

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 0.05 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.

From the 11th December 2009 the blood alcohol limit for private vehicle drivers will be lowered to 0.03%. Police will be able to carry out random breath tests. All drivers will be tested for alcohol and narcotics if involved in an accident.

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: On-the-spot. An official receipt should be obtained. Fines vary according to the gravity of the offence. Penalties are higher if the motorist endangers other people or causes an accident.

Fuel: Leaded (95 octane), 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: Dipped headlights should be used in poor daytime visibility.

* From the 11th December 2009: It will be compulsory to use daytime running lights or dipped headlights during the day.

Motorcycles: Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory outside built-up areas. The wearing of crash helmets is compulsory for both driver and passenger on a motorcycle, moped, motorised tricycle and quadricycle.

Motor Insurance: Green Card recognised, third-party insurance compulsory. Green cards which bear the old distinguishing sign for Serbia (SCG) instead of the new sign (SRB) are valid and will be accepted until July 2009, according to the regulations of the green card system.

Passengers/Children in cars: A person visibly under the influence of alcohol or a child under 12 is not permitted to travel in a vehicle as a front seat passenger.

From the 11th December 2009: 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.

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), 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.

From the 11th December 2009: the standard speed limit, which may be varied by signs, for private vehicles without trailers; in built up areas will be lowered to 31mph (50 km/h).

Compulsory equipment in Serbia:

- **First aid kit**
- **Spare bulb set**
- **Warning triangle** – two if towing a trailer. Not required for two wheeled vehicles.
- **Winter tyres** - compulsory from 1st December until the 1st March.
- **Daytime running lights or Dipped headlights***
- **Reflective jacket** – From the 11th December it is compulsory to carry reflective jackets. Any persons exiting a vehicle to walk on the road must wear the reflective jacket.

Other rules/requirements in Serbia:

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.

If weather conditions require; snow tyres marked M&S on the sidewall must be fitted on the driving wheels. We recommend that snow chains are carried as their use may become compulsory if the International 'snow chains' sign is displayed.

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.

School buses must not be overtaken when they stop for children to board or alight.

From the 11th December 2009: It is prohibited to carry or use a radar detector.

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