



The following is additional to our [general advice for motoring in Europe](#).

Driving licence

- All styles of the UK driving licence are accepted.
- You must be at least 18 years old to drive a temporarily imported car or motorcycle.

Motor insurance

You must have a minimum of third-party insurance.

Fuel

- LPG is not available.
- Unleaded petrol (95 and 98 octane) and diesel are available.
- Leaded petrol is not available. lead substitute additives are very rare.
- You must not carry petrol in a can.
- Credit cards are accepted at most filling stations but check with your card issuer for use in Cyprus before travel.

Speed limits

(Standard legal limits, which may be varied by signs, for private vehicles without trailers)

- Built-up areas 31 mph (50 km/h) or 40 mph (65 km/h)
- Outside built-up areas 49 mph (80 km/h)
- Motorways 62 mph (100 km/h) (*Minimum speed 40 mph (65 km/h)*)

Seat belts

Front and rear seat occupants must wear seat belts if fitted.

Passengers/children in cars

- Children under 5 years old must not travel in the front passenger seat. They must use a suitable child restraint in the rear of the vehicle
- Children aged 5 to 12 years old and less than 1.5m in height must use a child restraint adapted to their size. They may occupy the front passenger seat if an appropriate child seat has been fitted.

Lights

- Lights must be used between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.
- Spotlights are prohibited.



Motorcycles

- Riders must wear a crash helmet
- Lights must be switched on during the day
- Only persons 12 years and over can be carried as a passenger

Drinking and driving

- The legal limit is 50 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood.
- If you are suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol (50 milligrams and over) you may be subjected to a blood test.
- A lower limit of 20 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood applies to drivers who have held their licence less than three years, motorbike, tricycle and quad riders.

Fines

Traffic police may impose on-the-spot fines for traffic offences but they cannot collect them.

It's compulsory to carry the following in Cyprus

- **Two warning triangles**

Other rules/requirements in Republic of Cyprus

Although not compulsory, it is recommended that you carry a fire extinguisher and a first aid kit.

The rule of the road is drive on the left and overtake on the right.

You must not use your horn unless absolutely necessary.

Spiked tyres and snow chains are permitted on mountain roads in winter.

A GPS based navigation system which can show fixed speed camera locations must have the function deactivated.

It's prohibited to use a radar detector.

It's prohibited to eat or drink while driving and you will be fined if caught.

You must not smoke in a car with a passenger under 16 years old present and will be fined if you do.



[This information leaflet](#) has been created in association with several authorities in Cyprus

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