

# Turkey (South East Europe)

## Touring Tips



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

### Driving licence

- You must be at least 18 years old to drive a temporarily imported car or motorcycle.
- Your UK driving licence is valid for up to 90 days but if you don't have a Photocard you must also carry an [International Driving Permit](#).

### Motor Insurance

- You must have a minimum of third party insurance cover.
- Your UK insurance is recognised in the European part of Turkey but you must check that your policy covers the whole of Turkey.
- You may use a valid Green Card when driving in Turkey but it must cover the whole of Turkey, i.e. the European Part and the Asian part (Anatolia).
- If you don't have a valid Green Card or UK insurance validated for the whole of Turkey you will have to take out short term insurance at the border or TTOK offices.

### Fuel

- Leaded petrol (95 octane), unleaded (95 & 97 octane) and Diesel are available.
- LPG is available in large centres.
- You may carry up to 25litres of fuel in a fireproof can.
- Credit cards are accepted at many filling stations but you should check with your card issuer for usage in Turkey before travel.

### Speed limits

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

#### Cars

- Built-up areas 31mph (50km/h)
- Outside built-up areas 55mph (90km/h)
- Motorways 74mph (120km/h)

#### Motorcycles

- Built-up areas 31mph (50km/h)
- Outside built-up areas 43mph (70km/h)
- Motorways 49mph (80 km/h)

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The minimum speed on motorways is 24mph (40km/h) and speed limits are 10km/h lower if you are towing.

### Seat belts

Front and rear seat occupants must wear seat belts, where fitted.

### Passengers/children in cars

- Children under 1.5m tall and weighing less than 36kg must use an appropriate child restraint.
- You cannot carry a child under 3 years old without a child restraint. If they are using a rear-facing seat in the front, the airbag must be deactivated.
- Children between 3 and 10 years old must not travel in the front seat.

### Lights

You must use dipped headlights in poor daytime visibility, and after sunset in built-up areas.

### Motorcycles

Riders must wear a crash helmet.

### Drinking and driving

- The legal limit is 50 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood.
- Penalties are severe.
- A zero limit applies if you are towing a caravan or trailer.

### Fines

- On-the-spot fines can be imposed
- If you park where your vehicle is causing an obstruction it may be towed away.

### You must carry the following Turkey

- **First aid kit** (not for two-wheeled vehicles)
- **Fire extinguisher** (not for two-wheeled vehicles)
- **Two warning triangles**
- **Spare wheel**

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road ahead*

### Other rules/requirements in Turkey:

You must not use your horn in towns between 10pm and sunrise.

You must not use spiked or studded tyres.

You may use snow chains in appropriate conditions.

We recommended that you fit winter tyres if visiting snowy areas and that you carry snow chain.

If you are involved in a road traffic accident you must call the police and get an official report.

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