

# Slovenia (Central 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, severe penalties include fine or suspension of driving licence. Nil percentage of alcohol is permitted in the drivers' blood if the licence has been held for less than two years, the person is under 21 or employed as a professional driver.

The driver can still be fined for levels under 0.05% if the driver is unable to drive safely. These rules also apply to narcotics.

**Driving licence:** Minimum age at which a UK licence holder may drive a temporarily imported car and / or motorcycle (exceeding 125cc) 18.

[An IDP is compulsory](#) for holders of driving licenses not incorporating a photograph.

**Fines:** On-the-spot, they must be paid in Euros. Refusal to pay could result in your passport being held. Illegally parked vehicles will be towed away or clamped.

**Fuel:** Unleaded petrol (95 & 100 octane), diesel and LPG available.

No leaded petrol (lead substitute additive available).

Petrol in a can permitted.

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

**Lights:** Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory.

**Motorcycles:** Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory. Wearing of crash helmets is compulsory for both driver and passenger. Children under 12 not permitted as a passenger.

**Motor Insurance:** Third-party compulsory.

**Passengers/Children in cars:** Child smaller than 1.5m must use suitable restraint system for their size. Children taller than 1.5m may wear normal seat belts. If a child is transported on the front seat in a rear facing child restraint, the airbag must be deactivated. A child under three years of age must not be transported in a vehicle if a child restraint can not be fitted.

**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) but 68 mph (110 km/h) on “fast roads” (dual carriageways) and 80 mph (130 km/h) on motorways.

There are areas with a restricted speed limit of 18 mph (30km/h). The minimum speed on motorways is 37 mph (60km/h). Vehicles equipped with snow chains must not exceed 31 mph (50 km/h).

In bad weather and when visibility is reduced to less than 50m due to bad weather the maximum speed limit is 31 mph (50 km/h).

## Compulsory equipment in Slovenia:

- **Reflective jacket** – (not motorcycles) The reflective waistcoat/s should be kept in the vehicle and not in the boot as any person exiting the vehicle must wear a reflective safety jacket as soon as they leave their vehicle in an accident/breakdown situation, fine for non-compliance.
- **First aid kit**
- **Warning triangle** – two if towing a trailer. Not required for two wheeled vehicles.
- **Snow chains** – must be carried between 15 November and 15 March (and at other times under winter weather conditions) by private cars and vehicles up to 3.5tonnes unless the vehicle is fitted with four winter tyres marked M&S. Minimum tyre tread depth for use in winter weather conditions is 3mm.

## Other rules/requirements in Slovenia

Warning triangle and/or hazard warning lights must be used in an accident/ breakdown situation.

At night if hazard lights fail, in addition to a warning triangle a yellow flashing light or position lights must mark the vehicle.

Fire extinguisher and set of replacement bulbs recommended. Replacements bulbs are compulsory for residents.

Foreign drivers involved in an accident are advised to call the police and obtain a written report.

It is prohibited to overtake a bus transporting children when passengers are getting on / off.

Drivers must not indicate when entering a roundabout, they must use indicators when leaving the roundabout.

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Use of the horn is prohibited in built up areas or at night, except in cases of danger/injury/illness. The use of the horn is generally prohibited in the vicinity of hospitals.

A vignette has to be displayed when travelling on motorways and expressways and is available to purchase from filling stations in Slovenia and in neighbouring countries. The vignettes are available with validities of 1 year (vehicle up to 3.5t €95), per month (vehicle up to 3.5t €30) and for 7 days (vehicle up to 3.5t €15), with the yearly one being valid from 1<sup>st</sup> December to the 31<sup>st</sup> January the following year, fine for non-display 300 Euros minimum. Further information can be found on [www.dars.si](http://www.dars.si)

The use of spiked tyres is prohibited.

Hazard warning lights must be used when reversing.

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