

Introduction

Riding in mainland Europe is pretty straightforward, providing you follow a few simple rules. One of those is don't get caught speeding and of course, knowing the speed limit helps.

But, it is easy to be sometimes riding along, completely oblivious to the speed limit, especially outside of towns where the limits are often not sign-posted.

This guide sets out what the common speed limits are in most of the main European countries.

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Within Europe, speed limits vary from country to country. As you cross each border, there is normally a sign that says what the various speed limits are for the country you are entering and those signs normally look like this.



This shows that for Belgium, the speed limit is 50 kph in built-up areas, 90 kph outside of built-up areas and 120 kph on motorways.

The table on the following page shows the speed limits for each of these three categories, for each country (correct as at December 2015).

Note however, that these are the standard speed limits and that local variations occur where conditions dictate.

You should always pay attention to what the posted speed limits are.



Country	In built up areas KPH (MPH)	Outside built up areas (including dual carriageways)	Motorways
Andorra	60 (37)	90 (55)	
Austria	50 (31)	100 (62)	130 (80)
Belgium	50 (31)	90 (55) or 120 (74)	120 (74)
Bulgaria	50 (31)	90 (55)	120 (74)
Croatia	50 (31)	80 (49) or 100 (62)	130 (80)
Cyprus	50 (31)	80 (49)	100 (62)
Czech Rep	50 (31)	90 (55)	130 (80)
Denmark	50 (31)	80 (49)	110 (68)
Finland	50 (31)	80 (49) or 100 (62)	120 (74)
France & Monaco	50 (31)	90 (55) or 100 (68)	130 (80)
Germany	50 (31)	100 (62)	130 (80)
Gibraltar	30 (18)	50 (31)	
Greece	50 (31)	90 (55) or 110 (68)	120 (74)
Hungary	50 (31)	80 (49) or 100 (62)	120 (74)
Ireland	50 (31)	100 (62)	120 (74)
Italy	50 (31)	90 (55) or 110 (68)	130 (80)
Liechtenstein	50 (31)	80 (49) (i)	120 (74)
Luxembourg	50 (31)	90 (55)	120 (74)
Macedonia	50 (31)	80 (49) or 100 (62)	120 (74)
Malta	40 (23)	64 (40)	-
Netherlands	50 (31)	80 (49) or 100 (62)	120 (74)
Norway	50 (31)	80 (49)	90 (55)
Poland	60 (37)	90 (55)	130 (80)
Portugal	50 (31)	90 (55) or 100 (62)	120 (74)
Romania	50 (31)	90 (55)	120 (74)
Slovakia	60 (37)	90 (55)	130 (80)
Slovenia	50 (31)	90 (55) or 100 (62)	130 (80)
Spain	50 (31)	90 (55) or 100 (62)	110 (68)
Sweden	50 (31)	70 (43)	110 (68)
Switzerland	50 (31)	80 (49)	120 (74)
UK	- (30)	- (60 or 70)	- (70)

Data obtained from the AA motoring website