

DRIVE ON THE RIGHT | ROUNDABOUTS GO ANTICLOCKWISE ON A ROUNDABOUT, GIVE WAY TO THE LEFT.

Say it out loud every time you pull out of a car park or a fuel station. **KEEP RIGHT.**

BUT at unmarked junctions, PRIORITÉ À DROITE: give way to traffic from your RIGHT.

OVERTAKE ON THE LEFT. Indicate every lane change, out and back in. 3 points here, and camera-enforced.

SPEED km/h: 130 autoroute (110 in rain) | 110 dual carriageway (100) | 80 other roads | 50 in towns

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- 112** Any emergency, anywhere in Europe. English spoken.
15 SAMU - medical / ambulance
17 Police / Gendarmerie
18 Fire and rescue (sapeurs-pompiers)
114 SMS and text relay for deaf and hard of hearing
If in doubt, dial 112. Give your location first: road number, direction, nearest junction or marker post.

YOUR DETAILS - FILL IN AT PICKUP

Fill this in when you pick up the hire car, before you drive off.

Vehicle registration _____
Vehicle height _____ metres
Vehicle width _____ metres
Rental company _____
Rental 24h phone _____
Breakdown / assistance _____
Insurance policy no. _____
Accommodation _____
Emergency contact _____

Height and width matter for tunnels, toll class, car parks and village streets.

IF YOU HAVE A CRASH

- Stop. Hazards on. Hi-vis vest on before leaving the vehicle.
- Anyone injured, or the road blocked, or a dispute: call 112.
- AT PICKUP: check the CONSTAT AMIABLE (accident form) is in the glovebox. Ask the desk if it is not.
- Complete it with the other driver. The numbered boxes are the same across Europe. Both sign, each keeps a copy.
- Photograph both vehicles, the damage, the wider scene and the road layout.
- Tell your rental company the same day.

IF YOU BREAK DOWN

- On an autoroute you may NOT call your own tow truck. Only the official operator may recover you.
- Use an orange emergency phone. It tells the control room exactly where you are.
- Everyone out and behind the barrier. Not in the car, not on the hard shoulder.
- One hi-vis vest is the legal minimum. Carry one PER PERSON, reachable from your seat, not in the boot.
- Warning triangle behind the vehicle where it is safe to place it.

FUEL - READ THE PUMP BEFORE YOU LIFT IT

GAZOLE = DIESEL.

ESSENCE / SP = PETROL.

Misfuelling is the most expensive mistake a visitor makes. If you are not certain, ask before you fill.

Gazole / B7 Diesel

SP95 / SP98 Unleaded petrol

SP95-E10 / E10 Unleaded petrol, 10% ethanol. Not suitable for every car.

E85 Superethanol. ONLY for flex-fuel vehicles.

Supermarket stations are cheaper than motorway ones, but often unattended at night, which is where foreign cards get declined.

A memory aid, not legal advice. Rules and requirements change. Check before you travel.