

Slovakia (Central 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 the drivers' blood. Penalties include fine, withdrawal of licence and imprisonment.

Driving licence: Minimum age at which a UK licence holder may drive a temporarily imported car 18, motorcycle (exceeding 50cc) 17.

Fines: On-the-spot (up to 20000 SKK), an official receipt should be obtained. Wheel clamps are in use and vehicles may be towed away.

Fuel: Unleaded petrol (95 octane), diesel (Nafta) and LPG is available, no leaded petrol. Petrol in a can permitted.

LPG can only be used for road vehicles on the condition that a safety certificate covers the equipment for its combustion.

Credit cards accepted at filling stations, check with your card issuer for usage in Slovakia before travel.

Lights: Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory. Any vehicle warning lights, other than those supplied with the vehicle as original equipment, must be made inoperative.

Motorcycles: Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory. Wearing of a crash helmet is compulsory when riding a machine over 50cc. Forbidden for motorcyclists to smoke while riding their machine.

Motor Insurance: Third-party compulsory.

Passengers/Children in cars: No person under 1.5 metres in height or child under 12 may travel in a vehicle as a front seat passenger. The use of child seats is compulsory for all children under 12 years of age or 150cm tall.

Seat belts: Compulsory for all seat occupants to wear seat belts, if fitted.

Speed limits: Standard legal limits, which may be varied by signs, for private vehicles without trailers; Motorways and expressways outside built up areas 80 mph (130 km/h), motorways and expressways in built up areas 55mph (90 km/h).

Other roads outside built up areas 55mph (90 km/h), other roads in built up areas 31 mph (50 km/h).

Drivers must not exceed a speed of 30 km/h, 30 metres before a level crossing and whilst crossing over it.

Minimum speed on motorways 49 mph (80 km/h), 40 mph (65 km/h) on urban motorways.

Compulsory equipment:

- **First aid kit**
- **Warning triangle** – not required for two wheeled vehicles.
- **Spare bulb set** – and spare fuses
- **Winter tyres (M+S type)** - compulsory when compacted snow or ice is on the road.
- **Reflective jacket** - compulsory for 2 and 4 wheeled vehicles on all roads outside built up areas, day and night. The person getting out of the vehicle as a result of a breakdown, puncture or accident must wear a reflective jacket. A fine of up to 5000SKK will be imposed for non compliance. Reflective jackets must comply with EU standard EN 471.

Other rules/requirements:

Motorway tax is payable for use of certain highways and motorways. A windscreen sticker must be displayed on the right hand side of the windscreen of all vehicles except motorcycles as evidence of payment. Stickers may be purchased at border crossings and from selected filling stations and post offices for periods of one year, 9 months, one month, one week or one day. Fines are imposed for non-display.

Radar detection equipment is strictly prohibited in Slovakia.

The authorities at the frontier must certify any visible damage to a vehicle entering Slovakia.

If any damage occurs inside the country a police 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.

Drivers are advised by the Slovak Police to be wary of people approaching their vehicle at border crossings and petrol stations near the border who, may cause damage to tyres and then offer their assistance further on your route when the tyre becomes deflated.

Spiked tyres are prohibited and snow chains may be used only where there is enough snow to protect the road surface.

All foreign visitors are required to show proof of medical insurance cover on entry.

Horns may only be used to warn of danger or to signify intention to overtake.

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