



FINLAND BY CAR

Safety equipment



Always wear a seat belt, even in the back seat. Everyone travelling by car must wear a seat belt.



Children under the height of 1.35 m must use a child safety seat.

Lights



Always drive with your headlights on. Use **long-range lights** on unlit roads in the dark. Long-range lights may blind other drivers. Always switch to **low-beam lights** when there is on-coming traffic or you are driving close to the vehicle in front.



Study the instructions on fog lights in your car owner's manual.

In cold weather



To be able to see through the windows, **keep the blowers running when it's cold outside.**



Check to ensure that your car is equipped with a warning triangle and perhaps even a **high-visibility vest**, which will make you visible to other drivers if you need to leave your car when it's dark outside.



Use the engine pre-heater before starting your car. Refer to your car owner's manual for more information.



Make sure that you have **warm clothing** in case of an emergency.

Right-hand traffic



Finland has right-hand side traffic. Keep to the right edge of the road to avoid a risk of collision with on-coming traffic, but also keep an eye out for pedestrians.

Sightseeing



If you decide to stop and watch the Northern Lights, reindeer or other sights, **you must make sure that the spot is safe for stopping.** Do not leave your car unlit on the road under any circumstances. Use the hazard lights only in the event of an emergency.

Speed limits



Always follow the speed limits. Decelerate to a safe speed in difficult weather.



A built-up area sign indicates a speed limit of 50 km/h. Outside built-up areas, the speed limit is **80 km/h**, unless otherwise indicated.

Driving off-road



Please be aware that navigators and smartphone map applications may lead you to off-road areas. **Driving on snowmobile routes and skiing tracks and on other terrain is prohibited.**

Animals on the road



Beware of animals on road areas, particularly reindeer and elk. Decelerate if you spot an animal in a road area. Reindeer and elk often move in herds. Call 112 if you hit an animal.

Difficult driving conditions



It's dark in Finland in the winter, and road surfaces are covered with snow and ice. Under such circumstances, your car may be more difficult to control than usual. Even if the road looks normal, it may be icy and slippery, meaning that braking distances are longer than usual. Decelerate and leave a sufficient distance from the vehicle in front.

Emergency telephone number: 112



In the event of a road accident, call 112 and use a warning triangle and the hazard lights to warn other drivers. The emergency response centre at 112 will provide you with further instructions.

Also remember these:



No drinking and driving.



Don't use your mobile phone when driving.

Have a safe trip!

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