

Lithuania (Eastern Europe)

Touring Tips



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

Drinking and driving: If the level of alcohol in the bloodstream is 0.04 per cent or more severe penalties include a fine and/or withdrawal of driving licence for up to one and a half years.

Driving licence: Minimum age at which a UK licence holder may drive a temporarily imported car and / or motorcycle 18.

UK licences that do not incorporate a photograph must be accompanied by photographic proof of identity e.g. passport.

Fines: On-the-spot (some fines may be paid at a local bank dependant upon the amount / traffic violation). Wheel clamps are in use.

Fuel: Leaded petrol available at statoil petrol stations. Unleaded petrol (95 & 98 octane), diesel and LPG are available. Petrol in a can permitted (duty payable). Credit cards accepted at filling stations, check with your card issuer for usage in Lithuania before travel.

Lights: Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory, fine for non compliance.

Motorcycles: Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory, fine for non-compliance. Wearing of crash helmets is compulsory for both driver and passenger. Child under 12 cannot travel as passenger.

Motor Insurance: Third-party compulsory, but fully comprehensive recommended.

Passengers/Children in cars: Children under 12 cannot travel as a front seat passenger unless using a child restraint appropriate to age and size.

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), other roads 43 mph (70 km/h), outside built-up areas 55 mph (90 km/h).

On dual carriageways 1st October to 30th March 62 mph (100 km/h) and from 1st April to 30th September a limit of 68 mph (110 km/h) applies. On motorways 1st October to 30th March 68 mph (110 km/h) and from 1st April to 30th September a limit of 80 mph (130 km/h) applies between (i) Vilnius - Panevezys and (ii) Kaunas - Klaipeda. The police control speeds closely and give fines for even the smallest of speeding offences.

Compulsory equipment in Lithuania:

- **First aid kit**
- **Fire extinguisher**
- **Warning triangle**
- **Winter tyres** - compulsory between the 1st November and the 1st April. Spiked tyres may also be used during this period.




Other rules/requirements in Lithuania:

It is recommended that visitors carry an assortment of spares for their vehicle for example: - a fan belt, replacement bulbs and spark plugs.

It is compulsory to call the police to the scene of an accident.

For safety reasons a reflective waistcoat is recommended.

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