

Belarus (Eastern Europe)



Touring Tips

This information should be read in conjunction with [general advice for motoring in Europe](#).

Drinking and driving: Strictly forbidden, nil percentage of alcohol allowed in drivers blood.

Driving licence: Minimum age at which a visitor may drive a temporarily imported car and / or motorcycle 18. National Driving Licences, which bear the photo of the holder, are recognised for three months but an International Driving Permit is recommended. An International Driving Permit is compulsory for licences not incorporating a photograph.

Fines: The police can fine motorists and demand payment on the spot for minor traffic offences.

Fuel: Unleaded petrol (80, 92 & 95 octane), 98 octane seldom available, diesel (Solyarka) and LPG are available. No leaded petrol. Up to 20 litres of fuel can be imported free of duty if held in a metal container (must be declared on entry). Credit cards are accepted at large filling stations; check with your card issuer for usage in Belarus before travel.

Lights: Vehicles must use lights in poor visibility and when towing or being towed. Avoid night driving.

Motorcycles: Wearing of crash helmets compulsory. It is compulsory to use dipped headlights at all times.

Motor Insurance: Third party insurance compulsory, fully comprehensive insurance recommended. Green Card accepted. Short term insurance is available at the border.

Passengers/Children in cars: Child under 12 cannot travel as front seat passenger. Children under the age of 12 must be seated in a suitable child restraint system.

Seat belts: Compulsory for front seat occupants to wear seat belts, if fitted.

Speed limits: The signs indicating speed limits must be strictly adhered to. Standard legal limits, which may be varied by signs for private vehicles without trailers: In residential zones 12 mph (20km/h), in built-up areas 37 mph (60 km/h), outside built-up areas 55 mph (90 km/h) and up to 68 mph (110 km/h) on different sections of the Brest-Moscow motorway. All motorists who have held a driving licence for less than two years must not exceed 43 mph (70 km/h).

Compulsory equipment in Belarus:

- **First-aid kit**
- **Fire extinguisher**
- **Warning triangle** - not required for two wheeled vehicles

Other rules/requirements in Belarus:

A road tax is payable at the frontier.

State Traffic Inspectorate officials will stop vehicles to check documents, especially if they are displaying foreign plates. Motorists entering Belarus are advised to ignore 'private facilitators' who offer to help travelers pass through checkpoints and border crossings.

It is recommended that visitors carry an assortment of spares for their vehicles such as fan belt, replacement bulbs and spark plugs.

It is against the law to drive a dirty car.

Radar detectors are strictly prohibited.

It is advisable to pre-plan itineraries and book accommodation before departure.

All foreign visitors are required to purchase health insurance on arrival.

Poor road signs between small towns.

Winter tyres are not a compulsory requirement, however they are highly recommended. All year tyres and snow chains may be used instead of winter tyres.

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