



DENMARK (Northern Europe)

This information should be read in conjunction with 'General advice for motoring in Europe'

Drinking and driving: If the level of alcohol in the bloodstream is 0.05 per cent or more severe penalties include licence suspension, fines or imprisonment depending on the amount of excess.

Driving licence: Minimum age at which a UK licence holder may drive temporarily imported car and/or motorcycle 17.

Fines: On-the-spot. Visitors who infringe traffic regulations can expect to be fined. If the visitor does not accept the fine, the police will take the matter to court to be settled by a judge. The police may retain the vehicle until such time. Vehicles parked against regulations will be taken away by the police at the owner's expense.

Fuel: Unleaded petrol (95 and 98 octane) and diesel is available, limited availability of LPG. No leaded petrol, a leaded petrol substitute is available called Millennium. Petrol in can permitted but forbidden aboard ferries and Eurotunnel. Credit cards accepted at most filling stations; check with your card issuer for use in Denmark before travel.

Lights: Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory.

Motorcycles: Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory. The wearing of crash helmets with straps is compulsory for both driver and passenger.

Motor insurance: Third-party compulsory.

Passengers/children in cars: Children under three years must be seated in a restraint system adapted to their size. Children over three and less than 1.35m must be seated in a child restraint system suitable for their height and weight. A child must not be placed in the front seat with their back to the road if the vehicle is fitted with an active airbag.

Seat belts: Compulsory for front/rear-seat occupants to wear seat belts, if fitted.

Speed limits: Standard legal limits, which may be varied by signs, for private vehicles without trailers; In built-up areas 31 mph (50 km/h), outside built-up areas 49 mph (80 km/h) or 55 mph (90 km/h) and motorways 68 mph (110 km/h) or 80 mph (130 km/h).



Special features: A red warning triangle is compulsory. It is recommended that visitors equip their vehicle with a fire extinguisher and a first-aid kit. Generally there is a duty to give way to traffic approaching from the right. A line of white triangles (shark's teeth) painted across the road indicates that you must stop and give way to traffic on the road you are entering. When roads are wet or slushy, speed must be reduced as far as possible to prevent other road users from being splashed. It is prohibited to use radar detectors. Spiked tyres may be used between 1st November and the 15th April, they must be on all 4 wheels. Right hand drive vehicles must have wing mirrors on both sides of the vehicle.

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