

Turkey (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, penalties are severe. For drivers of cars with caravans or trailers the alcohol level in the bloodstream is 0%.

Driving licence: The minimum age at which a UK licence holder may drive a temporarily imported car and / or motorcycle 18. UK driving licence valid for 90 days; licences that do not incorporate a photograph must be accompanied by an [International Driving Permit](#).

Fines: On-the-spot. Vehicles may be towed away if causing an obstruction.

Fuel: Leaded (95 octane), unleaded petrol (95 & 97 octane) and Diesel are available. LPG is available in large centres. Petrol in a can permitted (fireproof container). Credit cards accepted at many filling stations, check with your card issuer for usage in Turkey before travel.

Lights: Dipped headlights should be used in poor daytime visibility, and after sunset in built up areas.

Motorcycles: Wearing of crash helmets compulsory.

Motor Insurance: Third party insurance compulsory. Foreign insurance e.g. UK insurance is recognised in the European part of Turkey, check to ensure your policy covers Turkey.

Visiting motorists driving vehicles registered in the UK may use a valid Green Card when driving in Turkey. The green card must cover the whole of Turkey, i.e. both the European Part and the Asian part (Anatolia).

Visiting motorists who are not in possession of a valid Green Card or who are not in possession of a valid UK insurance policy (validated for the whole of Turkey) must take out short term insurance at the border or TTOK offices.

Passengers/Children in cars: Child under 12 cannot travel as front seat passenger.

Seat belts: Compulsory for front and rear seat occupants to wear seat belts, where 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) for cars, 43mph (70km/h) for motorcycles; motorways 74mph (120km/h) for cars and 49mph (80km/h) for motorcycles. Minimum speed on motorways: 24 mph (40 km/h). Speed limits are 10km/h less if the car has a trailer.

Compulsory equipment in Turkey:

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- **First aid kit** – Not required for two wheeled vehicles
- **Fire extinguisher** – Not required for two wheeled vehicles
- **Warning triangle** – two required

Other rules/requirements in Turkey:

The use of the horn is generally prohibited in towns between 2200 hours until sunrise.

The use of spiked tyres, snow chains and studded tyres are permitted but only where their use does not damage the road surface.

It is recommended that winter tyres are used in snowy areas and snow chains are carried.

In the event of an accident it is compulsory for the police to be called and a report obtained.

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