

Luxembourg (Western 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 at least have third-party cover.

Fuel

- Unleaded petrol (95 & 98 octane) and diesel are available.
- LPG is available in a few petrol stations (approximately 12).
- You must not carry spare petrol in a can.
- Credit cards are accepted at filling stations but you should check with your card issuer for usage in Luxembourg 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)
The speed limit of 18 mph (30 km/h) are becoming increasingly common in built-up areas. The speed limit is shown when you enter the area, but it is not repeated inside the area. It is important to be vigilant for the sign to show the end of the zone 30 before increasing your speed
- Outside built-up areas 55 mph (90 km/h)
- Motorways 80 mph (130 km/h) or 68 mph (110 km/h) in rain or snow
- 'Zone de rencontre' are areas where the limit is 12mph (20 km/h) and pedestrians have priority and may cross whenever they choose.

Seat belts

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

Passengers/Children in cars

- Children under 3 years of age must use a suitable child restraint.
- Children aged from 3 to 18 years old and/or under 1.5m tall must use a suitable restraint, but if their weight is more than 36kg they can use an adult seat belt in the rear only.
- You must not use a rear-facing child restraint on a seat with a frontal airbag unless the airbag is disabled.

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Lights

- You must leave your sidelights on when parking where there isn't any street lighting.
- You must use dipped headlights when visibility is reduced to less than 100m i.e. due to fog, snow, heavy rain.
- It's recommended that you flash your headlights when overtaking at night outside built-up areas.
- You must use your dipped headlights in tunnels.

Motorcycles

- It's compulsory to use your dipped headlight during the day.
- Riders must wear a crash helmet.
- You must not carry a child under 12 years of age.

Drinking and driving

- The legal limit is 49 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood.
- For young and novice drivers the limit is 19 milligrams.
- Penalties are severe and include fines and/or prison.

Fines

- On-the-spot fines can be imposed and can be settled by cash or by bank card.
- If you park illegally or dangerously your car could be impounded.

It's compulsory to carry the following in Luxembourg

- **Reflective jacket** – you and your passengers must wear a reflective jacket or waistcoat if you get out of a broken down vehicle on a motorway or outside built-up areas, at night and in bad visibility.
- **Warning triangle** (vehicles with 4 or more wheels only)
- **Tyres** – All tyres must be of the same type and standard and either winter tyres (marked M&S) or summer tyres.
- **Winter Tyres** – tyres marked M&S must be fitted if driving in winter conditions (frost, compacted snow, slush, ice etc.)

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Other rules/requirements in Luxembourg

You may use spiked tyres between 1 December and 31 March.

You may use snow chains on snow or ice.

If you breakdown on the motorway you must use your hazard warning lights or a warning triangle and a flashing light at the rear.

You must not use your horn in built-up areas except in cases of immediate danger.

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