

Romania (South East Europe)



Touring tips

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

Drinking and driving: Strictly forbidden. Nil percentage of alcohol allowed in drivers' blood. Driving Licence can be suspended for a maximum of 90 days or prison sentence for offenders. The police carry out random tests.

Driving licence: Minimum age at which a UK licence holder may drive a temporarily imported car and / or motorcycle (for up to 90 days) 18.

Driving licences issued in the UK that do not incorporate a photograph must be accompanied by an [International Driving Permit \(IDP\)](#).

Fines: Police can impose fines on the spot, they must be paid at local post offices. A vehicle which is illegally parked may be clamped and removed.

If a fine is paid within 48 hours, the fine amount is halved.

Fuel: Lead replacement petrol (95 & 98 octane), unleaded petrol, Diesel and LPG available.

Petrol in a can permitted (must be empty when leaving Romania).

Tax is payable on petrol and diesel in the vehicle tank when leaving Romania.

Credit cards are accepted at many stations; check with your card issuer for usage in Romania before travel. It is recommended that payment is made in local currency.

Lights: Forbidden to drive at night if vehicle lighting faulty. Additional headlamps prohibited.

Dipped headlights must be used outside built up areas during the day.

Motorcycles: Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory. Wearing of crash helmets is compulsory for driver and passenger of machines 50cc and over.

Motor Insurance: Green Card / third party insurance compulsory. Drivers of vehicles registered abroad who are not in possession of a valid green card must take out short term insurance at the frontier.

Passengers/Children in cars: Child under 12 cannot travel as a front seat passenger.

Seat belts: Compulsory for front / rear seat occupants to wear seat belts, if fitted.

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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 55 mph (90 km/h), 62mph (100 km/h) on dual carriageways and 80mph (130km/h) on Motorways. No minimum speed on motorways.

A 10 km/h reduction of the standard speed limit applies if towing.

A driver who has held a licence for less than 1 year is restricted to a speed limit of 20 km/h below the indicated speed.

The speed limit for mopeds is 45 km/h inside and outside built up areas.

Compulsory equipment in Romania:

- **First aid kit**
- **Fire extinguisher**
- **Red warning triangle** - not required for two wheeled vehicles
- **Reflective jacket** – All persons exiting a vehicle to walk on the road when in a breakdown or emergency situation must wear a reflective jacket.
- **Winter tyres** from the 1st November to 31st March if there is snow or ice covering. Alternatively tyres marked m+s are permitted.

Other rules/requirements in Romania:

It is against the law to drive a dirty car.

If a temporarily imported vehicle is damaged before arrival in Romania, the importer must ask a Romanian Customs or Police Officer to write a report on the damage so that he can export the vehicle without problems. If any damage occurs inside the country a report must be obtained at the scene of the accident. Damaged vehicles may only be taken out of the country on production of this evidence.

"Claxonarea interzisa" – use of horn prohibited. The use of the horn is prohibited between 2200hrs & 0600hrs in built up areas.

Spiked tyres are prohibited.

The use of snow chains is recommended for winter journeys to the mountains and may be compulsory in case of heavy snow.

Road tax 'stickers' known as "rovinieta" have been replaced by a system of electronic tax.

Electronic tax (formerly 'Rovinieta') is payable at the National Road Administration offices at border crossing points, from post office branches in Romania and some petrol stations.

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The driver must give details of the vehicle, his identity and place of residence. You must advise of the number of days in Romania and pay the tax accordingly. This information is then entered into a database of the Road Information Centre. Cameras are situated along roads. This enables the traffic police to check your vehicle number plate against the database. The cost depends on the weight of the vehicle and period of use in Romania.

Fine for non-compliance or expired road tax is between €50 and €900.

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