

# Driving in Hungary



## Speed limits

- Motorways:** ➤ 130kmh (80mph)
- Open roads:** ➤ 90kmh (55mph)
- Towns:** ➤ 50kmh (31mph)



## Road Safety

- Alcohol limit:** ➤ Laws against driving under the influence of alcohol are strict and follow a policy of zero tolerance

- Use of mobile phone whilst driving:**
  - Whilst driving It is illegal to use a hand held mobile phone
  - Drivers may only use a mobile phone with built-in speaker during driving

- Seat belts:**
  - The use of seat belts is compulsory for both front and back-seat passengers
  - In Hungary children are permitted to travel in the front seat provided they are seated in a child safety chair or they are over 150 cm tall or are at least 12 years of age.

- Traffic lights regulations:**
  - Red – Stop (no right turn at red light)
  - Amber – Slow down
  - Green – Go



## Costs

- On the spot fines:**
  - Police have the ability to issue on the spot fines for traffic and motoring offences.
  - Such fines must be paid within 30 days at the bank by cheque.
  - Fines can be up to EUR 1200.



## General motoring advice

- Rush hour in built up areas:**
  - Budapest: 0700-1000hrs and 1600-1900hrs
  - Other cities may vary
- Fuel:**
  - Most of multinational stations are open 24hrs a day
  - You can find an air pump, a shop and a rest room by all stations; and there is a restaurant joined to most stations
  - Unleaded petrol and diesel are available everywhere, and credit cards are accepted
  - Octane ratings are always indicated
  - Diesel oil and liquid gas (LPG) are also available
  - If an attendant fills your car, it is common to give a tip
- Parking advice:**
  - Budapest town centre is closed to traffic
  - Vehicles must be parked on the right hand side and following the flow of traffic
  - A parking ticket must be bought if parking in controlled areas
  - Parking receipts must be put on the dashboard behind the windscreen and easy to read from outside
  - Downtown areas are usually controlled



## Road rules

- Vehicles drive on the right hand side of the road
- Passing should occur on the left
- Outside built-up areas headlights must be used night and day
- Trams and buses always have priority
- Pedestrians have priority at marked pedestrian crossings and at intersections
- Bicycle lanes are indicated by a continuous yellow stripe
- Take care to give right of way at co-equal crossroads that do not have "Stop and give way" signs (except on main roads)
- Speed limits are strict and radar traps and speed cameras are often set up to catch speeding motorists on all highways in Hungary (M1, M2, M3, M5, M6, M7)