

Denmark (Northern Europe)

Touring tips



*For the
road ahead*

The following is additional to our [general advice for motoring in Europe](#).

Driving licence

You must be at least 17 years old to drive a temporarily imported car or motorcycle.

Motor insurance

You must have at least third-party cover.

Fuel

- Unleaded petrol (92 and 95 octane, 99 available at Shell stations) and diesel are available.
- Availability of LPG is limited.
- A leaded petrol substitute is available called Millennium but leaded petrol isn't available.
- You may carry petrol in can but this is not permitted aboard ferries.
- Credit cards are accepted at most filling stations but check with your card issuer for use in Denmark before travel.

Speed limits

(Standard legal limits, which may be varied by signs, for private vehicles without trailers)

- Built-up areas 31 mph (50 km/h)
- Outside built-up areas 49 mph (80 km/h)
- Motorways 80 mph (130 km/h).
- Centre of Copenhagen 24 mph (40km/h).
- When roads are wet or slushy you must adapt your speed to prevent other road users from being splashed.

Seat belts

Front and rear seat occupants must wear seat belts.

Passengers/children in cars

- Children under three years must be seated in a restraint system adapted to their size.
- Children over three and less than 1.35m must be seated in a child restraint system suitable for their height and weight.
- You must not carry a child in a rear-facing child seat in a front seat with an active airbag.
- All rear seat passengers must wear a seatbelt so you may not carry three children if there are only two seatbelts.

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Lights

It's compulsory to use dipped headlights during the day.

Motorcycles

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- Riders must wear a crash helmet with straps.

Drinking and driving

- The legal limit is 50 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.
- Penalties are severe and include licence suspension, fines or imprisonment.

Fines

- Fines can be on-the-spot and visitors who infringe traffic regulations can expect to be fined. If you don't accept a fine the police will take the matter to court to be settled by a judge and may retain your vehicle until the case is resolved.
- If you park where you shouldn't your vehicle may be taken away by the police at your expense.

It's compulsory to carry the following in Denmark

- **A red warning triangle**

Other rules/requirements in Denmark

It's recommended that you carry a fire extinguisher and a first-aid kit. Although not compulsory, it's recommended that a reflective jacket is worn if you have to step out of the vehicle in an emergency or breakdown situation.

Generally there is a duty to give way to traffic approaching from the right.

You must stop and give way to traffic on the road you are entering where you see a bold line, a line of white triangles (shark's teeth) painted across the road or a white triangle with red border sign.

You must not use radar detectors.

You may use spiked tyres between 1 November and 15 April. They must be on all 4 wheels.

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If your vehicle is right-hand drive you must have wing mirrors on both sides and an interior rear view mirror.

You must always give way to cyclists.

If you're driving in a town you must only use your horn in an emergency.

You must 'merge in turn' when entering a motorway.

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