

Poland (Central Europe)

Touring Tips



This information should be read in conjunction with our [general advice for motoring in Europe](#).

Drinking and driving: The maximum level of alcohol in the bloodstream is 0.02 per cent. Between 0.021% and 0.05% per cent a heavy fine imposed and suspension of licence. Over 0.05% the fine is determined by a tribunal along with the prison sentence and suspension of licence.

Driving licence: Minimum age at which a UK licence holder may drive a temporarily imported car and / or motorcycle (over 125cc) 18. All valid UK driving licences should be accepted in Poland.

Fines: On-the-spot. An official receipt should be obtained. The Police are authorised to request foreign motorists pay their fines in cash. Wheel clamps are in use. Illegally parked cars causing an obstruction may be towed away and impounded.

Fuel: Unleaded petrol (95 & 98 octane), diesel and LPG available. No leaded petrol (95 octane petrol with lead replacement additive available). 10 litres of petrol in a can is permitted but forbidden aboard ferries and Euro tunnel. Credit cards accepted at most filling stations; check with your card issuer for usage in Poland before travel.

Lights: Dipped headlights or daytime running lights are compulsory for all vehicles at all times. Fine imposed for non-compliance.

Motorcycles: Dipped headlights or daytime running lights are compulsory for all vehicles at all times. The wearing of crash helmets is compulsory for both driver and passenger.

Motor Insurance: Third-party compulsory.

Passengers/Children in cars: Children under 12 and 1.5 metres in height cannot travel as front or a rear seat passenger unless using a suitable restraint system adapted to their size. If a car is equipped with front seat airbags it is prohibited to place a child in a rear facing seat.

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 37 mph (60 km/h) from 2300hrs to 0500hrs and 31 mph (50 km/h) from 0500hrs to 2300hrs, outside built-up areas 55

mph (90 km/h), on express roads (2 x 1 lanes) 62 mph (100 km/h) or (2 x 2 lanes) 68 mph (110 km/h) and 80 mph (130 km/h) on motorways. The minimum speed on motorways is 24 mph (40 km/h). Some residential zones are 13mph (20km/h).

Compulsory equipment in Poland:

- **Warning triangle** - compulsory for all vehicles with more than two wheels

Other rules/requirements in Poland:

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

It is also recommended that a fire extinguisher be carried as its carriage is compulsory for Polish registered vehicles.

The use of spiked tyres is prohibited.

Snow chains may be used only on roads covered with snow.

It is prohibited to carry or / and use a radar detector.

The use of the horn is prohibited in built up areas except to avoid an accident.

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