

Croatia (South East 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 exceeding 125cc.

Motor insurance

- You must have at least third-party cover.
- A green card (obtained prior to travel) is recommended to facilitate insurance formalities in case of an accident. The green card must cover Croatia (HR) as well as Bosnia Herzegovina if travelling on the 20km section of coastline at Neum, along the Dalmatian coastal highway.

Fuel

- Unleaded petrol (95 and 98 octane), diesel (dizel) and LPG are available at most filling stations on motorways.
- You must not carry petrol in a can.
- Credit cards are accepted at filling stations but check with your card issuer for usage in Croatia 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 55 mph (90 km/h)
- Expressways 68 mph (110 km/h)
- Motorways 80 mph (130 km/h) (*Minimum 37 mph (60 km/h)*)
- If towing a trailer/caravan the speed limit is reduced to 55 mph (90 km/h)

Drivers under 24 years of age must not exceed 49 mph (80 km/h) on normal roads outside built-up areas, 62 mph (100 km/h) on expressways and 74 mph (120 km/h) on motorways.

Seat belts

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

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Passengers/children in cars

- Children under the age of two must be seated in a suitable rear facing child seat with the passenger airbag turned off, if seated in the front.
- Children aged over 2 and under 5 must be seated in a suitable child seat in the rear of the vehicle.
- Children aged 5 to 12 must use a suitable child restraint/booster seat in the rear.

Lights

- You must use dipped headlights in the daytime from the last Sunday in October to the last Sunday in March.
- At other times dipped headlights must be used in reduced visibility.
- You can be fined for not using dipped headlights when required.

Motorcycles

- You must use dipped headlights during the day.
- Riders must wear crash helmets.
- Children under 12 cannot ride as a passenger.
- A fine can be imposed if a passenger is found to be under the influence of alcohol or narcotics.

Drinking and driving

- There is a zero limit for drivers less than 24 years old.
- For drivers 24 years old and over the legal limit is 50 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood.
- If you test positive for narcotics severe consequences include confiscation of vehicle, severe fine and removal of driving licence.
- You must not drive after taking any medicine whose side effects may affect your ability to drive.

Fines

- The police can impose on-the-spot fines.
- Fines must be paid within eight days at a post office or bank.
- The police may hold your passport until evidence of payment is produced.
- Foreign driving licences can be suspended for up to 8 days for driving with excess alcohol, driving without prescribed medical aids e.g. glasses, driving in a state of exhaustion or whilst ill. You must collect the licence within 3 days of the end of suspension.
- Illegally parked cars can be clamped.

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It's compulsory to carry the following in Croatia

- **Spare bulbs** (not required for xenon, neon, LED or similar lights)
- **First-aid kit** (excludes motorcycles)
- **Warning triangle** (excludes motorcycles. You must carry two if towing)
- **Snow chains** (At least one set for the driving axle is compulsory during winter months, regardless of the type of tyre)
- **Winter tyres** (marked M&S) – fitted to the driving axle between 1st November and the 30th April. Winter tyres must have a minimum tread of 4mm.
- **Shovel** (during winter months only)
- **Reflective jacket** (not for motorcycles with sidecars and mopeds under 50cc) – must be carried in your vehicle and worn by anyone who gets out they have to get out at the roadside, in an emergency. Check hire cars as car hire companies may not supply.

Other rules/requirements in Croatia

You must not use spiked tyres.

If your vehicle is not adapted to winter conditions, you may be prohibited from driving and fined.

The police authorities at the frontier must certify any visible damage to a vehicle entering Croatia. You will be issued with a certificate which must be produced when leaving the country.

It's forbidden to use a radar detector.

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