



Travelling in Estonia

General info:

Population: 1.2m

Area: 45,200 sq. km

Currency: Euro (100 cents) - EUR (€)

Top 10 popular attractions: Historic Centre of Tallinn
Kuressaare Castle
Toompea-Castle
st-alexander-nevsky-cathedral
St. Olaf's Church
Kadriorg Palace
Haapsalu Castle and Cathedral
Hermann Castle
Lahemaa National Park
Paide Castle

The Essentials:

Driving licence:

Visitors riding or driving in Estonia 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 in Estonia.

All foreign driving licences are recognised.

Important documents:

Vehicles from the UK may be imported into Estonia for up to 6 months in any period of 12 months. When driving in Estonia 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 Estonia 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)
- A first-aid kit & fire extinguisher is compulsory aboard all motor vehicles
- Warning triangle (Any motor vehicle travelling in Estonia, regardless of country of registration, must carry 2 warning triangles)
- All vehicles must have their lights on day and night
- It is compulsory to carry two wheel chocks (blocks of wood or plastic to put under a vehicle's wheels when it is parked to prevent it from moving).
- Motorcyclists (Safety helmets are compulsory for drivers and passengers of mopeds and motorcycles)

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**

The regulations conform with the 1968 Road Traffic Convention.

Many roads have a hard shoulder, slower vehicles pull into these to allow faster vehicles to pass.

It is prohibited to overtake a tram which has stopped to let passengers on or off.

- **Priority**

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Towing:

There are no special regulations concerning the temporary importation of caravans or camper vans. No inventory is required.

Snow chains:

It is compulsory to use winter tyres (radial tyres with a minimum depth of tread of 3mm) from 1 December to 1 March. However, these dates may vary from October to April according to weather conditions. Visitors should check local conditions if driving in Estonia between October and April.

Seat belts:

The driver and front-seat passenger of cars must wear seat belts. Rear seat belts must also be worn when available.

Travelling with children:

A child younger than 12 and not yet tall enough to use an adult seatbelt must travel in a child restraint or a special seat adapted to their size.

A child younger than 12 cannot travel in the front seat unless he is using a child restraint or a special seat. Rear-facing child restraints must not be used on seats equipped with an operational airbag.

It is forbidden to carry a child younger than 12 as a passenger on a moped or motorcycle.

Speed limits:

In built-up areas: 50 km/h

Outside built-up areas:

- On normal roads: 90 km/h
- on dual carriageways: 110 km/h

Penalties:

- **On-the-spot fines**

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

Parking:

- **Parking regulations**

In towns motorists must take care not to park on tram lines.

Theft of cars and visible valuable articles left in cars is common. It is therefore advisable to use guarded car parks whenever possible.

- **Enforcement of parking regulations**

Cars that have been illegally parked will be clamped by the police.

- **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.

Traffic lights:

- **Traffic lights**

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

Drink/drug driving:

- **Legal limit**

The legal limit for drivers is 0.02% alcohol in the blood.

- **Alcohol**

Breath tests are frequent in Estonia. Blood tests can also be carried out.

Roads & fuel

Availability of fuel

The 3 main petrol station networks are operated by Lukoil (Russia), Statoil (Norway) and Neste. Some stations are automated and operate 24 hours a day.

A special winter diesel fuel with a very high congealing point is available in winter.

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

Unleaded petrol (95 octane)	1.257 EUR per litre
Unleaded petrol (98 octane)	1.297 EUR per litre
Diesel	1.237 EUR per litre

- **Means of payment**

Most service stations accept Visa, Mastercard and Diner's Club.

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