

LITHUANIA (Eastern Europe)

This information should be read in conjunction with "General advice for motoring in Europe"

Drinking and driving: If the level of alcohol in the bloodstream is 0.04 per cent or more severe penalties include a fine and / or withdrawal of driving licence for up to 1 ½ years.

Driving licence: Minimum age at which a UK licence holder may drive temporarily imported car and / or motorcycle 18. NOTE UK licences that do not incorporate a photograph must be accompanied by photographic proof of identity e.g. passport.

Fines: On-the-spot (some fines may be paid at a local bank dependant upon the amount / traffic violation). Wheel clamps are in use.

Fuel: Leaded petrol available at statoil petrol stations. Unleaded petrol (92, 95 & 98 octane), diesel and LPG are available. Petrol in a can permitted (duty payable). Credit cards accepted at filling stations, check with your card issuer for usage in Lithuania before travel.

Lights: Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory, fine for non compliance.

Motorcycles: Use of dipped headlights during the day compulsory, fine for non-compliance. Wearing of crash helmets is compulsory for both driver and passenger. Child under 12 cannot travel as passenger.

Motor Insurance: Third-party compulsory, but fully comprehensive recommended.

Passengers/Children in cars: Child under 12 cannot travel as front seat passenger unless using child restraint appropriate to age and size.

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

Speed limits: Standard legal limits, which may be varied by signs, for private vehicles without trailers: In built-up areas 31 mph (50 km/h), outside built-up areas 55 mph (90 km/h). On dual carriageways 1st October to 30th March 68 mph (110 km/h) and from 1st April to 30th September a limit of 80 mph (130 km/h) applies.

between (i) Vilnius - Panevezys and (ii) Kaunas - Klaipeda. The police control speeds closely and give fines for even the smallest of speeding offences.

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<u>Special features</u>: First-aid kit, fire extinguisher and warning triangle compulsory. Recommended that visitors carry an assortment of spares for their vehicle for example: - a fan belt, replacement bulbs and spark plugs. Winter tyres are compulsory between the 1st November and the 1st April, spiked tyres may also be used during this period. It is compulsory to call the police to the scene of an accident. Lithuania has almost no signposting. For safety reasons a reflective waistcoat is recommended.

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