

Estonia (Eastern Europe)

Touring Tips



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

Driving licence

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 cover.

Fuel

- Unleaded petrol (95 and 98 octane), diesel and LPG are all available.
- Leaded petrol is not available.
- You may carry petrol in a can but will have to pay excise duty at the frontier.
- Credit cards are accepted at most filling stations but check with your card issuer for use in Estonia before travel.
- Special winter diesel is available during winter months.

Speed limits

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

- Built-up areas 31 mph (50 km/h)
- Outside built-up areas 55 mph (90 km/h) but up to 68 mph (110 km/h) on some roads during the summer.
- If you have held a driving licence for less than two years you must not exceed 55 mph (90 km/h).

Seat belts

- Front seat occupants must wear seat belts.
- Rear seat occupants must wear seat belts if fitted.

Passengers/children in cars

- A child younger than 12 and not yet tall enough to use an adult seat belt must use a child restraint or child seat adapted to their size.
- Rear facing child restraints must not be used on seats equipped with an active airbag.

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Lights

You must use dipped headlights during the day.

Motorcycles

- You must use dipped headlights during the day.
- Riders must wear a crash helmet.
- You must not carry a child passenger younger than 12.

Drinking and driving

- The legal limit is 20 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.
- Penalties include both fines and imprisonment.

Fines

- The police can impose but not collect on-the-spot fines.
- If you agree to the amount of the fine it is payable within 14 days.
- The police control speeds closely and will give fines for even the smallest speeding offences.
- Illegally parked cars will be clamped and heavy fines can be imposed for unlawful parking.

You must carry the following in Estonia

- **First-aid kit** (company cars only)
- **Fire extinguisher**
- **Reflective jacket(s)** (It is compulsory to wear a reflective jacket in the event of a breakdown at night in a non-urban zone. Any person who gets out of the vehicle must wear one.)
- **Two wheel chocks** (blocks of wood or plastic to put under a vehicles wheels when parked, to stop it moving)
- **Warning triangle** (not required for two-wheeled vehicles)
- **Winter tyres** - (with a minimum tread depth of 3 millimeters) between 1 December and 1 March and at other times between October and April if weather conditions require.

Other rules/requirements in Estonia

We recommended that you carry an assortment of spares for your vehicle, such as a fan belt, replacement bulbs and spark plugs.

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We recommend that you park only in guarded car parks.

We recommend that you carry an International Certificate for Motor Vehicles ([ICMV](#)) in addition to the original vehicle registration if you are visiting any Russian speaking areas outside Estonia.

The border police may ask you for proof of sufficient personal insurance cover.

You must not overtake a tram which has stopped to let passengers on or off.

You will have to pay a toll to enter the city of Tallin.

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