



Driving on the Continent

This document contains information which you may find helpful while driving on the continent. Please refer to your policy booklet for policy cover and breakdown information.

Driver's checklist

Always carry the following items with you when driving on the continent and never leave them in your vehicle:

- Passport with Visa if appropriate.
- TFP Certificate of Motor Insurance, schedule and policy booklet.
- Green Card if appropriate.
- Driving licence.
- Vehicle Registration Document (V5) or Vehicle on Hire Certificate (VEI 03).
- A spare set of ignition keys.
- Customs document (including Bills of Lading if carrying goods for business purposes) if appropriate.

Please ensure you are aware of and comply with the current driving legislation in the countries you are intending to visit.

How do you get help?

If you are travelling in

- The United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, to or from port, call Aviva on **0800 169 4066**.
- France, Monaco and the Republic of Ireland, call Aviva on **0044 1603 63380**.
- From the rest of Europe, call Aviva on **0033 472 435 255**.

Territorial limits

Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, the Republic of Ireland, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France (including Monaco), Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy (including San Marino and Vatican City) Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland (including Liechtenstein).

General hints on driving abroad

- Plan your route in advance. You will have enough to contend with without trying to navigate as well. Ensure any satellite navigation systems are up to date for the countries you are driving through.
- Do not start out tired; ensure you have a good night's sleep beforehand.
- Do not underestimate the distance to be travelled in one go. Split your journey into manageable sections and try to share the driving. Allow sufficient time for unforeseen delays.
- If you are driving a right-hand drive vehicle, be wary of the temptation to drive close to the verge and think you can judge the distance more accurately. You run the risk of running over debris in the gutter and will not be able to give cyclists and motorcycles the wide berth they expect.
- When you need to stop, choose a car park, filling station or cafe on the right, this minimises the risk of driving into the wrong lane when you set off again.
- Overtaking presents problems, as you may have to move into the path of opposing traffic to get a good view. Keep well behind the vehicle in front; this will give you a better view ahead. A last look over your left shoulder and in the wing mirror before you move out will ensure you do not miss anyone about to pass you. Always return to the nearside as soon as practicable, it is good practice and is a legal requirement in some countries.
- Ensure you have sufficient local currency to meet tolls if you are using the motorways and remember that in many countries the police can impose on-the-spot fines and will expect to be paid in cash, they do not accept any other form of payment.
- Protect your vehicle from thieves. Park in well-lit places, avoid leaving personal belongings and important documentation in an unattended vehicle and always secure your vehicle.

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