



UKRAINE (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. Fines for driving under the influence of alcohol can be very high. The driving licence can be confiscated.

Driving licence: An International Driving Permit (IDP) is compulsory for the holder of any type of UK driving licence. Minimum age at which a visitor may drive a temporarily imported car and / or motorcycle is 18.

Fines: Fines can be issued to foreign nationals on the spot but the police are not permitted to demand payment on the spot. If a visitor has not paid a penalty imposed before his departure or within 15 days, the offender’s vehicle can be detained. The authorities can clamp or remove a vehicle which is parked illegally.

Fuel: Unleaded petrol (92, 95 & 98 octane), diesel (Solyarka) and LPG is available. Petrol in a can permitted. Credit cards are rarely accepted at filling stations, check with your card issuer for usage in Ukraine before travel. Fuel is usually paid for in local currency.

Lights: Dipped headlights should be used in poor daytime visibility.

Motorcycles: Wearing of crash helmets compulsory for both driver and passenger. Children under 12 and less than 145cm in height are not permitted as a passenger.

Motor Insurance: Third party insurance compulsory. Green Cards accepted.

Passengers/Children in cars: Children under 12 and less than 145cm cannot travel as front seat passengers.

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

Speed limits: The signs indicating speed limits must be strictly adhered to. Standard legal limits, which may be varied by signs, for private vehicles without trailers: In built-up areas 37 mph (60 km/h), outside built-up areas 55 mph (90 km/h), motorcycles 40 mph (64 km/h). Major roads: 62mph (110km/h), motorways 80mph (130km/h). Some residential zones: 13mph (20km/h). Motorists who have held a driving licence for less than two years must not exceed 43 mph (70 km/h).

Special features: A road tax is payable at the frontier. In addition to the original vehicle registration document it is recommended that an International Certificate for Motor Vehicles also be carried if visiting any Russian speaking areas. State Traffic Inspectorate officials will stop vehicles to check documents, especially if they are displaying foreign plates. First-aid kit, fire extinguisher and a warning triangle are compulsory. We recommend that visitors carry an assortment of spares for their vehicles such as fan belt, replacement bulbs and spark plugs. It is necessary to pre-plan itineraries and book accommodation before departure. During cold winters it is highly recommended to use spiked tyres or snow chains. When a foreign vehicle is involved in an accident it is compulsory to call the police.

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