





“Usually the orders flood the system about a month before the travel period,” Shentu said. “This year many cars were booked six weeks ahead.”

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Avis said it may be because booking flight and train tickets are getting easier on mobile phones, and people are looking at alternatives to avoid last-minute scramble.

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According to statistics available from Baixing.com, an information service provider, the search volume for “car rental” in December jumped 34 percent compared to the same period in 2016.

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Wu Zuoyao, vice president of Dazhong Car Rental company in Shanghai, said some passengers book two cars at one time — first in Shanghai to be dropped to the railway station or airport, and then at their destinations to be dropped at a new address.

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