

Macedonia (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) (South East 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 fine, imprisonment and / or suspension of driving licence.

Driving licence: Minimum age at which a UK licence holder may drive a temporarily imported car and / or motorcycle (exceeding 125cc) 18.

Fines: On-the-spot. An official receipt should be obtained. Police can impound a vehicle that is wrongly parked and can detain a vehicle with worn tyres.

Fuel: Leaded; Super petrol (96 octane) and unleaded petrol (95 & 98 octane), diesel, Euro diesel and LPG is available. Petrol in a can permitted. Credit cards are accepted at some filling stations, check with your card issuer for usage in Macedonia before travel. Usually payment can only be made in local currency.

Lights: Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory, on the spot fine for none compliance.

Motorcycles: Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory. Wearing of crash helmets is compulsory for both driver and passenger.

Motor Insurance: Third party insurance compulsory. Green Card recognised.

Passengers/Children in cars: A child under 12 is not permitted to travel in the front seats of a vehicle.

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 with or without trailers: In built-up areas 31 mph (50 km/h), outside built-up areas 49 mph (80 km/h) but 68 mph (110 km/h) on dual carriageways and 80mph (130km/h) motorways. Drivers who have held their licence for less than two years must not exceed 37 mph (60km/h) outside built up areas / 49 mph (80 km/h) on dual carriageways and 62 mph (100 km/h) on motorways. They are also prohibited to drive between the hours of 2300 and 0500, unless there is a person older than 25 with a full and valid driving licence in the vehicle.

Compulsory equipment in Macedonia:

- **Spare bulb set**
- **First aid kit**
- **Warning triangle** – two if towing a trailer. Not required for two wheeled vehicles.
- **Snow chains** - must be carried to use with all year tyres from 15 Nov to 15 Mar or winter tyres must be fitted on all wheels.

Other rules/requirements in Macedonia:

A person visibly under the influence of alcohol is not permitted to travel in a vehicle as a front seat passenger.




The authorities at the frontier must certify any visible damage to a vehicle entering Macedonia and a certificate obtained; this must be produced when leaving. A certificate must also be obtained if the damage occurs whilst in Macedonia.

Spiked tyres are prohibited.

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

The use of radar detectors is prohibited.

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