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Limousines through the History by [Richard Watson](#)

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Luxury is the common thing in princesses alighting from opulent horse drawn carriages and modern brides alighting from stretched motorcars called limos. The former is the stuff of fairytale weddings and latter the stuff of modern day weddings.

One is allowed to savour the trappings of luxury on at least one day in his or her life – their wedding day. Even people with most modest means would like to hire a luxury sedan or saloon on the most important day of their life, if not a stretch limousine.

Based in Queensland and operating a fleet of Limousines in Gold Coast, the present author would like to share with readers the interesting history of limousines.

“Limousine” is a word of French descent. How it came to be associated with luxury cars makes an interesting story on how words travel. In the olden days in the former French region of “Limousin”, people used to wear cloaks, a type of coat with a hood that covered the face. Later, it was associated with drivers of horse-drawn carriages who either wore such cloaks or had a hood-like structure over their heads for protection from the weather. Much later, in the beginning of the 20th century when automobiles began to appear, the term limousine (or limo) was applied to a luxury car with the driver’s compartment fully enclosed or the passenger compartment shielded by a partition. The key aim here was to protect privacy of the passengers so that the chauffeur cannot hear the conversation.

The body of the earliest limousines was made from good quality wood and its interior had leather seats, carpeted floors, draped panels and roof, and facilities such as a mini bar, umbrella, glove compartment, and various racks and closets for keeping things.

Depending on country-specific rules and regulations governing motor vehicles, modern limousines can typically accommodate 6 to 14 passengers. Seating configurations include two rear/back seats, two opposite seats or J formation seats. Type of facilities depend on service providers but normally include uniformed chauffeur, audio/video player, TV, lights, drinks and refreshments, perfume and many more things. Black or white coloured stretch limos are preferred. Stretch limos are manufactured by coachbuilders who buy stock cars such as Mercs, Lincolns, Chryslers and Hummers and then stretch their chassis by 80 to 160 inches. Major buyers of limousines are wealthy people, film stars, celebrities, royalty, governments and large companies.

Those not fortunate enough to own limousines have the privilege of hiring them at affordable rates for events like weddings and parties. There are few excellent car hire companies offering Limousines in Sunshine Coast.

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