Thanksgiving travel made easy: Essential driving tips

Take off work early.



Wednesday and Sunday are the busiest days to travel during the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have extra vacation days, consider starting your Thanksgiving travel on Monday or Tuesday. Visiting family and friends from Tuesday to Saturday can help prevent you from being stuck in holiday traffic. You may even want to extend your stay. Travel begins to level out the Monday after Thanksgiving.



Take a less-traveled route home.

If you have to travel during peak times, consider taking alternative routes.

Pack plenty of snacks and water.

If you get delayed due to a traffic accident or road construction, having provisions on hand for you and your occupants is a good idea.

Full stomachs equal happier travelers.

Get plenty of rest.



If you're taking a long road trip, get seven to eight hours of sleep before you leave.



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Avoid distracted driving.

Consider pulling off the road to eat, make a phone call, or send a text message.





Keep a safe following distance.

If you drive during the day or in good weather conditions, leaving a three-second gap between you and the car in front of you is best. If you're driving in extreme weather conditions, like heavy rain or snow, double the following distance to six seconds.

Remain calm.

Don't drive with road rage.
This could cause you to do
something unsafe and put you
and your family in harm's way.



