

Lithuania (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.
- If you don't have a UK Photocard licence you must also carry photographic proof of identity (passport).

Motor insurance

You must have a minimum of third-party cover but fully comprehensive cover is recommended.

Fuel

- Unleaded petrol (95 & 98 octane), diesel and LPG are available.
- Leaded petrol is available at Statoil petrol stations.
- You may carry spare petrol in a can but will have to pay duty.
- Credit cards are accepted at filling stations but you should check with your card issuer for usage in Lithuania 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)
- Outside built-up areas 43 mph (70 km/h) or 55 mph (90 km/h) on asphalt roads

Winter (1 November to 1 April)

- Dual carriageways 62 mph (100 km/h)
- Motorways 68 mph (110 km/h)

Summer (1 April to 1 November)

- Dual carriageways 68 mph (110 km/h)
- Motorways 80 mph (130 km/h) (Vilnius to Panevezys, and Kaunas to Klaipeda)

The police control speeds closely and give fines for even the smallest of speeding offences.

If you have held your licence for less than 2 years then lower limits apply:

- Asphalt roads outside built-up areas 43mph (70 km/h)
- Dual carriage ways and motorways 55mph (90 km/h)

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Seat belts

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

Passengers/children in cars

- Children under 12 years old or less than 1.35m tall cannot travel as a front seat passenger unless using a suitable child restraint.
- Children under 3 years old must be carried in the rear and must use a suitable child restraint. You must not carry a child in a rear facing seat on the front passenger seat unless any passenger airbag fitted has been deactivated.

Lights

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

Motorcycles

- You must use your dipped headlight during the day and could be fined for not doing so.
- Riders must wear a crash helmet.
- You must not carry a child under 12 years old.

Drinking and driving

- The legal limit is 40 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood.
- There is a zero limit for novice drivers who have held their licence for two years or less.
- Penalties are severe and include a fine and/or withdrawal of your driving licence for up to five years.
- You must not carry an open container of alcohol inside a vehicle.
- The police can also test you for drugs, using a saliva test.

Fines

- On-the-spot fines can be imposed but some may be paid at a local bank, depending on the amount or traffic violation.
- There is a risk that your vehicle may be confiscated for some offences.

You must carry the following in Lithuania:

- **First aid kit**
- **Fire extinguisher**
- **Warning triangle**

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- **Reflective jacket** – must be kept in the passenger compartment as you must wear it if you breakdown and get out of your vehicle at night.
- **Winter tyres** - compulsory between 10 November and 1 April. Spiked tyres may also be used during this period but not between 10 April and 1 November.

Other rules/requirements in Lithuania

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

You must call the police to the scene of an accident.

You can stay as a temporary visitor for up to six month, but if you are staying for more than 3 months you will have to obtain a temporary registration certificate and plates, valid up to six months.

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