

Macedonia (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) (South East Europe)



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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 (exceeding 125cc).

Motor Insurance

- You must have at least third party insurance cover.
- Green Cards are recognised.

Fuel

- Unleaded petrol (95 & 98 octane), diesel, Euro diesel and LPG are available.
- You may carry spare petrol in a can.
- Credit cards are accepted at some filling stations but you should check with your card issuer for usage in Macedonia before travel.
- You will generally have to pay in cash in local currency.

Speed limits

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

- Built-up areas 31 mph (50 km/h)
- Outside built-up areas 49 mph (80 km/h)
- Dual carriageways 62 mph (100 km/h)
- Motorways 75mph (120km/h)

Newly qualified drivers:

- Outside built up areas 37mph (60 km/h)
- Dual carriageways 49 mph (80 km/h)
- Motorways 62 mph (100 km/h)
- New drivers must not drive between 11pm and 5am unless accompanied by a valid licence holder older than 25.

Seat belts

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

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Passengers/Children in cars

- You must not carry a child under 12 years old in the front seat.
- There are no official child restraint regulations but the Macedonian authorities recommend:
 - Children under 2 years old can travel in the front if using a suitable child restraint
 - Front seat airbags must be deactivated before using a rear-facing child seat.
 - A child from 5 to 12 years old can travel on the back seat using a 3 point seat belt

Lights

You must use dipped headlights during the day and could be fined on-the-spot if you don't.

Motorcycles

- You must use your dipped headlight 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.
- There is a zero limit for newly qualified drivers.
- Penalties are severe and include fines, imprisonment and/or suspension of your driving licence.
- A person visibly under the influence of alcohol is not permitted to travel as a front seat passenger.
- Refusing to take a test carries a high fine.

Fines

- On-the-spot can be imposed and you should get an official receipt.
- Fines must be paid at a Post Office or bank, and if paid within 8 days are reduced by 50%.
- The police can impound a vehicle that is wrongly parked and prevent you from using a vehicle with worn tyres.

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You must carry the following in Macedonia

- **First aid kit** (not for two-wheeled vehicles)
- **A tow rope**
- **Fire extinguisher** – Compulsory if the vehicle uses LPG
- **Warning triangle** – two if towing a trailer, but not required for two-wheeled vehicles.
- **Reflective jacket** – must be compliant with EN 471 and kept within the passenger compartment and worn by the driver before exiting the vehicle in the dark outside of towns and on motorways.
- **Winter equipment** – From 15 November to 15 March, all motor vehicles driven outside built-up areas, must be equipped with:
 - Winter tyres with a minimum tread depth of 4mm fitted on all wheels, or
 - If you carry snow chains the vehicle can be fitted with summer tyres which must have at least 4mm of tread.
 - If you are using snow chains you must not exceed 43 mph (70 km/h)
 - 4-wheel drive vehicles must have winter tyres with a minimum tread depth of 6mm or, if carrying snow chains, may be fitted with summer tyres with a minimum tread depth of 6mm.
 - It is possible that the winter tyre/snow chain rules could be extended to apply on all roads.

Other rules/requirements in Macedonia

Though only compulsory on LPG vehicles, we recommend that all vehicles carry a fire extinguisher.

We recommended that all vehicles carry a spare set of bulbs (not required for xenon, neon or LED lights).

If your vehicle is visibly damaged then it must be certified by the authorities at the frontier. They will issue a certificate which you will have to show when you leave the country.

You will also have to obtain a certificate if your vehicle is damaged while in Macedonia.

You must not use spiked tyres.

If you have a gps or sat nav system that can show the location of fixed speed cameras then this function must be deactivated.

You must not use a radar detector.

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