



INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS

We strongly recommend that you –

- Obtain comprehensive travel and medical insurance before travelling
- Apply for a European Health Insurance card – EHIC. This can be done quickly and easily on line <https://www.ehic.org.uk/Internet/home.do>. It is free of charge.
- Take out comprehensive vehicle break down cover including repatriation

IT'S THE LAW –

- From 1st July 2008, you must carry in your car a warning triangle and a reflective jacket. These must be instantly accessible, not packed away.
- All passengers must wear seat-belts. Children under the age of 10 are not allowed to sit in front seats.
- France has very strict drink driving laws. You are allowed a maximum of 0.5mg/ml of alcohol per litre in your blood, compared to 0.8mg/ml in the UK.
- If you have a right-hand drive car, you must adjust the direction of your headlamp beams for driving on the right.
- Priority to the right: the "Priorité à droite". Small villages and rural roads can still have the Priority to the Right system, or locals may still assume it. If in doubt always give way to traffic coming on your right – especially at roundabouts. Do not assume you have right of way.
- You must show a GB sticker on rear of your vehicle.
- Carry your driving licence, insurance documents and car registration documents at all times.
- Spare bulbs and fuses, first-aid kits and fire extinguishers are recommended but not a legal requirement.
- It is illegal to talk on a mobile phone while driving, even with a hands-free headset

French Speed limits for cars -

- Motorways: 130/110 km/h (80/68 mph)
- Route nationales/départementales (usually dual carriageway): 110/100 km/h (68/61mph)
Other roads: 90/80 km/h (56/50mph)
- Built-up areas/towns: 50 km/h (31mph) or as signposted
- Lower speed limit applies to wet weather conditions and if you have held a license under 2 years.

Remember the French police can pull you over for a random spot check at any time. On the spot fines will be imposed for offences committed from speeding to not carrying a reflective jacket.

The French police will be waiting for the Le Mans visitors – do not speed or break the law. Fines of €750, a confiscated vehicle or removal of license can, and do, happen.

For more information about driving in France, visit http://www.theaa.com/motoring_advice/touring_tips/AA_France_Monaco.pdf.

Emergency services –

If calling from a Mobile - 112

If calling from a landline -

- Fire brigade – 18
- SAMU/medical urgency – 15
- Police or Gendarmerie – 17