

# 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.

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 licences not incorporating a photograph.

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

**Fuel:** Unleaded petrol (95 & 98 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 under 12 and smaller than 1.5 metres must use suitable restraint system for their age and size and they are only permitted to travel on the rear seats. Children over 12 may wear normal seat belts.

**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) but 62 mph (100 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 50 metres 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, fine for non-compliance.
- **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 vehicle fitted with four winter tyres. Minimum tyre tread depth is 3mm at times when snow chains/winter tyres required.

### **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, first-aid kit and set of replacement bulbs recommended.

Foreign drivers involved in an accident must call the police and obtain a written report. On leaving the country, damaged vehicles must be accompanied by this report, as Customs will ask to see it, to allow exit.

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

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

A vignette system has been introduced which replaces tolls. The vignette will have to be displayed when travelling on motorways and expressways and will be 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 55 EUR) and half a year (vehicle up to 3.5t 35EUR), 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.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 new tariffs will apply:

Vehicles not exceeding 3.5t

7 day vignette €15

Annual vignette €95

Motorcycle:

7 day vignette €7.50

Annual vignette €47.50

The use of spiked tyres is prohibited.

Hazard warning lights must be used when reversing.

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