

Iceland (North Atlantic)

Touring Tips



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

Driving licence

- You must be at least 17 years old to drive a temporarily imported car or motorcycle (over 50cc).
- All valid UK driving licenses should be accepted in Iceland including the older all-green UK paper licence and in the Northern Ireland paper licence with photographic counterpart).
- As these older licenses may be more difficult to understand we recommend that you also carry an [International Driving Permit \(IDP\)](#) or consider updating your licence to a Photocard before travel.

Motor Insurance

You must have a minimum of third-party cover.

Fuel

- Unleaded petrol, 'blylaust bensin' (95 & 98 octane) and diesel, 'disilolia' are available but LPG is not.
- Leaded petrol is not available but lead substitute petrol is, as 98 octane.
- You must not import fuel in spare can.
- Some credit cards are accepted at most filling stations but you should check with your card issuer for usage in Iceland 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)
- Gravel roads outside built-up areas 49 mph (80 km/h)
- Asphalt roads outside built-up areas 55 mph (90 km/h)

Seat belts

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

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Passengers/Children in cars

- Children under 3 years old must use a suitable child restraint.
- Children over 3 years of age and under 1.5m tall must use a suitable child restraint. Children must not ride in the front passenger seat if there is an active airbag present.

Lights

You must use dipped headlights during the day and could be fined for not doing so.

Motorcycles

- You must use dipped headlights during the day.
- Riders must wear a crash helmet.

Drinking and driving

- The legal limit is 50 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood.
- Severe penalties include withdrawal of your driving licence from one month to life, a prison sentence and a fine of up to 200,000 Krona.

Fines

- Traffic police can impose and collect on-the-spot fines but it may be possible to make payment at a police station or the police officer may provide details of the official bank account into which the fine must be paid.
- If you park illegally you could be fined and your car towed away.

You must carry the following in Iceland

- **Warning triangle** – must be used in conjunction with hazard warning lights
- **Winter tyres** – you must use winter tyres on roads affected by winter weather at any time but generally between 1 November and 15 April.

Other rules/requirements in Iceland

We recommend that you carry a first-aid kit, a fire extinguisher and a set of replacement bulbs.

You may use spiked tyres between 15 November and 15 April.

You may use snow chains when necessary.

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*For the
road ahead*

In order to protect Flora and Fauna, you must not drive outside marked roads or tracks.

Weather conditions can change rapidly; using a local phone you can dial 1777 (between 7:30am and 10pm) to get information about road and weather conditions.

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