



# European Travel Checklist



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# Introduction



Travelling to Europe in your motorhome, campervan, or caravan might be something you've always dreamed of, but the thought of venturing across the water for the first time may feel a little daunting.

To help you plan with confidence, we've put together a checklist of essentials, along with a few extra considerations to make your trip as smooth as possible.

While it's not an exhaustive list, it will help to ensure you're well-prepared for the adventure ahead.

Our article, [Taking Your Motorhome to Europe – What you need to know](#), gives you a more detailed overview of the things you need to know, and contains some useful links and information for travelling in Europe. Read it on our website at [lifesure.co.uk](https://lifesure.co.uk)

## Pre-Travel Planning

- Research places to stay
- Plan your route
- Check your passport(s) will be valid for travel
- Book campsite(s), if using
- Book ferry crossing or Euro Tunnel
- Check your vehicle is taxed & insured
- Get EU breakdown cover
- Get travel/medical insurance

## Paperwork to Take

- Passport(s)
- Driving licence
- Green card(s), for Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Turkey, or Ukraine, carnet & IDP (if required)
- Breakdown & vehicle insurance documents
- V5C logbook ( or VE103 certificate, if you're towing abroad with a vehicle you hired in the UK)
- Animal Health Certificate, if travelling with a pet
- Visa, if needed
- Ferry/Tunnel booking details
- Travel/Medical insurance documents

## Essentials

- Glasses, if required for driving - compulsory
- Hi-vis jackets for each passenger - compulsory
- Warning triangle - compulsory
- Headlight converters - compulsory
- UK vehicle identifier sticker - compulsory
- First aid kit - compulsory
- Sat-nav or Google maps with EU countries for offline travel
- Spare Bulbs
- Fire extinguisher
- Hose connectors for European gas bottle (optional)
- Clean air stickers (Crit'Air France) - compulsory in some cities
- Vignette/toll pass - compulsory in some countries
- Blind spot warning stickers x 3 (Angles morts)
- Red and white warning board - required in some countries in Europe if you are travelling with anything that overhangs the length of your motorhome
- ACSI Card**, if required
- Cash and credit card for tolls
- Electric hook-up cable – 10m ideally and an EU adaptor for campsites that have 2 pin hook-up points

## Exterior Checks

- Exterior storage locked
- Gas bottle – turned off and secured
- Windscreen clean
- Wiper blades in good working condition
- Tyres - visual inspection & pressure check
- Check all lights are working and adjusted for European travel
- Mirror checks – additional mirrors added, if required
- Ensure bikes are secured on bike rack
- Red/white sign in place if needed
- TV/ Satellite aerial down
- Change oil or make sure sufficiently topped up
- Top up coolant, if required
- Windscreen wash reservoir full

## Interior Checks

- Close and lock all windows, vents and skylights
- Secure all loose items
- Secure TV, if not fixed to bracket
- Secure drawers, fridge, and cupboard doors
- Wrap breakables
- Water bottle disconnected before travel



## On the Road

- Credit card and cash to hand, for tolls
- Water and snacks, within easy reach
- Passports, drivers' licence and booking information in glove compartment

## Arrival at Campsite

- Check in – have your booking info and passport with you
- Find allocated pitch or choose pitch
- Park up in accordance with campsite rules
- Level van as required
- Connect to hook-up and fully uncoil cable to prevent fire
- Get drinking water, if needed
- Turn on gas
- Turn on fridge
- Put waste water catcher under van if in a campervan
- Put pop-top roof up (campervan)

Abide by campsite rules and respect others staying on site. Leave your pitch as you would expect to find it.



## Departure

- Close and lock vents, windows and skylights
- Secure kit, breakables, doors and drawers
- Put away awning and awning furniture
- Turn off gas and secure gas bottle
- Unhook electric and wind up electric cable, wiping if wet
- Remove chocks and pack away
- Empty grey waste
- Empty toilet
- Dispose of rubbish in appropriate bins

## Other Things You May Need

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit level or levelling app | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun lotions   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spare leisure battery         | <input type="checkbox"/> Medication<br><small>prescribed, pain relief, indigestion tablets</small>             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spare gas bottle              | <input type="checkbox"/> Awning – pegs and groundsheet   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Empty petrol can              | <input type="checkbox"/> Awning furniture – chairs & table   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal window blinds         | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow chains/winter tyres  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chocks/levelling ramps        | <input type="checkbox"/> Outfit dimensions sticker<br><small>for avoiding narrow roads and low bridges</small> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reverse polarity tester       |  |



# Protect Your Adventures



Motorhome insurance



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RAC motorhome breakdown cover

Getting cover in place will help to ensure you are sufficiently protected, in the event of an accident or breakdown.

Remember, no policy will protect you against every scenario, so it's best to read your policy documents to understand the conditions and exclusions that apply.

If you're planning to cross the channel and holiday in Europe, one thing you don't want to overlook is EU breakdown insurance. Don't assume your standard motorhome breakdown insurance offers the same level of cover abroad as it does at home in the UK. Failing to have European breakdown cover in place could mean your holiday ends up costing you way more than anticipated if the worst were to happen. Breaking down while overseas could be much more complicated, than if it were to happen in the UK.

Visit [lifesure.co.uk](https://lifesure.co.uk) for further information on **motorhome insurance** and **RAC motorhome breakdown insurance**. Alternatively, you can speak to one of our agents on **01480 402 460** to get a quote.

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