

Ukraine (Eastern Europe)

Touring Tips



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

Driving licence

- You must be at least 18 years of age to drive a temporarily imported car or motorcycle.
- You must have an [International Driving Permit](#) (IDP) to accompany your UK driving licence.

Motor Insurance

- You must have a minimum of third party insurance cover.
- Green Cards are accepted.

Fuel

- Unleaded petrol (95 & 98 octane), diesel (Solyarka) and LPG are available.
- You may carry spare petrol in a can – this is recommended on long journeys – but may not import spare fuel in cans.
- Credit cards are accepted at filling stations but you should check with your card issuer for usage in Ukraine before travel.
- Fuel is usually paid for in local currency.

Speed limits

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

- Some residential zones 13mph (20km/h)
- Built-up areas 37mph (60km/h)
- Outside built-up areas 55mph (90km/h)
- Major roads 68mph (110km/h)
- Motorways 80mph (130km/h)

If you have held a driving licence for less than two years you must not exceed 43mph (70km/h).

Speed limits are not always signposted clearly so you will have to be aware of your surroundings, particularly when entering a built-up area.

Seat belts

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

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Passengers/children in cars

Children under 12 years of age and less than 1.45m tall cannot travel as front seat passengers.

Lights

You must use dipped headlights during the day between 1 October and 30 April and outside these dates in poor daytime visibility.

Motorcycles

- Riders must wear a crash helmet.
- You must not carry a child under 12 years old or less than 1.45m tall.

Drinking and driving

- The legal limit is zero but a 20 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood working limit has been established to allow for some medication and mouthwashes that may contain alcohol.
- Penalties are very high and your driving licence can be confiscated for a repeat offence.

Fines

- The police are not allowed to collect money for on-the-spot fines from a visitor.
- If you have not paid a penalty within 15 days or before leaving Ukraine your vehicle can be detained.

You must carry the following in Ukraine

- **First aid kit**
- **Fire extinguisher**
- **Warning triangle**
- **Winter tyres** – on all four wheels during snowy weather conditions between November and April, with a minimum tread of 4mm.

Other rules/requirements in Ukraine

It's recommended that you carry an International Certificate for Motor Vehicles ([ICMV](#)) as well as the original vehicle registration document when visiting any Russian speaking area.

If you are driving a foreign registered vehicle the State Traffic Inspectorate may stop you to check your documents.

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

You must pre-plan your itinerary and book accommodation before you travel.

It is strongly recommended that you use spiked tyres or snow chains in cold winter weather.

If you are involved in an accident the police must be called.

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