

PER I TURISTI STRANIERI: GUIDARE IN ITALIA



COMPULSORY DOCUMENTS AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Foreign-registered vehicles having fulfilled customs obligations (if applicable) are allowed to circulate in Italy for a maximum of one year.

When driving in Italy, you need to have the following documents with you:

- Vehicle registration certificate.
- Valid national driving licence enabling to drive the category of the vehicle being driven. Unless your national driving licence was issued by an EU/EFTA-member state, it must be accompanied either by an [international driving permit](#), to be obtained prior to departure, or by a [certified translation](#) (*traduzione giurata*) into Italian.
- Third party liability insurance bought in an EU country. Residents of non-EU countries should contact their insurance company prior to departure and check whether they need a [green card](#) (international insurance certificate) or a [short term insurance](#).

All non-EU-registered vehicles circulating in Italy must display a nationality sticker at the rear.

Warning triangle

A warning triangle must be carried in the vehicle at all times. It must be used to signal emergency stop by placing it at a distance of least 50 metres from the stranded vehicle, provided the road allows such distance. Otherwise, it must be placed in the most visible position.

FINE for non-compliance (article 162, paragraph 5, Italian Highway Code): 41 to 169 Euros.
PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -2 out of 20 full starting points.

Reflective jacket / waistcoat / braces

A [reflective jacket/waistcoat or reflective braces](#) must be worn when stepping out of a vehicle – in case of an accident, a breakdown or for any other reason - outside built-up areas at night and even in the daytime in case of poor visibility. This applies also in rest areas and in the emergency lane of motorways. For this reason, reflective items as above are supposed to be available at all times in the driver and passenger compartment.

FINE for non-compliance (article 162, paragraph 5, Italian Highway Code): 41 to 169 Euros.
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SEAT BELTS

Seat belts are compulsory for the driver and all occupants of the vehicle, including light quadricycles and micro cars.

FINE for non-compliance (article 172, paragraph 10, Italian Highway Code): 81 to 326 Euros.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -5 out of 20 full starting points.

MAIN DRIVING RULES

In Italy you must drive on the right. Drivers must keep the rightmost free lane of the road. The left lanes are reserved for overtaking.

FINE for non-compliance (article 143, paragraph 13, Italian Highway Code): 41 to 169 Euros.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -4 out of 20 full starting points.

Driving on the emergency lane is forbidden, since this is reserved for rescue and emergency vehicles and emergency stops.

FINE for non-compliance (article 176, paragraph 20, Italian Highway Code): 422 to 1.697 Euros.

Fine is increased by one-third if the violation is committed between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -10 out of 20 full starting points.

A safe distance must be maintained so as to avoid collisions in case the preceding vehicle brakes suddenly.

FINE for non-compliance (article 149, paragraph 4, Italian Highway Code): 41 to 169 Euros. Fine is increased by one-third if the violation is committed between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -3 out of 20 full starting points.

