

Luxembourg (Western 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 0.05 per cent or more severe penalties include fines and / or prison. Young driver's blood alcohol level and novice driver's blood alcohol level is 0.019 per cent.

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

Fines: On-the-spot, they can be settled by cash or by bank card. Unauthorised and dangerous parking can result in the car being impounded or removed.

Fuel: Unleaded petrol (95 & 98 octane) and diesel available. LPG is available in a few petrol stations (approximately 12). It is forbidden to carry petrol in a can. Credit cards accepted at filling stations, check with your card issuer for usage in Luxembourg before travel.

Lights: The use of dipped headlights during the day recommended. Sidelights required when parking where there isn't any public lighting. When visibility is reduced to fewer than 100 metres due to fog, snow, heavy rain etc, dipped headlights must be used. It is compulsory to flash headlights at night when overtaking outside built-up areas. In tunnels indicated by a sign, drivers must use their passing lights.

Motorcycles: Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory. The wearing of crash helmets is compulsory for both driver and passenger. Children under 12 are not permitted as a passenger.

Motor Insurance: Third-party compulsory.

Passengers/Children in cars: Children under 3 years of age must be seated in an approved restraint system. Children aged 3 to 18 years and / or under 1.5m must be seated in an appropriate restraint system. If their weight is over 36kg a seatbelt can be used but only on the rear seat of the vehicle. Rearward facing child restraint systems are prohibited on seats with frontal airbags unless the airbag is disabled.

Seat belts: Compulsory for front / 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), outside built-up areas 55 mph (90 km/h) and motorways 80 mph (130 km/h) (in case of rain or snow 68 mph / 110 km/h), 43 mph (70 km/h) speed limit for vehicles with spiked tyres. 'Zone de rencontre' Road sign designates an area where the speed limit is 20 km/h – Within this area pedestrians have priority and may cross the road whenever they choose.

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Compulsory equipment in Luxembourg:

- **Reflective jacket** - It is compulsory for the driver and passengers to wear a reflective waistcoat when exiting a vehicle in a breakdown situation on a motorway or outside built up areas, at night and in bad visibility.
- **Warning triangle** - compulsory for all vehicles with 4 or more wheels.
- **Tyres** – All tyres on a car must be of the same type, either winter tyres marked M&S on the sidewall or summer tyres.
- **Winter Tyres** – From 1st October 2012 motor vehicles (excluding mopeds and motorcycles) driving in winter conditions (frost, compacted snow, slush, ice etc) must be fitted with tyres marked M+S

Other rules/requirements in Luxembourg:

The use of spiked tyres is permitted from the 1st December until the 31st March.

Use of snow chains permitted, in case of snow or ice.

Any vehicle immobilised on the motorway must use warning signals, a warning triangle and a flashing light at the rear.

In built up areas the use of the horn is prohibited except in case of immediate danger.

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