



## PER I TURISTI STRANIERI: GUIDARE IN ITALIA

- **BUS AND TAXI LANES**

Driving on the lanes specially reserved for public transport is forbidden. Such lanes are identified by means of special road signs and yellow road markings.

*FINE for non-compliance (article 7, paragraph 14, Italian Highway Code): 80 to 323 Euros.*

*PENALTY POINTS on driving licence (article 146, paragraph 2, Italian Highway Code): -2 out of 20 full starting points.*

### **RESTRICTED TRAFFIC AREAS (“Zona a Traffico Limitato” ZTL)**

In Restricted Traffic Areas (ZTL) a no thoroughfare is in force for private vehicles outside of specific hours – usually early morning and late afternoon. Weekdays and hours when it is possible to access ZTLs vary from town to town, according to local ordinances.

Warning: make sure you avoid restricted traffic areas in the historical centres of Italian cities or remember to pay attention to information signs at the entrance to ZTLs.

Anytime a vehicle enters or exits a restricted traffic area (Zona Traffico Limitato - ZTL), cameras take a picture of the license plate.

The photo is automatically sent to a computer of the Municipal Police and if the license plate is not registered in the relevant database a violation ticket is generated and sent to the owner of the vehicle.

Restricted traffic areas are clearly indicated by a sign showing a white circle with red borders (see picture below), stating the hours in which the area is restricted.





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In the picture above the ZTL is in force every day from 8AM to 8PM.

In the picture below the crossed hammers indicate that the ZTL does not apply on Sundays and holidays. The ZTL is in force every day from 7.30AM to 7.30PM. Motorcycles are allowed to enter the area, except the EURO 1 ones, from 10AM to 12AM and from 3PM to 5PM.



In the picture below "VARCO NON ATTIVO" indicates that you can enter the ZTL, whereas the wording "VARCO ATTIVO" means that vehicles are not admitted unless they are covered by a special permit. Of course, the first mention is displayed during non-restricted hours and the second during restricted hours.



If your hotel or parking garage is located within a ZTL, please check beforehand whether they can take care to pass your car registration number to the Municipal Police. This is possible in some city centres only.



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*FINE for non-compliance (article 7, paragraph 14, Italian Highway Code): 80 to 323 Euros.  
PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: 0 out of 20 full starting points.*

### ROUNDABOUTS

On approaching a roundabout, priority signs or road markings indicate the right of way. If there are no traffic signs or road markings (stop- or give way signs), priority to the right applies.

Drivers must signal left as they join the roundabout, signal right as they exit the roundabout. As usual, directional indicators must also be used before changing lane on multi-lane roundabouts and to complete the exit from a roundabout.

It is compulsory to slow down before approaching or leaving a roundabout. Special attention must be paid to nearby pedestrian crossings.

*FINE for non-compliance (articles 141 and 154, Italian Highway Code): 41 to 168 Euros. The fine amount can be increased by one third if the offence occurs between 10PM and 7AM.*