

Great Christmas getaway is wheely better with friends

As millions prepare to hit the roads this week to escape the now annual chaotic scenes at UK train stations, new research from Blablacar.com, which connects drivers with people looking for a ride, reveals how friendly and chatty Brits are on car journeys. Most of us would rather have someone to share the journey with, as 45% find travelling alone in a car boring, lonely and for some a bit scary!

When it comes to age, the younger generation is happiest sharing journeys with others. The impact of social networks on young people's lives could be behind results showing that 43% of 18-24 year olds get bored travelling alone on car journeys lasting over an hour. Meanwhile, nearly 40% of over 55s find it a real pleasure!

The older we get the less we have to say, with only (27%) of over 55s spending much of a car journey chatting. This compares to half of 18-24s In fact 18% of over 55s prefer not to talk at all (compared to 5% of 18-24 year olds).

When looking at gender, women really do spend more time talking with nearly 40% admitting to spending much of a long car journey chatting. Meanwhile, whilst 30% of men spend much of the journey chatting with passengers when driving, only 5% of men want someone to listen to them when they are in the passenger seat.

Nicolas Brusson, Co-founder of BlablaCar.com, said:

"The great Christmas getaway is the one time of the year when people expect to spend time on the road. With train tickets soaring and petrol prices rising, it makes sense to share the cost with someone else. So it's a savvy choice but it can also be a social one – just make sure you check with your companions first about how 'Bla Bla' they really are!"

The AA and RAC have previously predicted the busiest traffic day to be the Thursday before Christmas due to school holidays starting this Friday. Last year more than 18 million cars took to the roads over the pre- Christmas getaway.

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Notes to Editors

Research of 2,000 people by OnePoll.

About BlablaCar.com

BlablaCar.com is the UK's fastest growing site for shared car journeys. Connecting drivers who have empty seats with people looking for a cheaper way to travel to the same destination, BlablaCar.com launched in the UK in Spring 2011 following huge success in France (covoiturage.fr) and Spain (comuto.es).

Comuto, [BlablaCar.com](https://www.blablacar.com)'s parent company, first launched in France in 2006. Since then, one billion kilometres have been driven and over 200,000 tons of CO2 saved. More than 100,000 new people sign up to [BlablaCar.com](https://www.blablacar.com) every month across Europe, with over 10 million journeys offered every year and with £100 million saved in journey costs.