

SLOVAKIA (CENTRAL EUROPE)



Touring Tips

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

Driving licence:

The minimum age at which a UK licence holder can drive a temporarily imported car is 18, for motorcycles (exceeding 50cc) the minimum age is 17.

Drinking and driving:

Strictly forbidden. No alcohol is allowed in drivers' blood.

Fines:

on-the-spot (up to 2000SKK). Get an official receipt for any fines paid.

Fuel:

Unleaded petrol (91, 95 and 98 octane) is available. There is no leaded petrol, but a lead substitute petrol is available as 95 and 98 octane 'UNI'. You are permitted to carry petrol in cans. Diesel (Nafta) and LPG are available. Credit cards are accepted at filling stations; check with your card issuer to be sure you can use your card in Slovakia before travelling.

Lights:

Dipped headlights are required during the day from 15 October to 15 March. Any vehicle warning lights, other than those supplied with the vehicle as original equipment, must be inoperable.

Motorcycles:

You must use dipped headlights during the day. Crash helmet and goggles are compulsory when riding machines capable of speeds over 24mph (40km/h). Motorcyclists must not smoke while riding.

Motor insurance:

Third-party insurance is compulsory.

Passengers/children in cars:

Persons less than 1.5m tall or children under 12 cannot travel as a front-seat passengers.

Seat belts:

Front- and rear-seat occupants must wear seat belts where they are fitted.

Speed limits:

Standard legal limits, which can be varied by signs, for private vehicles without trailers: built-up areas 37mph (60km/h), outside built-up areas including dual carriageways for vehicles not exceeding 3500kg 55mph (90km/h) and motorways 80mph (130km/h). Minimum speed on motorways is 31mph (50km/h).

Special features:

You must carry a first-aid kit, warning triangle, and a set of replacement bulbs. You must buy and display a motorway tax sticker on your windscreen to use certain highways and motorways (motorcycles excepted). You can buy tax stickers at the Slovak frontier and from some filling stations and post offices, valid for periods of 15 days or one year. For vehicles over 12 tonnes only, a one-day sticker is also available. If you use these motorways without a sticker, you are subject to a fine. Any visible damage to a vehicle that enters Slovakia must be certified by the authorities at the frontier. If damage occurs inside the country you must get a report at the scene of the accident. Damaged vehicles can only be taken out of the country on production of this evidence.