



## Travelling in Czech Republic

### General info:

**Population:** 10.1m

**Area:** 78,864 sq km

**Currency:** Czech crown - CZK

**Top 10 popular attractions:** Prague Castle  
Breweries  
Hluboká Castle  
St Vitus Cathedral  
Cesky Raj  
Charles Bridge  
Church of Our Lady Victorious  
Krkonoše Mountains  
Old Town Prague  
Prague Jewish Quarter

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- <http://www.racshop.co.uk/driving-in-europe.html>

### The Essentials:

#### Driving licence:

Visitors riding or driving in Czech Republic 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 motor vehicle up to 3,500 kg in Czech Republic.

A valid UK driving licence (both the photo and paper parts). If you don't have a photo card licence, you'll need an International Driving Permit.

#### Important documents:

Vehicles from the UK may be imported into Czech Republic for up to 6 months in any period of 12 months. When driving in Czech Republic 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)
- International Driving Permit (see driving licence section)

While driving in Czech Republic 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)
- High-visibility vest for driver's use. However, it is recommended that there is a vest for each passenger
- A first-aid kit is required in all motor vehicles
- Warning triangle (Any motor vehicle travelling in Czech Republic, regardless of country of registration, must carry a warning triangles)
- Motorcyclists (Safety helmets are compulsory for drivers and passengers of mopeds and motorcycles)

## Rules of the road & regulations:

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- **Overtaking & passing**

Drive on the right; overtake on the left.

Overtaking regulations conform to international usage, other road users must be warned and great care should be taken.

- **Priority**

At uncontrolled intersections which are not marked by a priority road sign, priority must be given to vehicles coming from the right.

Drivers may not enter an intersection unless their exit beyond the crossing is clear.

Drivers of private vehicles must slow down and, if necessary, stop to allow buses and trams to merge with normal traffic at the end of a bus lane.

- **Warning of approach**

Audible warning devices (horns) may be used only to warn other road users in case of danger or to signify the intention to overtake. Warning may also be given by flashing the headlights.

The use of the horn is prohibited in central Prague between 2100 and 0500 hours from 15 March to 15 October and between 2000 and 0600 hours from 15 October to 15 March.

### Towing:

Caravans, camper vans and luggage trailers may be imported without formality. Articles of value must be registered on the visitor's currency declaration form or listed in an inventory of the contents of the caravan.

### Maximum dimensions:

Height	4 m
Width	2.55 m
Length (vehicle and trailer)	18.75 m

### Snow chains:

Snow chains may be used only when there is enough snow to protect the road surface.

### Seat belts:

The driver and front and rear seat passengers must wear seat belts where fitted.

### Travelling with children:

Children less than 150 cm in height, travelling in vehicles registered in the Czech Rep. or abroad, must use child restraints, both at the front and at the rear of the vehicle. Child restraints must conform to ECE standard 44/03 or 44/04. If the child is transported on the front seat in a rear-facing child restraint, the airbag must be de-activated.

### Speed limits:

#### Built-up area

50 km/h (80 km/h on expressways). A different speed limit may be indicated by road signs.

#### Outside built up areas

Motorcycles	
on motorways	130 km/h
on other roads	90 km/h

Private cars	
on motorways	130 km/h
on other roads	90 km/h
Car with trailer or caravan	80 km/h

*Radar detectors which interfere with police equipment are prohibited but POI radar detectors can be used.*

## Penalties:

- **On-the-spot fines**

The police can issue a fine on-the-spot and demand immediate payment of fines of up to 5000CZK.

The police can confiscate the driving licence on the spot for serious offences.

## Parking:

- **Parking regulations**

Vehicles may be parked only on the right hand side of the road, parallel with the kerb. In a one way street, parking is also allowed on the left.

Stopping and parking are prohibited in all places where visibility is poor or where the vehicle could cause an obstruction, and in particular: on a bridge within 5 metres of an intersection, pedestrian crossing, a bus or tram stop.

Continuous yellow lines along the carriageway indicate parking prohibitions; broken yellow lines indicate restrictions.

An unattended vehicle not illuminated by a street light should carry a parking light which is visible from the front and from the rear. The light must be within 40cm of the offside of the vehicle.

- **Enforcement of parking regulations**

Parking fines range from 1,500CZK to 2,500CZK if the driver goes before an administrative hearing otherwise a fine of 2,000 CZK maximum is payable immediately.

Vehicles causing an obstruction may be towed away. Wheel clamps are used in the main towns. The driver of a car which has been clamped will find on the windscreen a form written in Czech, English and German, indicating the procedure to get the clamp removed.

- **Disabled parking access**

There are reserved parking spaces for the disabled which are sign posted. These may also be used by foreign disabled motorists provided they are in possession of the blue badge.

## Motorways and tolls:

It is necessary to purchase a sticker for motor vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes in order to use most motorways and express roads. Motorcyclists are exempt from the sticker. Motorists must display the sticker on the right side of the windscreen of their vehicle. This sticker is valid from 1 December to 31 January of the following year\*. It is available at border posts, from post offices, petrol stations and all UAMK branch offices.

Certain sections of motorway which are free (80 km) are indicated by the sign "BEZ POPLATKU" (free of charge).

\* Valid 14 months (eg from 1 December 2014 to 31 January 2016).

## Traffic lights:

- **Traffic lights**

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

## Drink/drug driving:

- **Legal limit**

It is prohibited to drink alcohol before or while driving. No amount of alcohol in the blood is tolerated. This rule also applies to horse riders and cyclists.

- **Alcohol**

The driver may be required to use the breathalyser and, according to the result of the test, he/she may be obliged to give a blood sample.

The police can also test a driver for drugs. They use a saliva test (Drugwipe) as a first step.

## Roads & fuel

### Availability of fuel

Some filling stations on international roads and in main towns are open 24 hours a day.

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

Unleaded petrol 95 octane	34.90 CZK per litre
Unleaded petrol 100 octane	35.40 CZK per litre
Diesel (« nafta »)	34.90 CZK per litre
LPG	16.60 CZK per litre

- **Means of payment**

Some petrol stations in main towns and tourist areas accept credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Diner's Club).

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