

# 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.

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

**Fines:** No on-the-spot fines but if any motoring or parking offence is committed, for which a fine is payable, this may be settled prior to departure.

**Fuel:** Unleaded petrol 95 octane, lead replacement petrol 98 octane and diesel is available but not LPG. Petrol in a can permitted however it is forbidden aboard ferries and Eurotunnel. Credit cards are generally not accepted at filling stations; check with your card issuer for usage in Malta before travel.

**Lights:** Spotlights 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 front or rear seats must use a restraint system as appropriate or adult seat belt if a restraint system is unavailable.

**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), outside built-up areas 49 mph (80 km/h).

## Compulsory equipment in Malta:

- **Warning triangle**

## Other rules/requirements in Malta:

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

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

Cars involved in a bumper-to-bumper accident need to contact the local warden service.

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