

# Greece (Southern Europe)

## Touring Tips



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

**Drinking and driving:** If the level of alcohol in the bloodstream is 0.05 per cent or more it is a criminal offence. A lower unit of 0.02 per cent applies to drivers who have held a licence for less than two years, and to motorcyclists.

**Driving licence:** Minimum age at which a UK licence holder may drive temporarily imported car and/or motorcycle (over 50cc) 17.

**Fines:** Police can impose fines but not collect them on the spot. The fine must be paid at a Public Treasury office within 10 days. You can be fined for the unnecessary use of a car horn. Vehicles may be towed away if parked illegally, or if violating traffic regulations.

**Fuel:** Unleaded petrol (95 and 98 octane) and diesel (petreleo) is available. No leaded petrol (lead replacement petrol available as 'Super 2002' 98 octane). It is forbidden to carry petrol in a can in a vehicle. LPG may not be used in private cars, only in taxis. Credit cards accepted at some filling stations. Check with your card issuer for use in Greece before travel.

**Lights:** Dipped headlights should be used in poor daytime visibility. The use of undipped headlights in towns is strictly prohibited.

**Motorcycles:** Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory. The wearing of crash helmets is compulsory.

**Motor insurance:** Third-party compulsory.

**Passengers/children in cars:** It is prohibited for children over three years of age and under 1.50m to travel in the front seat of a vehicle. Children under five years of age must use a child restraint appropriate for their weight in all cars, vans and goods vehicles, except when travelling in the rear of taxis. They cannot be transported in the vehicle otherwise.

Approved child restraints are those conforming with standard ECE R44/03 (or later). Children measuring 1.35m or over can use a seat belt. Placing a rear-facing child restraint in the front passenger seat is allowed only on condition that the passenger airbag is deactivated.

**Seat belts:** Compulsory for front-seat occupants to wear seat belts.

**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) for cars, 24 mph (40 km/h) for motorcycles. Outside built-up areas: 55 mph (90 km/h) or 68 mph (110 km/h) for cars, 43 mph (70 km/h) for motorcycles. Motorways: 80mph (130 km/h) for cars and 55mph 90 km/h for motorcycles.




**Compulsory equipment in Greece:**

- **Fire extinguisher**
- **First-aid kit**
- **Warning triangle**

**Other rules/regulations in Greece:**

The police are empowered to confiscate the number plates of illegally parked vehicles throughout Greece. Generally this only applies to Greek-registered vehicles, but the drivers of foreign registered vehicles should beware of parking illegally.

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