

# 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 or 150cm cannot travel as a front seat passenger unless using a child restraint appropriate to age and size. Children under 3 years must be seated in a child seat appropriate to their age and size on the rear seats.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> March 62 mph (100 km/h) and from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September a limit of 68 mph (110 km/h) applies. On motorways 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> March 68 mph (110 km/h) and from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> 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**
- **Reflective jacket** – must be worn by driver exiting the vehicle at night in a breakdown situation. Therefore the jacket/waistcoat must be kept within the passenger compartment of the vehicle.
- **Winter tyres** - compulsory between the 1<sup>st</sup> November and the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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