

# Romania (South East Europe)

## Touring Tips



You should read the following alongside our [general advice for motoring in Europe](#).

### Driving licence

- You must be at least 18 years old to drive a temporarily imported (for up to 90 days) car or motorcycle.
- All valid UK driving licenses should be accepted in Romania including the older, all-green UK paper licence and the older Northern Ireland paper licence with photographic counterpart.
- Older paper licenses may be more difficult to understand so we recommend carrying an [International Driving Permit \(IDP\)](#) as well, or updating your licence to a Photocard before travelling.

### Motor Insurance

You must at least have third party cover and a Green card is recommended.

### Fuel

- Unleaded petrol (95 & 98 octane), Diesel and LPG are available.
- You may carry up to 10 litres of petrol in a can but the can must be empty when you leave Romania.
- You will have to pay tax on any petrol or diesel in the vehicle's tank when you leave Romania.
- Credit cards are accepted at many stations but you should check with your card issuer for usage in Romania before travel.
- It is recommended that payment is made in cash in the local currency.

### Speed limits

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

- Built-up areas 31 mph (50 km/h)
- Outside built-up areas 55 mph (90 km/h)
- Dual carriageways 62mph (100 km/h)
- Motorways 80mph (130km/h) (lower limits apply on some new sections)

If you're towing then standard speed limits are reduced by 10 km/h.

If you've held your licence for less than a year then limits are 20km/h below the standard speed limits.

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The speed limit for mopeds is 45 km/h.

### Seat belts

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

### Passengers/children in cars

- Children under 12 years of age cannot travel as a front seat passenger.
- A child up to three years of age must use an appropriate child restraint.
- A child under 12 years of age and less than 1.5m tall must use either an appropriate restraint or a booster seat.

### Lights

- You must use dipped headlights outside built-up areas during the day.
- You must not drive at night if your vehicle's lighting is faulty.
- Additional headlamps (e.g. spotlights) are not permitted.

### Motorcycles

- You must use your dipped headlight during the day.
- Riders must wear a crash helmet on machines with an engine size of 50cc or over.

### Drinking and driving

- Drinking and driving is strictly forbidden and the legal limit is zero.
- Penalties include suspension of your driving licence for up to 90 days and prison.
- The police carry out random tests.

### Fines

- The police can impose and collect fines on-the-spot for some offences. If a fine is paid within 48 hours, the fine amount is halved.
- If you park illegally your vehicle may be clamped and removed.
- The Romanian police can suspend and take away your driving licence. You can get your licence back before you leave the country by showing proof of departure such as a plane ticket.

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### You must carry the following in Romania

- **First aid kit**
- **Fire extinguisher**
- **Red warning triangle** (not for two-wheeled vehicles)
- **Reflective jacket** – Anyone getting out of your vehicle to walk on the road in a breakdown or emergency must wear a reflective jacket.
- **Winter tyres** – must be fitted between 1 November and 31 March if there is snow or ice on the road. Tyres marked 'M+S' are permitted.

### Other rules/requirements in Romania

It is against the law to drive a dirty car.

If your vehicle is visibly damaged you must ask a Romanian Customs or Police Officer to write a report on the damage when you enter Romania. You will have problems leaving Romania with a damaged vehicle unless you can produce such a report.

If your vehicle is damaged while in Romania you will have to get a report at the scene of the accident for the same reason.

You must not use your horn where you see 'Claxonarea interzisa' and in built-up areas between 10pm and 6am.

You must not use spiked tyres.

We recommend that you carry snow chains for winter journeys to the mountains and you may be required to use them in case of heavy snow.

### Electronic tax

An electronic tax (formerly 'Rovinieta') is payable at border crossing points, post office branches in Romania, some petrol stations and ACR (automobile club) offices.

You will have to give details of your vehicle, identity and place of residence as well as provide proof of vehicle insurance and the vehicle registration document.

You will have to pay the tax according to the length of your stay in Romania – up to 7 days, 30 days, 90 days or 1 year. The cost also depends on the weight of your vehicle.

Information is stored electronically and the traffic police use roadside cameras for enforcement. If you don't have the electronic tax or it has expired you can be fined between €60 and €1025.

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