

## Malta (Mediterranean)

### 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 0.08 per cent or more, severe penalties include fine or imprisonment. The Maltese authorities may also take your licence from you.

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

**Fines:** On-the-spot fines are not given, but if any motoring or parking offence is committed, for which a fine is payable, this must be settled prior to departure.

**Fuel:** Unleaded petrol 95 octane and diesel is available but not LPG. A small amount of petrol in a can permitted however it is forbidden aboard ferries. Credit cards are generally accepted at filling stations, excluding automat; check with your card issuer for usage in Malta before travel.

**Lights:** Spot lights are prohibited. Lights should be switched on whilst travelling through tunnels.

**Motorcycles:** Wearing of crash helmets compulsory for both driver and passenger.

**Motor Insurance:** Third-party compulsory, green cards are accepted.

**Passengers/Children in cars:** Children under 3 cannot travel as front or rear seat passengers unless using a suitable restraint system.

Children between 3 and 10 or under 1.5m in height travelling in the front seats must use an appropriate child restraint. If travelling on the rear seats the child should be placed in a child restraint, if available, or should wear an adult seat belt.

**Seat belts:** Compulsory for front and rear 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), outside built-up areas 49 mph (80 km/h).

### Compulsory equipment in Malta:

- N/A

### Other rules/requirements in Malta:

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Warning triangles recommended.

The rule of the road is drive on the left, overtake on the right. Buses have priority.

The use of the horn is prohibited in inhabited areas between 2300hrs & 0600hrs.

Parking in Valetta is extremely limited and there is a charge to enter the city.

There is a park and ride system located on the outskirts of the city offering a free shuttle to the centre

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