

Serbia (South East 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 is 0.03 per cent or more or if a medical examination shows that normal bodily functions are impaired, severe penalties include fine, imprisonment and / or suspension of driving licence. Nil alcohol is permitted in the drivers' blood for motorcyclists, novice and professional drivers. Police will be able to carry out random breath tests. All drivers will be tested for alcohol and narcotics if involved in an accident. Drivers who refuse a test will be automatically imprisoned.

Driving licence: Minimum age at which a UK licence holder may drive temporarily imported car and / or motorcycle (exceeding 125cc) 18. We recommend that you obtain an [International Driving Permit](#) to accompany your UK driving licence.

Fines: Fines are no longer payable on-the-spot, a ticket will be issued by the policeman. The tickets are required to be settled at post offices or banks within 8 days. Fines vary according to the gravity of the offence. Penalties are higher if the motorist endangers other people or causes an accident.

Fuel: Diesel (Dizel), LPG and unleaded petrol (95 octane) available. Petrol in a can permitted (duty payable). Credit cards generally accepted; check with your card issuer for usage in Serbia before travel.

Lights: Compulsory to use daytime running lights or dipped headlights during the day. A fine will be imposed for non-compliance.

Motorcycles: The wearing of crash helmets is compulsory for both driver and passenger on a motorcycle, moped, motorised tricycle and quadricycle. Crash helmets must be homologated and less than 5 years old. It is compulsory to use headlights during the day. Passengers on motorcycles are not permitted to be under the influence of alcohol. Children aged 12 and under are not permitted as a passenger.

Motor Insurance: Green Card recognised, third-party insurance compulsory. As from 1 January 2012 the Green card is no longer needed. UK drivers may enter Serbia with their valid compulsory motor insurance policy (without having to pay border insurance). Check with your motor insurer prior to travel, to confirm cover in Serbia.

Passengers/Children in cars: A person visibly under the influence of alcohol is not permitted to travel in a vehicle as a front seat passenger. Children up to the age of 3 years old can travel in the front of a car on the condition that they are placed in a rear facing child restraint adapted to their size and that the airbag is deactivated. Children from 3 to 12 years of age may not travel in the front seat of a vehicle and if transported in the rear seats they must wear a seat belt.

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 49 mph (80 km/h) but 62 mph (100 km/h) on dual carriageways and 74 mph (120 km/h) on motorways. Maximum speed limit in school areas 18 mph (30 km/h).

Drivers who have held their licence for one year or less can drive at 90% of the speed limits detailed above.

Compulsory equipment in Serbia:

- **First aid kit** – Type A for motorcycles, type B for other vehicles. Excludes mopeds.
- **Spare bulb set** – excludes two-wheeled motor vehicles and vehicles fitted with LED, Halogen or Xenon headlights.
- **Warning triangle** – two if towing a trailer. Not required for two wheeled vehicles.
- **Winter equipment** – From 1st November to the 1st April, winter tyres (marked M&S) will have to be fitted on the drive wheels of all motor vehicles up to 3.5 t and must have a minimum of 4mm tread. Snow chains must be carried all the time in the vehicle as their use may become compulsory if the International 'snow chains' sign is displayed.
- **Reflective jacket** – it is compulsory to carry reflective jackets. Any persons exiting a vehicle to walk on the road must wear the reflective jacket. The jacket must be worn when exiting the vehicle and should therefore be kept within the passenger compartment of the vehicle.
- **Spare wheel** – Must be of the same dimensions and load of those fitted.
- **Towing rope / Tow bar** – Minimum 3m

Other rules/requirements in Serbia:

A European Accident claim form must be completed if an accident involves a Serbian registered vehicle. Therefore it is recommended that a European Accident claim form be carried.

The use or carriage of radar detectors is prohibited.

Tolls are payable on most sections of motorway see www.amss.org.yu.

The authorities at the frontier must certify any visible damage to a vehicle entering Serbia and a certificate obtained; this must be produced when leaving otherwise you may experience serious difficulties on leaving.

Spiked tyres are prohibited.

Vehicles entering a roundabout have right of way.

Horns must not be used in built up areas or at night except in cases of imminent danger.

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Buses must not be overtaken when they stop for passengers to board or alight.

It is forbidden to use a vehicle that has tinted front and rear windscreens, the side windscreens can be tinted to a maximum of 25%.

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