

Greece (Southern Europe)

Touring Tips



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

Driving licence

You must be at least 17 years old to drive a temporarily imported car or motorcycle (over 50cc).

Motor insurance

You must have a minimum of third-party cover.

Fuel

- Unleaded petrol (95 and 100 octane) and diesel (petreleo) are available.
- Leaded petrol is not available but lead replacement petrol 'Super 2002' 98 octane is.
- You must not carry petrol in a can in a vehicle.
- LPG is only permitted in taxis. LPG-fueled private cars are not permitted.
- Credit cards are accepted at some filling stations but you should check with your card issuer for use in Greece before travel.

Speed limits

(Standard legal limits, which may be varied by signs, for private vehicles without trailers.)

Cars:

- Built-up areas 31 mph (50 km/h)
- Outside built-up areas 55 mph (90 km/h) or 68 mph (110 km/h)
- Motorways 80mph (130 km/h)

Motorcycles:

- Built-up areas 24 mph (40 km/h)
- Outside built-up areas 43 mph (70 km/h)
- Motorways 55mph (90 km/h)

Seat belts

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

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Passengers/children in cars

- Children under 3 years old must use a suitable child restraint (approved to ECE R44/03 or later)
- Children between 3 and 11 years old and less than 1.35m tall must use a suitable child restraint.
- From the age of 12, children more than 1.35m tall can wear an adult seat belt.
- You may only carry a child in a rear-facing child seat in the front passenger seat if you have deactivated the passenger airbag.

Lights

- You should use dipped headlights in poor visibility in the daytime.
- You must not use full-beam headlights in towns.

Motorcycles

- You must use your dipped headlight during the day.
- Riders must wear a crash helmet.

Drinking and driving

- The legal limit is 50 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood.
- A lower limit of 20 milligrams applies if you have held your licence for less than two years or if you are riding a motorcycle.
- It is an offence to drive a vehicle under the influence of any toxic substance.

Fines

- The police can impose fines but are not permitted to collect them.
- If you are fined you must pay it at a Public Treasury office within 10 days.
- You can be fined for the unnecessary use of a car horn.
- If you park illegally or violate traffic regulations your vehicle may be towed away.

You must carry the following in Greece

- **Fire extinguisher**
- **First-aid kit**
- **Warning triangle** (not required for motorcycles or mopeds)

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road ahead*

Other rules/regulations in Greece

The police can remove the number plates of illegally parked vehicles throughout Greece. Though this only applies to Greek-registered vehicles, drivers of foreign-registered vehicles should beware of parking illegally.

You may use snow chains when roads are covered with snow or ice (usually between November and March). If you have snow chains fitted you must not driver faster than 31 mph (50 km/h).

You must not use your horn in towns, unless it is the only way to avoid an accident.

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