

Norway (Northern 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 exceeds 0.02 per cent severe penalties include heavy fines and / or prison also surrender of driving licence. Random breath tests are carried out.

Driving licence: Minimum age at which a UK licence holder may drive a temporarily imported car 18, motorcycle up to 11kw minimum age 16, 11-25kw 18 and over 25kw 20.

Fines: On-the-spot for infringement of traffic regulations. Vehicles illegally parked may be towed away.

Fuel: Unleaded petrol (95 & 98 octane) and diesel is available, there is limited LPG availability.

Petrol in a can permitted but it is forbidden aboard ferries.

Credit cards accepted at filling stations, check with your card issuer for usage in Norway before travel.

Lights: Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory.

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

Motor Insurance: Third-party compulsory.

Passengers/Children in cars: Children under 4 cannot travel as a front or rear seat passenger unless seated in a special restraint. Children over 4 must use a special restraint system or a seat belt.

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 49 mph (80 km/h) and up to 55 mph or 62 mph (90 km/h, 100km) on motorways. The speed limit in residential areas can be lowered to 18 mph (30km/h)

Compulsory equipment in Norway:

- **Warning triangle** - compulsory for all vehicles with more than two wheels
- **Reflective jackets** – compulsory for residents, strongly recommended for visitors *

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- **Winter equipment** – Norwegian law does not stipulate that snow chains are compulsory. However, in the event that there is snow or ice covering the roads, winter tyres or any tyres and snow chains must be used. You can receive a fine if you are travelling on icy/snowy roads using summer tyres. UK registered vehicles are predominantly fitted with summer tyres. Controls are often carried out at the border (or within border areas) to check that snow chains are carried on board. Where chains are missing the driver must purchase a set or return to the border.

When used, winter tyres must be fitted on all wheels, the minimum tread depth is 3mm.

Other rules/requirements in Norway:

It is recommended that visitors equip their vehicle with a first-aid kit, fire extinguisher and set of replacement bulbs.

In addition to some road, bridge and tunnel tolls, city tolls are payable by motorists entering Bergen, Oslo, Stavanger and Trondheim. The toll charge needs to be paid prior to entering 'the zone'. The tolls can be paid at the nearest Esso station.

Spiked tyres may be used between the 1st November and the first Sunday after Easter. Cars with spiked tyres will be charged a fee by the municipalities of Oslo and Bergen. The stickers are available to purchase daily, monthly or yearly. If these tyres are used they must be fitted to all four wheels.

In the three Northern counties Nordland, Troms and Finnmark spiked tyres are permitted from the 15th October to the 1st May.

A vehicle towing a caravan must be equipped with special rear view mirrors.

Trams always have right of way.

The use of radar detectors is forbidden.

* It is strongly recommended that a reflective jacket be carried and worn if the driver and/or passenger(s) need to exit a vehicle which is immobilised on the carriageway of all motorways and main or busy roads. We recommend the jacket be carried in the passenger compartment of the vehicle (not the boot). The carriage/use of reflective jacket is compulsory for vehicles registered in Norway.

When hiring a car in Norway, it is the hirers' responsibility to ensure that the vehicle comes complete with the compulsory equipment.

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