



Driving in Guernsey is different



Helpful advice and information for your motoring in Guernsey

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The roads are narrow, there are special rules and not all the signs will be familiar to you. The following information highlights the differences between driving in Guernsey and driving in other countries.

Please take the time to read it carefully *before* you venture onto the roads.

The filter in turn system

Some junctions have *filter in turn* on a sign and painted on the road. Approach them with care! At these junctions all directions have equal priority. You must only enter the junction in turn with other vehicles. These are also usually box junctions, so you must not enter the box unless your exit is clear.



Yellow stop lines

A yellow line across the exit of a minor road means *stop* and give way to traffic on the major road. A yellow arrow painted on the road gives warning of a yellow line ahead.

Yellow No Stopping lines

A single yellow line painted along the side of the road or pavement means that vehicles must not stop for any reason other than to avoid an accident.

Maximum speed 35mph

The maximum speed limit in the Island is 35mph (56kph). There are lower speed limits in some areas. In and around the town the speed limit is 25mph (40kph). Remember, however, that these are maximum speeds, not recommended speeds, and in many places a much lower speed is necessary for safe driving.



Parking

All public parking in Guernsey is free. However, most on-street parking and car parks in principal shopping areas are marked as *disc zone* and you must use a “parking clock” to indicate your time of arrival, day or night. The time limit for that particular disc parking place starts from the time you parked your vehicle – you must not park for longer than the specified period for that parking place unless that period ends after 6pm, when you may park until 8am the following morning. Having left a disc parking area, you must not re-park within the same zone for 30 minutes.

Parking at night

Vehicles parked at night must show lights unless they are parked in a disc zone or approved parking place. Single parking lights are not allowed. They must not park facing oncoming traffic.

Disabled Parking

Disabled visitors to the Island may park in any short-stay disc park for up to a maximum of two hours, provided they display a disabled permit/badge issued in a participating European country, as well as a Guernsey parking clock. They may also use special designated disabled parking spaces. These are the only concessions. Disabled visitors from places other than a participating country will need to obtain a special permit. Full regulations are detailed in the leaflet “Transport and the Disabled in Guernsey” which is available from our Bulwer Avenue Office or online at www.gov.gg/parking

Accidents

Accidents involving personal injury or serious damage must be reported to the Police within 24 hours. Minor accidents not involving injury need not be reported, provided the names and addresses of those concerned are exchanged. In case of any doubt about what you should do, then contact the Island Police on 01481 725111.

Pedestrian Areas

Vehicles are prohibited from some of the streets in the centre of the town, such as the High Street, without a permit.

There are strict regulations about driving on the beaches during the summer without a permit. Car parks are provided at most beaches and headlands. Vehicles must not be parked on any grass area.

And Finally

Many roads in Guernsey are narrow lanes, with high hedges or granite walls. You must be ready to meet horses, cattle, cyclists, pedestrians, and other drivers who may be just as lost as you! Please drive courteously. Few junctions away from the Primary Routes are signposted. Visibility is poor at many junctions. Some have convex mirrors to help motorists, but they make vehicles look further away than they really are. Care is necessary at all times. Drinking and driving do not mix, and the Police can and do make random checks.

We wish you a pleasant and safe stay in Guernsey.

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