

## Driving in Italy

### What you need to know

In addition to the **General Driving Advice for Western Europe**, the following laws apply when driving in Italy:

#### Speed Limits

- Built-up areas 31mph (50km/h)
- Outside built-up areas 55mph (90km/h)
- Dual carriageways 68mph (110km/h) (55mph in wet weather)
- Motorways 80mph (130km/h) (68mph in wet weather)
- Drivers who passed their test less than three years ago must not exceed 55mph (90 km/h) on dual carriageways and 62mph (100km/h) on motorways

#### Children

- Children travelling in a UK-registered vehicle must be secured according to UK legislation

#### Motorcycles

- You must use dipped headlights during the day
- Children under the age of five must not travel on a moped or motorcycle
- Passenger may only be carried if the registration certificate states that the bike is designed to do so
- Motorcycles under 150cc must not go on motorways
- You must have at least one rear-view mirror (two if your motorcycle is capable of more than 100km/h.)

#### Lights

- You must use dipped headlights during the day outside built-up areas
- You must use dipped headlights during snow and rain/poor visibility
- You may only use rear fog lights when visibility is less than 50 metres or in the case of strong rain or intense snow
- You must use dipped headlights in tunnels

#### It is compulsory to carry:

- Warning triangle (for vehicles with more than two wheels)
- Reflective jacket - enough for the driver and any passenger who gets out of a broken-down vehicle on the carriageway at night or in poor visibility
- Snow chains (or winter tyres) - between 15th October and 15th April, or at other times if conditions dictate

#### In addition:

- Cars driving with snow chains must not exceed 31mph (50km/h)
- If your car, caravan or motorhome has an overhanging load at the rear then you must display a fully reflectorised square panel (50cm x 50cm) with red and white diagonal stripes
- You can only use your horn in built-up areas in cases of immediate danger

#### Drinking and driving

- The legal limit is 50 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood
- There is a zero limit for professional drivers and drivers with less than three years' driving experience