

# Denmark (Northern Europe)



## Touring tips

This information should be read in conjunction with [general advice for motoring in Europe](#).

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

**Motor insurance:** Third-party compulsory.

**Fuel:** Unleaded petrol (92 and 95 octane, 99 available at Shell stations) 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. Credit cards accepted at most filling stations; check with your card issuer for use in Denmark before travel.

**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). A speed limit of 24 mph (40km/h) applies within the centre of Copenhagen. When roads are wet or slushy, speed must be reduced as far as possible to prevent other road users from being splashed.

**Seat belts:** Compulsory for front/rear seat occupants to wear seat belts.

**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.

All rear seat passengers must wear a seatbelt, it is not possible to transport three children if there are only two seatbelts.

**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.

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

**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 may be taken away by the police at the owner's expense.

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### Compulsory equipment in Denmark:

- **A red warning triangle** – In case of accident / breakdown

### Other rules/requirements in Denmark:

It is recommended that visitors equip their vehicle with a fire extinguisher and a first-aid kit. While not compulsory, it is also recommended that a reflective jacket be carried to be used in the event of the driver having to step out of the vehicle in an emergency/breakdown situation.

Generally there is a duty to give way to traffic approaching from the right. A bold line, a line of white triangles (shark's teeth) painted across the road or a white triangle with red border indicates that you must stop and give way to traffic on the road you are entering.

It is prohibited to use radar detectors.

Spiked tyres may be used between 1 November and 15 April, they must be on all 4 wheels.

Right hand drive vehicles must have wing mirrors on both sides of the vehicle.

Private cars must be equipped with an exterior side mirror and an interior rear view mirror.

Motorists must always yield to bicycles.

In towns, horns may only be used in an emergency.

Merge in turn when entering motorways.

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