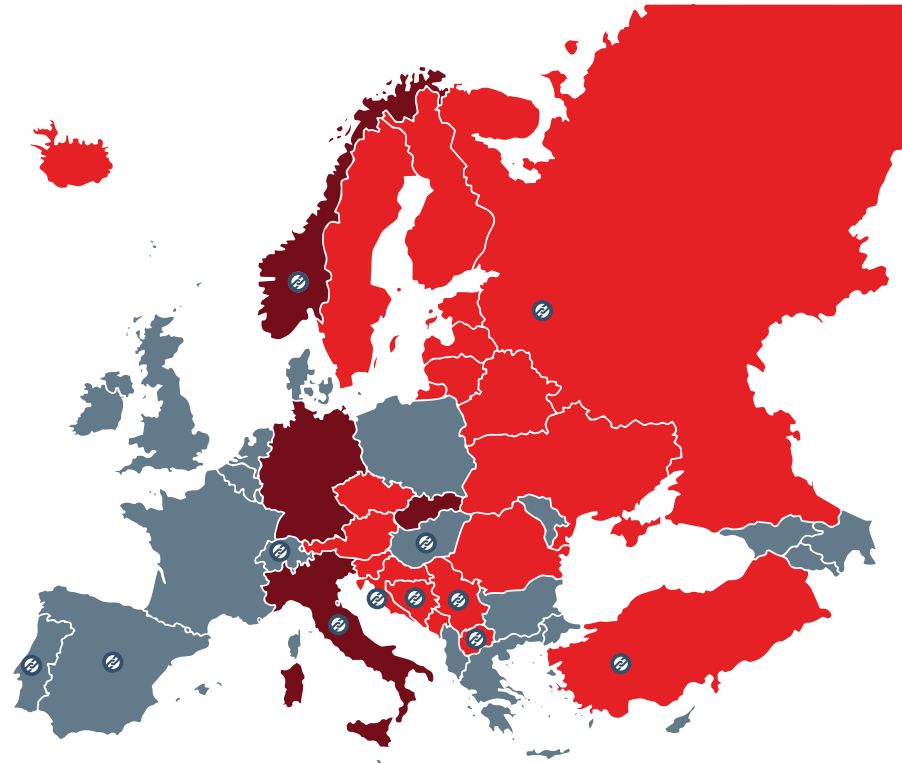




Winter tyre obligation in Europe

In these countries you must follow the winter tyre obligation



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No winter tyre obligation
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Situative winter tyre obligation in wintry road conditions
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Winter tyre obligation
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Snow chain obligation



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| Andorra | Look out for traffic signs indicating that winter tyres or snow chains are compulsory in that area. If you plan to drive to Andorra make sure to carry snow chains. | Luxembourg | A situational winter tyre fitting is compulsory in ice, slush and when roads are icy due to snow, ice or hoar frost. Studs are permitted (driver must know weather forecast and tread depth). |
| Armenia | Winter tyres are not compulsory but tyres must be appropriate for winter conditions. | Macedonia | Winter tyres are not mandatory, but snow chains must be carried (15th November to 15th March, minimum tread depth is 5mm). |
| Austria | For passenger cars and busses (weight ≤ 3.5 tons) the situative fitting of winter tyres is mandatory in Austria between 1st November and 15th April. (Minimum tread depth is 4mm. Tyres must feature M&S symbol.) | Moldova | Winter tyres are mandatory (1st December to 1st March). |
| Belarus | General fitting of winter tyres is not compulsory in Belarus, but the use of winter tyres is highly recommended during relevant weather conditions. The use of studded tyres and snow chains is permitted. | Montenegro | Winter tyres are mandatory |
| Belgium | Winter tyres are not mandatory. Snow chains are permitted. | Netherlands | In the Netherlands the general fitting of winter tyres does not apply. The use of snow chains and studs is not permitted. |
| Bosnia Herzegovina | Winter, all-season or snow chains are mandatory. | Norway | Winter tyres or snow chains must be used if snow or ice has covered the road. It is compulsory to carry snow chains. (If snow has covered the road winter tyres or snow chains are mandatory.) |
| Bulgaria | Winter tyres are recommended. Snow chains should be carried. | Poland | Winter tyres are recommended but are not compulsory |
| Croatia | In sleet, snow and ice, at least two winter type tyres must be fitted to the vehicle. Snow chains and a shovel must be carried. (Minimum tread depth is 4mm.) | Portugal | Winter tyres are not compulsory but snow chains are mandatory where signage indicates. (Carry snow chains for a Portugal winter holiday.) |
| Cyprus | Winter tyres are recommended. Snow chains are not mandatory. | Romania | Winter tyres are not compulsory but tyres must be appropriate for winter conditions |
| Czech Republic | Winter tyres are mandatory. Snow chains are recommended. (In snow, ice and slush as well as generally at temperatures below 4 degrees Celsius all axles must be fitted with winter tyres.) | Russia | Winter tyres are mandatory and snow chains must be carried. |
| Denmark | Winter or all-season tyres recommended. The use of snow chains and studded tyres is permitted between 1st November and 15th April. | Serbia | Winter tyres are mandatory and snow chains must be carried. |
| Estonia | Regulations brought in in 2010 require all passenger cars and motorbikes to be fitted with winter tyres or all season tyres on all axles in wintry conditions. Snow chains should be carried. | Slovakia | Winter tyres are mandatory. Snow chains and a shovel must be carried. |
| Finland | Winter tyres are mandatory between 1st December and end of February. Minimum tread depth is 3mm. | Slovenia | Winter tyres are mandatory. Snow chains and a shovel must be carried. |
| France | Winter or all-season tyres are mandatory. General fitting of winter tyres is mandatory for all motor vehicles up to 3.5 tons. Snow chains are permitted. | Spain | The use of winter tyres in Spain is regional. Look out for traffic signs indicating that winter tyres or snow chains are compulsory in that area. |
| Germany | As a general rule, the fitting of winter tyres is not mandatory. However, depending on the weather, traffic signs may indicate that winter tyres are compulsory for a short period of time. Snow chains are permitted. | Sweden | Winter tyres are mandatory. Snow chains are recommended. (Between 1st December and 31st March vehicles and trailers must be equipped with winter tyres) |
| Greece | Winter tyres are not compulsory but tyres must be appropriate for winter conditions. Snow chains are permitted. | Switzerland | Winter tyres are not compulsory across the whole country but tyres must be appropriate for winter conditions. Look out for traffic signs indicating where winter tyres are mandatory. Snow chains must be carried. (If you drive with summer tyres during winter driving conditions and cause traffic obstruction or an accident, higher penalties will be imposed.) |
| Hungary | Winter tyres are not mandatory but you must carry snow chains with you in case driving conditions deteriorate. Snow chains may also be checked at the border (possible refusal of entry). | Turkey | Winter tyres are not mandatory. Snow chains must be carried in certain areas. |
| Iceland | Winter or all-season tyres are mandatory (1st November to 14th April; the period of time may vary) | Ukraine | Winter tyres are not mandatory. Snow chains are also not mandatory. |
| Italy & South Tyrol | Winter tyres are recommended, but are not compulsory. However, snow chains must be carried in certain regions. (In the Aosta Valley vehicles must be equipped either with winter tyres or snow chains.) | United Kingdom | Winter tyres are not mandatory. Snow chains are permitted. |
| Latvia | Winter tyres are mandatory (1st November to 1st March) | | |
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