences of you and your guests, One of the the ways of making sure this happens is to get as much information on the vehicles used by your chosen limo company prior to your big day. After all, what is a limo service but its limousines, right?

As mentioned earlier, you want to make sure you have proof that all the vehicles you will be hiring are insured and that all the personnel operating those vehicles are licensed. This is just common sense. If the company you're considering doesn't care enough about your safety, as well as the safety of your guests, to follow legal requirements, why would you hire them?

A reputable company should be able to accommodate your request to inspect any vehicle you might consider hiring. A visual inspection of the exterior and interior of these vehicles will let you know how the company cares for its limos, and through that care, how it feels about its customers. A dirty and damaged interior or exterior will give you valuable information about the attitude that particular service takes towards their customers.

Finally, you should be able inquire about the service record on any of the vehicles in that company's fleet. A limo service that cares about its customers will have an impeccable vehicle service record when it comes to the fleet of vehicles that services those customer's needs.

7. Other Vital Questions To Ask Before Hiring A Limousine Service

You are trusting the success of your special event to the limousine service you choose. Could anything be more important? Therefore, when selecting a service, make sure you ask the tough, but necessary, questions that will insure the limo service you select is the right one for you. Any limousine service worth its salt will be more than willing to provide forthright answers to these questions.

First off, ask the service for references. A good limo service will be able to provide you with the contact information for previous satisfied clients. Get in touch with these people. Ask them about the service's performance. Ask them whether they would recommend that service to others. If previous clients have good things to say about the limo service, you can be more confident in choosing that company for your special event.

Also ask the owner or management of the limo service about their business. How many clients do they handle a year? Are they a full-time limo service? Are they available on the day of your event? Do they have other clients booked on the day you've chosen? Why and how did they get involved in the limousine business? Again, the answers to these questions will help you select a limo service that is the best fit for your needs.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the reason you're even considering hiring a limousine service is because you feel that occasion merits a limousine. This means that, no matter the occasion, you want everything to be perfect. A good limo service is there, working with you, to make this occasion as special as you need it to be. They are there for you, and your guests, making sure that all of your luxury transportation needs are met. They will insure that you arrive in style and return in comfort and safety, on time and within budget. In fact, choosing the best limousine service for your needs is probably the best way to guarantee that your special event is memorable for all involved.