

Self Drive Useful Information

Important

- We would anticipate that guests who are looking to undertake a self-drive holiday in the UK have travelled like this in other destinations.
- We expect guests to be confident, self-directed, independent travellers and fully competent with self-drive holidays.
- The travel time indicated is based on the total journey and does not include visits, refreshment/comfort breaks, slow traffic or waiting time.
- **We suggest guests undertake research to plan your preferred routes before arrival as we do not provide detailed driving instructions.**
- **A map and hotel addresses will be provided.**
- **We would draw your attention to the vehicle type included in the programme. Although it may be possible to alter it on arrival, this will very much be subject to availability and will most likely incur an extra charge.**

Driving in the UK

We do not recommend a rental vehicle in Edinburgh. Much like any other city, parking is at a premium and not readily available. City centre parking is particularly difficult.

The holder of an overseas license may, for a period of up to one year, drive a motor vehicle in the UK and Ireland. Drivers are required to have held a full, clean license for a minimum of 12 months and have a clean insurance record.

When collecting your vehicle, you will be required to present your driving license, passport, a credit card and booking reference. No person other than the renter or approved additional driver(s) is permitted on insured to drive the rented vehicle.

- Driving is on the left-hand side of the road.
- Drinking and driving is not permitted.
- It is compulsory to wear seat belts both front and rear.
- Small children and babies must be restrained in an appropriate child seat or carrier.
- Child seats should be ordered when you reserve your vehicle.
- It is an offence to drive a vehicle whilst using a mobile phone unless they can be operated “hands free”. Police can issue on-the-spot fines, which may be as high as £1000.
- The UK has a large number of roundabouts. While European visitors may be familiar with them, American visitors may not. The simple rules of a roundabout are:
 - Always give way to all traffic from your right
 - Travel clockwise (even if it means you have to go all the way around to get to your exit.
- Many fuel stations are open 24 hours on motorways and in urban areas. In remote areas, distances between stations are greater and opening hours may be shorter. Fuel is priced and sold by the litre.
- Unless otherwise signposted, speed limits on roads are:

	Motorway	Dual Carriageway	Single Carriageway	Urban Areas
MPH	70	70	60	30(20*)
KPH	112	112	96	48

Note: some urban areas, particularly around schools have a reduced limit of 20MPH in operation.