

Republic of Cyprus (Eastern Mediterranean)



Touring Tips

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

Drinking and driving: The maximum legal level of alcohol in the blood is 0.049 per cent. Persons suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol may be subjected to a blood test.

Driving licence: All national driving licences accepted. Minimum age for driving a temporarily imported car and / or motorcycle is 18.

Fines: The Cyprus traffic police are empowered to impose on-the-spot fines for traffic offences however, they can not collect them.

Fuel: LPG is not available. Unleaded petrol (95 and 98 octane) and diesel is available. No leaded petrol (lead substitute additive available).

It is forbidden to carry petrol in a can. Credit cards accepted at most filling stations, check with your card issuer for use in Cyprus before travel.

Lights: Vehicle lights must be used between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise. Spotlights are prohibited.

Motorcycles: Wearing of crash helmets compulsory for the rider and pillion passenger.

Motor insurance: Third-party compulsory.

Passengers/children in cars: Children under five cannot travel as a front seat passenger. Children over five and under ten must use a suitable child restraint system.

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

Speed limits: Standard legal limits, which may be varied by signs, for private vehicles without trailers. In built-up areas: 31 mph (50 km/h) or 40 mph (65 km/h) depending on the road, outside built-up areas: 49 mph (80 km/h) and 62 mph (100 km/h) on motorways. Minimum speed on motorways: 40 mph (65 km/h).

Compulsory equipment in Republic of Cyprus:

- **Warning triangles** – two must be carried

Other rules/requirements in Republic of Cyprus:

Rule of the road is drive on the left; overtake on the right.

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Use of vehicle horn prohibited between 2200 and 0600 hours, and in the vicinity of hospitals.

Spiked tyres and snow chains are permitted on mountain roads in winter.

A GPS based navigation system which has maps indicating the location of fixed speed cameras must have the 'fixed speed camera PoI (Points of Interest)' function deactivated.

The use of radar detectors is prohibited.

Eating and drinking whilst driving is prohibited.

Smoking in a car with a person present that is under 16 years is prohibited; a fine is imposed for non compliance.

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