

# Travel Tips for Group Travel and Charter Customers

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## About Busrates

### **About BusRatesBusRates.com: Save Money, Save Time... Go Direct!**

We are a directory of contact information for bus operators and group travel providers across the United States and Canada. Use the BusRates directory to plan your group travel easily.

When you contact companies directly, you are able to "skip the middleman" and avoid the price markup that a national broker or travel agent would tack onto your rate. The BusRates directory allows you to do that saving you time and save money! That's the BusRates advantage.

The BusRates directory has broken down each company listed on it into the following consistent data points so that you can more easily find the company that best fits your needs.

### **What's Inside the BusRates.com Directory?**

BusRates is a resource designed for anyone who needs a charter bus—even if you're a first-time group travel planner, or an experienced group leader or travel professional. Pick a vehicle type, plan your trip, and you'll be put in direct contact with vendors who want your business. BusRates takes the most important aspects of chartering group travel, and presents it in an organized, consistent, easy-to-use tool.

Whether you're looking for a charter bus, limousine, tour bus, trolley, or some other form of group transportation, BusRates has you covered. BusRates is the most current, complete, and categorized database of group transportation companies available anywhere, period. The BusRates database is updated daily with accurate consistent information about the companies on it, so you can rest assured that the company listed is the one you'll get.

Start your search by entering the city, state, or zip code you'll be departing from, and we'll provide you with a list of companies that will fit your group's needs.

Then if necessary you can refine your search by vehicle type, amenities like restroom, WiFi, power outlets for mobile devices, or wheelchair accessibility to ensure that you get a vehicle that meets your needs.

### **Contact Us:**

If you are a bus owner/operator and want to list your company on BusRates to supercharge your sales, or if you are already a member and have any questions or require assistance regarding your posting, please contact us at:

Ph: 866-375-0800  
Ph: 703-838-2955  
Fax: 703-563-0533  
Email: [info@busrates.com](mailto:info@busrates.com)

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If you have any questions or concerns about the charter and group travel industry, including the process of finding an operator and securing a booking; you've come to the right place.

Over the years of helping charter-seeking consumers contact and book directly with the bus companies that are right for them, we've amassed some great tips and info that we love to pass on to our users. We hope the resources below help you in the process of contacting and booking directly with the travel & tourism providers that fit your group the best.

## What Bus Type Should I Search For?

If you're trying to determine what would be the best bus type for your group travel, please review our Bus Types Reference Guide.

It's a quick and helpful summary of the types of buses that BusRates.com indexes. It describes the common seating, amenities, and average price per day to give you a general overview of the options available to search for in your area.

## How Can I Verify Operating Authority?

One of the easiest ways in which to determine if you are dealing with an actual bus-owning company as opposed to a broker is to verify the company's operating authority.

View our Operating Authority Guide to get the real scoop on bus operators.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration maintains records on all licensed carriers of interstate passenger transportation. Prior to being listed on BusRates.com, each company is verified for proper authority, and periodic reviews are also conducted by BusRates.com staff to ensure out-of-service companies are removed from the directory.

We always suggest you personally verify a company's operating authority prior to booking. We have composed a user-friendly guide to determine compliance at a glance, including safety records, inspection data, and more; per the FMCSA's records. Don't pass over our

- [Operating Authority Guide.](#)
- [Group Planner's FAQs](#)

Whether you are a first-time group planner or a seasoned professional, our Group Planner's Charter Guide addresses important questions and things to look for when orchestrating group travel. The information is presented in a concise, easy to reference manner. Specific aspects of BusRates.com are also reviewed to ensure you get the most out of your experience with our website.

### **IMPORTANT:**

The USDOT FMCSA SAFER System catalogues operator safety, status, and authority

Click here for a link to the [SAFER USDOT Site](#)

## Helpful Articles on Group Travel

Be in the know, talk the talk, understand the quotation process, and maximize the resources that BusRates.com offers with the articles linked below.

- [– Top 10 Things You Should Know Before Chartering a Bus](#)
- [– Top 10 Questions You Should Ask Before Chartering a Bus](#)
- [– Top 15 Complaints You Can Avoid](#)
- [– Why Travel by Bus?](#)
- [– FAQ \(Frequently Asked Questions\)](#)
- [– Can you drink alcohol on a charter bus?](#)
- [– Bus Charter Safety Regulations](#)
- [– Bus Industry Slang](#)

Whether it's tips for packing luggage or keeping your group together at the destination, these articles will keep you on point for a successful travel experience.

- [– Packing Tips](#)
- [– Tips for Student Travel](#)
- [– Air Travel vs. Motorcoach Rental](#)

