

## Driving in Spain

### What you need to know

In addition to the [General Driving Advice for Western Europe](#), the following laws apply when driving in Spain:

#### Speed Limits

- Built-up areas 31mph (50km/h)
- Second category roads outside built-up areas 55mph (90km/h)
- First category roads outside built-up areas 62mph (100km/h)
- Motorways 74mph (120km/h)
- Motorways and dual carriageways in built-up areas 49mph (80km/h)
- The minimum speed on motorways and dual carriageways is 37mph (60km/h)
- Near schools and in some residential zones, the limit is 13mph (20kph)

#### Lights

- You must not use full-beam headlights in built-up areas
- You must use dipped headlights in tunnels

#### Motorcycles

- Riders of motorcycles, as well as trikes and quadbikes without seat belts, must wear a crash helmet
- You must not carry a child under seven years old
- A child between seven and 11 years old may ride as a passenger if the bike is being driven by a parent or authorised person. They must wear a suitable helmet
- Moped riders under 18 years old must not carry passengers

#### It is compulsory to carry:

- Spare wheel (not for two-wheeled vehicles) - and the tools to change a wheel, or a tyre repair kit
- Warning triangle - (not required for two wheeled vehicles) one is compulsory but it is recommended to carry and use two in the event of an accident or breakdown situation
- Reflective jacket - both driver and passenger(s) must wear a reflective jacket when getting out of a vehicle in a breakdown situation on a motorway, main road or any other busy road

#### Children

- Children under 12 years of age and under 1.35 metres tall must use an appropriate child restraint unless travelling in a taxi in an urban area
- Children under 12 must not travel in the front seat unless the rear seats are already occupied by children, or the vehicle doesn't have rear seats, e.g. a van
- Children taller than 1.35 metres may use an adult seatbelt

#### In addition:

- You must not use your horn in an urban area except in an emergency
- If you are driving a campervan or are towing a caravan or trailer and the overall length is more than 12 metres, you must have one (130cm x 25cm) or two (50cm x 25cm) yellow reflectors at the rear
- If you are carrying one or more bicycles on the rear of your vehicle you must fit a 50cm x 50cm reflectorised panel
- You could be fined if your child (under 16 years of age) rides a bicycle without wearing a cycle helmet
- In one-way streets in some cities, you must park on the side of the road with even house numbers on even days of the month, and on the uneven side on uneven days.

#### Drinking and driving

- The legal limit, which also applies to cyclists, is 49 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood
- A lower limit of 29 milligrams applies to drivers with less than two years' experience