



ESTONIA (Eastern Europe)

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

Drinking and driving: Strictly forbidden. Nil percentage of alcohol allowed in drivers blood. Breath tests are frequent in Estonia; blood tests can also be done.

Driving licence: Minimum age at which a UK licence holder may drive temporarily imported car and/or motorcycle 18.

Fines: The police can impose fines on the spot. The police control speeds closely and will give fines for even the smallest speeding offences. Illegally parked cars will be clamped.

Fuel: Unleaded petrol (95 and 98 octane), diesel and LPG available. No leaded petrol. Petrol in a can permitted, subject to payment of excise duty at the frontier. Credit cards accepted at most filling stations; check with your card issuer for use in Estonia 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 is compulsory for driver and passenger.

Motor insurance: Third-party compulsory.

Passengers/children in cars: Children too small to wear seat belts must travel in a child seat adapted to their size.

Seat belts: Compulsory for front seat occupants to wear seat belts. Rear seat belts must be worn 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 55 mph (90 km/h) but up to 68 mph (110 km/h) on some roads during the summer months. Motorists who have held a driving licence for less than two years must not exceed 55 mph (90 km/h) outside built-up areas.



Special features: First-aid kit, fire extinguisher, two wheel chocks and a warning triangle compulsory. Winter tyres compulsory (with a minimum tread depth of 3mm) between the 1st December and the 1st March, however these dates may vary from October to April according to the weather conditions. It is recommended that visitors carry an assortment of spares for their vehicle, such as fan belt, replacement bulbs and spark plugs. In addition to the original vehicle registration document it is recommended that an International Certificate for Motor Vehicles (ICMV) is also carried if visiting any Russian speaking areas outside Estonia. The border police may ask visitors for proof of sufficient personal insurance cover on entry. It is prohibited to overtake a tram which has stopped to let passengers on or off.

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