



Travelling in Croatia

General info:

Population: 4.4m

Area: 56,540 sq. km.

Currency: Kuna (100 Lipa) - HRK

Top 10 popular attractions: Gornji Grad
Euphrasian Basilica
Mljet
Diocletian's Palace
Pula Arena
Korcula
Rovinj
Hvar
Plitvice Lakes
Dubrovnik

The Essentials:

Driving licence:

Visitors riding or driving in Croatia must have reached the minimum age required to drive/ride a vehicle of equivalent category even if they are qualified to drive at a lower age in their country of residence. You must be 18 or over to drive a private vehicle in Croatia.

All valid national driving licences are recognised

Important documents:

Vehicles from the UK may be imported into Croatia for up to 6 months in any period of 12 months. When driving in Croatia the following documents should be carried:

- Full, valid driving licence* (with paper counterpart)
- Proof of Insurance (third party or above)
- Proof of ID (Passport)
- Proof of ownership (V5C Certificate)

While driving in Croatia 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)
- Reflective jackets (to be used in the case of a breakdown or accident outside built-up areas, on expressways and on motorways)
- Warning triangle (compulsory in every vehicle with 4 wheels or more)
- First aid kits are compulsory when travelling in Croatia
- Motorcyclists (Safety helmets are compulsory for drivers and passengers of mopeds and motorcycles)
- Lights - Vehicles must have their passing lights (dipped headlights) on at night and in case of bad visibility. These lights must also be switched on during the day in winter, from the last Sunday in October to the last Sunday in March (fine 300 HRK). It is compulsory to carry spare bulbs for the vehicle; this does not apply if the vehicle is fitted with xenon, neon, LED or similar lights

Are you covered?

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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. The rules are in accordance with the Convention on Road Traffic 1968.
- **Priority**
The rules are in accordance with the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic.
- **Warning of approach**
The horn should be used in moderation, when necessary to avoid an accident.

Mobile phones:

It is illegal to use a hand-held mobile phone while driving. Fine: 500 HRK

Towing:

It is no longer compulsory to have an inventory list for the caravan. However, visitors are advised to have proof of purchase of expensive items.

A caravan may be left in Croatia if a contract is signed between the campsite owner and the caravan owner.

Maximum length of car + caravan: 15 metres

Snow chains:

There is no specific period in which winter equipment must be used. Announcements are made according to the weather conditions. It is generally prudent to have winter equipment ready between the beginning of November and the end of April.

It is compulsory to have snow chains aboard the vehicle. Snow chains must be used if required by the weather conditions (at least 5cm of snow or in case of black ice). The compulsory winter equipment consists of a set of snow chains on the driving axle and a shovel.

Seat belts:

It is compulsory for the occupants of all vehicles equipped with seat belts to wear them at all times, on front and rear seats, irrespective of the country of registration of the vehicle.

Travelling with children:

Children under 12 are not allowed to travel in the front seats.

An exception is made for children less than 2 years of age who can travel in the front if they are placed in a restraint system adapted to their size, and if it is a rear facing seat, the airbag must be de-activated.

A child up to 5 years must be placed in a seat adapted to his/her size on the rear seat. A child aged between 5 and 12 must travel on the back seat using a 3 point seat belt with booster seat if necessary for his/her height.

Speed limits:

In built-up areas: 50 km/h unless otherwise indicated by road signs. On some urban expressways speed limits may be up to 80 km/h, provided that certain technical and safety standards are met.

Outside built-up areas:

Vehicle	Roads	Expressways	Motorways
Motorcycle	90	110	130
with trailer	80	80	80

Source: All information in this document is sourced from the AIT (Alliance Internationale de Tourisme) & the FIA (Federation Internationale de l'Automobile) and, to the best of the RAC's knowledge, is correct at the time of publication (August 2013).

Vehicle up to 3.5 t	90	110	130
with trailer or caravan	80	80	90

Penalties:

- **On-the-spot fines**

The police may impose and collect fines on-the-spot. It is not required to pay immediately. Police will instead issue a ticket and the fine will have to be paid within eight days (in post offices or banks). As a precaution, the police can confiscate the passport of a motorist until the fine is paid.

Parking:

- **Parking regulations**

The regulations follow the international conventions.

There are 3 parking zones in Zagreb: red, yellow and green. The red zone is closest to the city centre, the yellow and green zones extending further away. Tariffs in the red zone are the highest.

There are a number of covered car parks, open 24 hours a day where rates are reasonable.

- **Enforcement of parking regulations**

Traffic wardens control parked vehicles and impose fines for illegal parking.

Illegally parked vehicles may be immobilised by wheel clamps, even if the vehicles are registered abroad. A penalty fine of between 100HRK and 300HRK is payable in order to have the vehicle released.

- **Disabled parking access**

There are about 1000 parking spaces reserved for disabled persons in Zagreb, unfortunately improper use of these spaces continues to be a serious problem.

Traffic lights:

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The international three-colour system of traffic lights is used in Croatia.

Drink/drug driving:

- **Legal limit**

Alcohol, general limit: 0.05% in the blood

However, for these categories of drivers, the alcohol limit is 0%:

- Drivers of vehicles over 3.5t
- Professional drivers while on duty (emergency vehicle drivers, taxi drivers, driving school instructors, etc.)
- Young drivers (up to 24 years of age)

- **Alcohol**

The Croatian police can carry out tests at random. The level of alcohol can be determined by breath tests, medical examination and blood or urine samples. In the case of a car accident, alcohol and/or drug testing are compulsory.

The presence of drugs (narcotics) can be detected by tests based on saliva/blood/urine samples.

The police can perform tests at random.

It is prohibited to drive after having taken any medicine whose side-effects may affect the ability to drive a motor vehicle.

Roads & fuel

There are tolls levied on 7 stretches of motorway, Tolls are also levied on some other roads.

Tolls can be paid in cash, by credit card (American Express, Diners, Mastercard, Maestro, Visa), with a cheque or by means of subscription. Payment can also be made in foreign currencies.

Availability of fuel

Most stations are open from 0700 hours to 1900 or 2000 hours. In summer petrol stations remain open until 2200 hours. Those situated along major stretches of road or in larger cities stay open 24 hours a day.

- **Price of fuel
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Unleaded petrol 95 octane	10.35 HRK per litre
Diesel	9.65 HRK per litre

- **Means of payment**

All petrol stations accept payment by credit card.

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