



Travelling in Ukraine

General Info

Population: 45.5m

Area: 603,700 sq. km

Currency: Hryvna ukrainien (100 kopecks) UAH

Top 10 popular attractions: Crimean resorts
Carpathian Mountains
Kyiv
Lviv
Odesa
Yalta
Kamyanets-podilsky
Chernihiv
Sophievka park
Poltava

Essentials

Driving licence:

Visitors riding or driving in the Ukraine must have reached the minimum ages laid down for residents of the Ukraine, even if they are qualified to drive at a lower age in their country of residence. Motor vehicle not exceeding 3500 kg with up to 9 seats including the driver's may be driven at the age of 18.

National driving licences issued in a country party to the 1968 Vienna Convention are recognised.

You will need an International Driving Permit, IDP 1949 to drive here. (Available from www.RAC.co.uk/travel/driving-abroad/international-driving-permit)

Important documents:

When driving in the Ukraine the following documents should be carried:

- Full, valid driving licence* (with paper counterpart)
- International driving permit (Available from www.RAC.co.uk/travel/driving-abroad/international-driving-permit)
- Proof of insurance/green card (third party or above)
- Proof of ID (passport)
- Proof of ownership (V5C certificate)

While driving in Ukraine you are required by law to carry the following items. Hefty on-the-spot fines can be issued for failing to carry specific items:

- Warning triangle: Compulsory in every vehicle with four wheels or more
- Headlamp beam deflectors: Depending on your car, you will either need deflector stickers or have to adjust the beam manually
- First aid kit and fire extinguisher
- Motorcyclists and their passengers must wear a helmet.

Are you covered?

Don't forget to buy your RAC European Breakdown cover & Travel Insurance before you leave. Call RAC European Breakdown Sales on: 0800 015 6000. Call RAC Travel Insurance on: 0870 333 2784

Useful Numbers:

Emergency Services: 112 (SMS 114)
RAC Breakdown Europe: 00 33 472 43 52 44

Useful Links:

- <http://www.rac.co.uk/breakdown-cover/european-breakdown-cover/>
- <http://www.rac.co.uk/insurance/travel-insurance/>
- <http://www.racshop.co.uk/driving-in-europe.html>

Rules of the road & regulations

Rules of the road:

- **Overtaking & passing**
Traffic drives on the right. Regulations conform to the provisions of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic.
- **Priority**
Regulations conform to the provisions of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic.
- **Warning of approach**
Regulations conform to the provisions of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic.

Towing:

No Customs document is required for the temporary importation of these vehicles. An inventory of their contents is not required.

Seat belts:

The driver and front seat passenger of cars must wear a seat belt.

Travelling with children:

Children under 12 years old and less than 145cm in height must use a special child restraint.

Winter tyres:

In winter conditions, approximately from November to April, vehicles must have winter tyres on all wheels, with a minimum tread depth of 6 mm. The use of snow chains is allowed.

Speed limits:

The following national speed limits apply:

	In built-up area	Outside built-up areas	Motorways
Motorcycle & car	60 km/h*	110 km/h	130 km/h

* 20 km/h in residential areas or as sign posted

NB: speed limits are not always signposted. The driver has to watch and see whether he/she is in a built-up area or not.

Penalties:

- **On-the-spot fines**
Visitors should note that, at present, the police are not allowed to collect money for fines.

Fines vary from 200 to 450 UAH (a system of payment by credit card is currently being studied).
- **Confiscation of vehicles**
If a visitor has not paid the penalty imposed before his departure or upon expiry of the established 15-day term, the offender's vehicle can be detained until the penalty is paid. The vehicle will be placed in a secure car park. The driver's licence will then be mailed to the driver's residence through the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. The vehicle will then be returned to the visitor

Parking:

- **Parking regulations**
Parking regulations follow the provisions of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic.

- **Enforcement of parking regulations**

In cities, parking is usually limited to 30 minutes. Tickets can be bought from parking attendants. The authorities can clamp or remove a vehicle which is parked illegally.

- **Disabled parking access**

There are not many car parking spaces reserved for disabled motorists. Foreign disabled motorists can benefit from the same concessions as Ukrainian disabled motorists if they have a disabled permit on their car. They are allowed to park without time limit.

Traffic lights:

- **Traffic lights**

The international 3-colour traffic light system is used.

Drink/drug driving

- **Legal limit**

The limit is 0.00%, although a 0.02% tolerance has been established in order to allow for some medications and mouthwashes that may contain alcohol.

Availability of fuel

The main oil companies which have service stations are OKKO, Shell and SOCAR. Some service stations offer different services such as café/restaurant, car wash, ATM, etc.

The price of fuel varies according to the location of the petrol station. Some grades of petrol are not always available at petrol stations. It is recommended to take petrol in spare cans when undertaking a long journey.

- **Price of fuel (April 2014)**

Unleaded petrol (92 octane)	10.44 UAH per litre
Unleaded petrol (95 octane)	10.74 UAH per litre
Diesel	9.64 UAH per litre

- **Means of payment**

Credit cards are not accepted everywhere; it is wise to have some cash available (Hryvnia).

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