

AUSTRIAN TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Driving license

Foreign travellers residing in the European Union entering Austria with a motor vehicle require their national driving licence and vehicle registration certificate. Travellers from other countries require a German translation or an international driving license.

Speed limits

Built-up areas: **50 km/h**

Vehicles	Outside built-up areas	Motorways
motorcycles, vehicles up to 3,5 tonnes (incl. camper vans)	100 km/h	130 km/h
camper vans and goods vehicles over 3,5t *)	70 km/h	80 km/h

*) goods vehicles over 7.5 t are prohibited from travelling at night between 10 pm and 5 am on all roads in Austria.

Tolls

The **toll sticker** is compulsory on Austria's motorways and expressways. All cars, motorbikes and camper vans up to 3.5t must display a toll sticker when they drive onto a motorway or expressway. This avoids a possible toll fine of at least 120 EUR. Vehicles over 3.5t overall weight are subject to the toll system for trucks (www.go-maut.at)

Instead of buying a toll sticker, it is possible to buy an **e-vignette** by registering the vehicle's license plate. The e-vignette is available online: www.asfinag.at/toll/vignette or at all ÖAMTC offices.

Blood alcohol level

The legal blood alcohol limit while driving a motor vehicle is **0.05% (0.5‰)**. For cyclists the legal blood alcohol limit is **0.08% (0.8‰)**.

Use of mobile phones

The use of a mobile phone while driving is prohibited. Only hands-free mobile phones may be used while driving.

Warning triangles, first aid kit and safety jacket

All vehicles driving in Austria must be equipped with a warning triangle and a first-aid kit. Motorists whose vehicles are immobilised on a road outside a built-up area at night, or in poor visibility, must wear a reflectorized jacket.



Seat belts and child restraint seats

Occupants of all seats equipped with a seat belt (including rear seats) must wear that belt. Persons found not wearing the seat belt when stopped by an officer of the law can either be warned, or receive a 35 EUR on-the-spot fine.

Children under 14 years of age and **less than 1.35 m** in height must use special seat belts adapted to their size or special child restraints, both at the front and at the rear of the vehicle.

Children **under 14** but **over 1.35 m** are allowed to use a regular 3-point belt without special booster seat on condition that the belt **does not come across their neck or throat**.

Children **under 14 years** of age but **over 1.50 m** in height must use the adult seat belt.

Emergency corridors

As soon as traffic congestion is imminent on motorways or dual carriageways drivers must form an emergency corridor for passing emergency vehicles. Steer your vehicle as far as possible to the roadside and align it parallel to the emergency corridor.

Winter tires

From 1 November to 15 April, vehicles must be fitted with winter tires on all wheels when roads are covered in snow or ice. The tires must bear the mark M+S or M&S and have a minimum tread of 4 mm. Alternatively, vehicles with summer tires must have snow chains.

Note: It is the driver's legal responsibility to carry the required winter equipment; therefore, it is essential to check that it is included in any rental car.

Fuel

Larger gas stations accept international credit cards. In cities and on main roads, gas stations are open from 8:00 to 20:00, some around the clock. On highways, they are generally open around the clock.

Gas stations, EV charging stations, LPG and CNG filling stations

To find your nearest LPG and CNG filling stations, EV charging stations or the cheapest gas station in your area please visit www.oeamtc.at/thema/tanken/

ÖAMTC Traffic Service

For information about road conditions and further information regarding driving in Austria please call the following ÖAMTC hotlines:

Vienna, Lower Austria and Burgenland:
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Upper Austria: +43 732 33 33
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