

Malta (Mediterranean)

Touring Tips



You should read the following alongside 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 at least third-party cover
- Green cards are accepted

Fuel

- Unleaded petrol (95 octane) and diesel are available.
- LPG is available at some petrol stations.
- You may carry a small amount of petrol in a can but must not do so on a ferry.
- Credit cards are generally accepted at filling stations, excluding automat, but you should check with your card issuer for usage in Malta 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 37 mph (60 km/h)

Seat belts

Front and rear seat occupants must wear seat belts.

Passengers/children in cars

- Children under 3 years old must not travel as a front or rear seat passenger unless using a suitable child restraint.
- Children between 3 and 10 years old or under 1.5m tall travelling in the front seats must use a suitable child restraint. In the rear, they may use an adult belt if a suitable child restraint is not available.

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Lights

- You must not use spot lights.
- You must use dipped head lights in tunnels.

Motorcycles

- Riders must wear a crash helmet.

Drinking and driving

- The legal limit is 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood.
- Penalties are severe and include a fine or imprisonment. The Maltese authorities may also take your licence away.

Fines

- On-the-spot fines are not given, but if you do commit any motoring or parking offence for which a fine is payable, this must be settled before you leave.
- You can be fined for not stopping at an amber traffic light.

Other rules/requirements in Malta

We recommended that you carry a warning triangle as one must be used to warn road users of obstructions or accidents.

The rule of the road is drive on the left, overtake on the right.

Buses have priority.

You must not use your horn in inhabited areas between 11pm and 6am.

There is a charge to enter the city of Valetta and parking is extremely limited. A park and ride system on the outskirts of the city offers a free shuttle to the centre.

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