



Travelling in Belarus

General Info

Population: 9.6m

Area: 207,600 sq. km

Currency: Belarusian Ruble - BYR

Top 10 popular attractions: Victory Square in Minsk
Mir Castle
Gomel Palace and Park
National Library of Belarus
National Park "Braslav Lakes"
Brest Fortress
Nesvizh Castle and Church
Belarus National Museum
The Cathedral of Holy Spirit
Town Hall of Mogilev

Essentials

Driving licence:

A valid UK photocard licence is accepted. For other UK licences an International Driving Permit is recommended.

A foreign driving licence does not entitle the holder to drive/ride in Belarus until the age of 18yrs old.

International Driving permits (1949, 1968) are recognised.

Important documents:

When driving in Belarus the following documents should be carried:

- Full, valid driving licence* (with paper counterpart)
- Proof of insurance/green card (third party or above)
- International Driving Permit (see driving licence section)
- Proof of ID (passport)
- Proof of ownership (V5C certificate)

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

- Headlamp beam deflectors: depending on your car, you will either need deflector stickers or have to adjust the beam manually
- Warning triangle: compulsory on-board all cars
- Fire extinguisher/first aid kit: Compulsory on board all private vehicles
- Motorcyclists: motorcyclists and their passengers must wear a helmet

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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**
Drive on the right, overtake on the left.
- **Priority**
Rules follow those in the Convention on Road Traffic (Vienna 1968).
- **Warning of approach**
No information

Towing:

Caravans and camper vans may be temporarily imported provided an undertaking is made with the Customs that they will be exported on time.

Seat belts:

Seat belts must be worn on the front seats of cars.

Travelling with children:

Children under 12 years of age are not allowed to travel on the front seats of cars.

Snow chains:

Winter tyres are compulsory during the winter period, even for vehicles registered outside Belarus.

Spiked/studded tyres and snow chains are allowed during the winter period. There is no special speed limit for cars with spiked tyres, but cars equipped with such tyres must have a sign at the back so that drivers following can keep a safe distance (to allow for reduced braking distance).

Speed limits:

In built-up areas: 60 km/h

In residential zones: 20 km/h

Outside built-up areas:	Motorway	National road
Motorcycle	90 km/h	90 km/h
Car	110 km/h	90 km/h
Vehicle with trailer exceeding 3.5t	90 km/h	70 km/h
Lorry	90 km/h	70 km/h

Radar detectors are prohibited in Belarus and must be disconnected on arrival at the border.

Penalties

- **On-the-spot fines**
The police can fine motorists and demand payment on-the-spot for minor traffic offences.

Parking

- **Parking regulations**
Regulations follow the provisions of the Convention on Road Traffic (Vienna, 1968).

There are no parking meters in Belarus.
- **Enforcement of parking regulations**
Illegally parked vehicles may be towed away by the police. Fines are recorded and doubled when a second parking offence has been committed.
- **Disabled parking access**
There are no parking spaces reserved for disabled motorists in Belarus.

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Traffic lights:

- **Traffic lights**
The international 3-colour traffic light system is used.

Drink/drug driving

- **Legal limit**
The blood alcohol content limit in Belarus is 0.00% for all drivers.
- **Alcohol**
The police have the right to stop drivers and test them for alcohol.

Availability of fuel

Some petrol stations in Minsk are open 24hrs. Leaded petrol is not available. There are four grades of unleaded petrol (as shown below).

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

Unleaded petrol (92 octane)	8,800 BYR per litre
Unleaded petrol (95 octane)	9,500 BYR per litre
Diesel*	9,600 BYR per litre
LPG	5,700 BYR per litre

**Please note: 98 Octane is seldom available.*

- **Means of payment**
Foreigners can pay for petrol by credit card or cash.

Useful guides and maps

Michelin green tourist guide - France
Michelin - National Map France
Michelin Motoring Atlas: France
Michelin Motoring Atlas: Europe

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