



Travelling in Lithuania

General info:

Population: 3.5m

Area: 65,200 sq. km

Currency: Litas (100 cents) - LTL

Top 10 popular attractions: Old Town Of Vilnius
Curonian Spit
Kernavea
Aukstaitija National Park
Hill Of Crosses
Palanga
Kursiy Nerija National Park
Vilnius University
St. Anne's Church
Lithuanian Art Museum

Essentials

Driving licence:

Visitors riding or driving in Lithuania 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 Lithuania.

All foreign driving licences are recognised; however, any licence which does not bear a photograph must be supplemented by a document with a photo, preferably a passport.

Important documents:

Vehicles from the UK may be imported into Lithuania for up to 6 months in any period of 12 months. When driving in Lithuania 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 Lithuania 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 Lithuania, regardless of country of registration, must carry a warning triangles)
- All vehicles must have their lights on day and night
- Reflective jacket (it is compulsory to have a reflective jacket on board a vehicle)
- 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.

- **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:

Winter tyres are compulsory on cars from 10 November to 1 April.

Spiked tyres may be used from 1 November to 9 April. Vehicles with spiked tyres must have a sticker at the rear. This is also strongly recommended for foreign-registered vehicles.

Seat belts:

It is compulsory to wear seat belts on all seats equipped with a belt.

Travelling with children:

Children under 12 years are not allowed in the front seats of cars unless there is a child restraint adapted to their size.

Children under 3 must be seated in a special seat of an approved design adapted to their size . If the car is equipped with airbags at the front, it is prohibited to place a child in a rear facing seat on the front passenger seat.

Speed limits:

km/h	Motorways	Dual carriageways	Asphalted roads	Other roads	Built-up areas
Car	130*/110**	110*/100**	90	70	50
Motorcycle lorry up to 3.5t	110	100	90	70	50

* Summer: from 1 April to 31 Oct

** Winter: from 1 Nov. to 31 March

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.

Parking is forbidden within 15 metres of a bus stop and within 5 metres of a cross roads or intersection.

- **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 Lithuania.

Drink/drug driving:

- **Legal limit**

The legal limit for drivers is 0.04% alcohol in the blood.

- **Alcohol**

Breath tests are frequent in Lithuania.

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)	4.49 LTL per litre
Diesel	4.38 LTL per litre
LPG ("dujos")	2.29 LTL per litre

- **Means of payment**

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

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