

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.

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 and collect them on the spot, a receipt must be obtained. A vehicle which is illegally parked may be clamped and removed.

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. Payment is usually 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.

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 license 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.

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 prohibited.

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

"Rovinieta" - a road tax is levied on all motor vehicles both residents and visitors. Road tax 'stickers' known as "rovinieta" are available from border crossing points, Petrol Stations and Post Offices in Romania. The cost depends on the vehicle emissions category and period of use in Romania.

Foreign drivers failing to purchase a "rovinieta" during their stay may incur a fine between €3000 and €4000 when leaving the country. Proof of insurance and the cars registration document is required when purchasing the "rovinieta".

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