

# CARAVANS & MOTORHOMES

## Useful Information

### Holidaying in Guernsey in a motorhome or caravan

Motorhomes and caravans are welcome in Guernsey but must comply with certain conditions as set out below.

If you wish to bring your motorhome or caravan to Guernsey to be used for overnight accommodation please ensure that:

- Your motorhome, towing vehicle or caravan is not more than 2.31m wide (excluding mirrors/indicators)
- Your motorhome is not more than 9.45m long or;
- Your towing vehicle and caravan is not more than 12.19m long
- Your motorhome is booked into one of the registered campsites (Les Fauxquets Valley, La Bailloterie, Le Vaugrat or Beaucette Marina or;
- Your caravan is booked into Le Vaugrat registered campsite; and
- A motorhome/caravan permit has been obtained from the campsite operator (see below)

While here you can use your motorhome for touring the Island, but please ensure that your windscreen sticker is attached (see below) and you must return to the campsite each night.

Caravans are restricted to one journey to and one journey from the campsite to the port.

All visiting motorhomes and caravans are limited to a maximum period of one month.

To visit the Island with a motorhome or caravan you will need to:

- Contact the campsite to check availability and make a provisional booking
- Complete the booking with ferry operator
- Confirm the booking with the campsite operator

- Obtain two copies of the motorhome/caravan permit (one for you and the other for the ferry operator) and a windscreen sticker from the campsite operator
- Please ensure you are able to produce your permit at the port of departure and on arrival in Guernsey.
- The window sticker must be displayed at all times whilst the vehicle is on the Island.

## Importing a motorhome or caravan & driving on Island roads

If you are importing a motorhome or caravan to Guernsey, it will need to be measured by Traffic & Highway Services (T&HS) staff, at Bulwer Avenue Office prior to being registered if the vehicle is over 7 feet (2.13m) wide (excluding mirrors and indicators). Please contact T&HS on 243400 to arrange this.

At present there is no charge for the measuring of vehicles.

In order to drive legally on the road any vehicle not currently registered (brand new) must display T Plates (Trade Plates). These can be arranged to be displayed on the vehicle by contacting a local motor sales garage, however, a member of their staff would need to be in the vehicle whilst circulating under their Trade Plate. Any unregistered vehicle not using a Trade Plate would need to be lifted and transported on another vehicle.

For vehicles being imported that exceed the local size limits (see Oversize Vehicle Information Leaflet available at [www.gov.gg/vehiclepermits](http://www.gov.gg/vehiclepermits) ) an application to circulate the vehicle would need to be completed. A permit is then issued with a planned route and movement times (usually only between 9pm & 6.45am) for the vehicle to travel between the storage/parking location and the harbour.

Vehicles that exceed 2.5m wide or 12.19 long will **also** be required to move under escort only. For escort information and fees contact Guernsey Outriders on (01481) 246009.

One off permits can be obtained by prior arrangement with T&HS for vehicles under 2.5m wide and 12.19m long to travel to other destinations i.e. campsites for special events. Permits can also be obtained for motorhomes to travel along the coast on a Sunday morning before 6.45am for the purpose of maintaining engine performance.

At present there is no charge for the permit.

Please contact T&HS (01481) 243400 for further advice.

## **Planning requirements for locally based vehicles**

Placing of a caravan or motorhome is exempt from planning permission provided that it is on land within the curtilage of a dwelling-house, including where such house or its curtilage is, or is within the curtilage of, a protected building and:-

- a) the caravan/motorhome is not used for human habitation,
- b) there is only one caravan/motorhome within the curtilage of the dwelling-house, and
- c) the caravan/motorhome is not placed forward of any elevation of the dwelling-house that faces a highway.

This information is available at [www.gov.gg/do i need permission](http://www.gov.gg/do_i_need_permission) under exemption No. 22.

Please contact Planning Services (01481) 717000 for further advice.

### **Important**

Using a locally registered motorhome or caravan for human habitation other than at an approved campsite is not permitted.