

Serbia (South East Europe)

Touring Tips



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

Driving licence

- You must be 18 years or older to drive a temporarily imported car and / or motorcycle exceeding 125cc
- We recommend that you obtain an [International Driving Permit](#) to accompany your UK driving licence.

Motor Insurance

- Third-party insurance compulsory
- Green Card recognised but not compulsory
- Drivers may enter Serbia with their valid motor insurance policy (without having to pay border insurance, if their policy covers Serbia). Check with your motor insurer prior to travel to confirm cover in Serbia.

Fuel

- Diesel (Dizel), LPG and unleaded petrol (95 octane) available
- Petrol in a can permitted (duty payable)
- Credit cards generally accepted; check with your card issuer for usage in Serbia before travel.

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 49 mph (80 km/h)
- 62 mph (100 km/h) on dual carriageways
- 74 mph (120 km/h) on motorways.
- Maximum speed limit in school areas 18 mph (30 km/h) in a built up area or 31 mph (50 km/h) outside a built up area, from 0700 to 2100.
- Drivers who have held their licence for one year or less can drive at 90% of the speed limits detailed above and are prohibited from driving between 11pm and 5am.

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Seat belts

Compulsory for front / rear seat occupants to wear seat belts, if fitted.

Passengers/Children in cars

- Children up to the age of 3 years old must be placed in a suitable child restraint. They can travel in the front of a car on the condition that they are placed in a rear facing child restraint adapted to their size and that the airbag is deactivated.
- Children from 3 to 12 years of age may not travel in the front seat of a vehicle and if transported in the rear seats they must wear a seat belt.
- Child restraints must be homologated and bear the mark ECE R44/04.
- A person visibly under the influence of alcohol is not permitted to travel in a vehicle as a front seat passenger.

Lights

Compulsory to use daytime running lights or dipped headlights during the day. A fine will be imposed for non-compliance.

Motorcycles

- Riders of moped, motorised tricycle and quadricycle must wear crash helmets
- Crash helmets must be homologated and less than 5 year's old
- It is compulsory to use headlights during the day.
- Passengers on motorcycles are not permitted to be under the influence of alcohol
- Children aged 12 and under are not permitted as a passenger.

Drinking and driving

- The legal limit is 29 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- If the level of alcohol in the bloodstream is 30 milligrams or more or if a medical examination shows that normal bodily functions are impaired, severe penalties include fine, imprisonment and/or suspension of driving licence.
- Nil alcohol is permitted in the drivers' blood for motorcyclists, novice (held licence for less than one year) and professional drivers
- Police carry out random breath tests. Drivers who refuse a test will be automatically imprisoned.
- All drivers will be tested for alcohol and narcotics if involved in an accident.

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Fines

- Fines vary according to the gravity of the offence and are not payable on-the-spot, a ticket will be issued by the policeman and is required to be settled at post offices or banks within 8 days
- Penalties are higher if the motorist endangers other people or causes an accident.
- Wheel clamps are not used in Serbia, however vehicles can be removed.

It's compulsory to carry the following in Serbia:

- **First aid kit** excludes mopeds.
- **Warning triangle** two if towing a trailer. Not required for two wheeled vehicles. Hazard warning lights must also be used.
- **Winter equipment** – From 1st November to the 1st April, winter tyres (marked M&S) must be fitted on the drive wheels of all motor vehicles up to 3.5 t and must have a minimum of 4mm tread. If there is snow or ice on the road this period may be extended. Snow chains must always be carried in the vehicle as their use may become compulsory if the International 'snow chains' sign is displayed.
- **Reflective jacket** – it is compulsory to carry reflective jackets. Any persons exiting a vehicle to walk on the road must wear the reflective jacket. The jacket must be worn when exiting the vehicle and should therefore be kept within the passenger compartment of the vehicle.
- **Spare wheel** – Must be of the same dimensions and load of those fitted.
- **Towing rope / Tow bar** – Minimum 3m

Other rules/requirements in Serbia:

We recommend that you carry a 'European accident claim form' as one must be completed for any accident involving a Serbian registered vehicle.

The use or carriage of radar detectors is prohibited.

Tolls are payable on most sections of motorway see www.amss.org.yu.

The authorities at the frontier must certify any visible damage to a vehicle entering Serbia and issue a certificate; this certificate must be produced when leaving otherwise you may experience serious difficulties.

Spiked tyres are prohibited.

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You must not sound your horn in built-up areas or at night except in cases of imminent danger.

You must not overtake a bus when it stops for passengers to board or alight.

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