

HITCH HIKING

We cannot recommend that you engage in hitch hiking, but if you are willing to take the personal risk to yourself then hitch hiking can be a cheap way to travel and can be very environmentally efficient. Many of the best stories of people getting to Festivals involve them going to the end of their road with a sign saying where they are going - and making it there! There are no guarantees though, and you must be prepared to spend a night sleeping under a hedge if things go wrong.

Remember some essential tips:

- It's best not to hitch-hike alone, especially women.
- Always be polite, you are not owed anything.
- Do not walk or hitch on the motorway, in most countries it's illegal.
- Always let someone know you are going, and let them know when you arrive
- A sign showing your destination helps a lot, making sure it can be read clearly
- It helps if your appearance is clean and tidy
- Keep your luggage to a minimum
- Take a mobile phone if at all possible

Please remember that there is a risk associated with hitch hiking, and you are putting yourself in the care of a complete stranger. Generally it is a good way to meet interesting people, but if you are not confident that you can handle the risks then you should never consider this type of transport.

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