

Motorway tolls and road taxes

The information below is a summary of the 18 countries listed in our Continental Caravanning brochure, more detailed information can be found in our Caravan Europe Books: www.caravanclub.co.uk type “Caravan Europe” in the search bar

In Croatia, France, Italy, Portugal and Spain motorways are paid as used. Toll prices can be obtained by doing a route plan on www.viamichelin.co.uk if you click on the “more options” button and put a tick in the box next to car/caravan the route planner will work out your tolls costs based on category 2 prices. (Ticking the car/caravan box will also work out the costs for a motor caravan.) Generally speaking tolls can be paid by cash or credit/debit cards.

Members living in the UK can use the following website www.saneftolling.co.uk to sign up for a Liber-t badge, this small electronic device enables you to use the automatic payment lanes on the French Autoroutes. Vehicles in category 2 (cars towing caravans and motor caravans under 3.5t) can use any Liber-t lane without a height restriction. Full details including costs can be found at on the above website.

The following website has some very useful information about driving in France: www.about-france.com/travel.htm

In 2010 some of the toll free roads in Portugal changed to a system of electronic toll collection. These new toll roads include the A22, A25, A28, A29, A42 and parts of the A4 and A17. All tolls on the above roads must be paid using a temporary magnetic electronic card (TD), since there will be no manned toll booths. For further advice and information please see www.estradas.pt/portagensestrangeiros or contact the Portuguese tourist board: www.visitportugal.com

Members have been reporting problems with the electronic toll payments in Portugal please see the following information on our [community](#)

The following countries have a slightly different system:

Austria

If your car/motor caravan weighs under 3.5t you need to purchase a vignette, if your car/motor caravan weighs over 3.5t you will need to hire a “Go-Box”. Further information can be found at www.asfinag.at Caravans/trailers do not need an additional vignette and the weight of the caravan/trailer is not taken into account.

Czech Republic

If your car/motor caravan weighs under 3.5t you will need to purchase a vignette, if your car/motor caravan weighs over 3.5t you will need to hire a “Premid” box. Further information can be found at www.motorway.cz/stickers and www.premid.cz Caravans/trailers do not need an additional vignette and the weight of the caravan/trailer is not taken into account.

Hungary

Vehicles up to 7.5t need to purchase a vignette. For further information please see: www.motorway.hu

Slovenia

If your car/motor caravan weighs under 3.5t you will need to purchase a vignette, if your car/motor caravan weighs over 3.5t motorways are paid as used via a toll system. For further information please see: www.dars.si Caravans/trailers do not need an additional vignette and the weight of the caravan/trailer is not taken into account.

Switzerland

Cars/motor caravans under 3.5t need a vignette (if you are towing a caravan/trailer you will need to purchase two). Vehicles that weigh over 3.5t need to pay a daily road tax with a minimum charge of CHF25. Further information can be found at: www.myswitzerland.com and www.ezv.admin.ch

Generally speaking most vignettes and any pre-paid devices can be purchased or hired at border entry points or from petrol stations on the approach to the border. More comprehensive information can be found in our Caravan Europe books.

Low Emission Zones

There are a number of countries that have introduced low emission zones in towns and cities including: Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Italy, and Sweden. For up to date details on low emission zones and requirements please see: www.lowemissionzones.eu

Route planning and sat-navs

There are various route planners available on-line:

www.viamichelin.co.uk – if you click on the grey “more options” button and put a tick next to the car/caravan box, the route planner will estimate the tolls for category 2 vehicles (motor caravans will also be category 2). You should also ask for a “recommended route”, as this will be the most suitable for towing.

It is also possible to do a route plan on Google maps: www.google.co.uk/maps on this route planner you can move the route from one road to another, and use the navigation tools to take a really close look at the roads you will be using. You can also input the campsite’s GPS co-ordinates to see exactly where the campsite is located.

You can also ask for suggested routes, and recommended routes on our Club community [here](#)

The French government has decided to transfer the administration of approximately 18,000 kilometres of national roads to local authorities, resulting in the significant reclassification and renumbering of roads. This process started in January 2006 and no time limits were put in place to complete the operation. Each local authority can choose its own renumbering system and changes to road signs. In some cases the road renumbering follows a logical pattern:

St Malo to Rennes:

Old Number N137 New number D137

From Figeac to Martel:

Old number N140 New number D840

In the first example only the road letter has changed, in the second example the letter has changed and the 1 has been replaced with an 8. Unfortunately not all the changes are logical, for example the N145 from Montmarault to Bessay-sur-Allier has been renumbered to the N79. Our advice is to always use the road numbers in conjunction with the names of towns and villages on your route, allow plenty of time for your journey and take the most up to date map available.

Sat Navs

In nearly all European countries it is illegal to use car navigation systems which actively search for mobile speed cameras or interfere with police equipment (laser or radar detection). Car navigation systems which give a warning of fixed speed camera locations are legal in most countries with the exception of France, Germany, Ireland and Switzerland where this function must be de-activated.

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