



PER I TURISTI STRANIERI: GUIDARE IN ITALIA

• MOTORWAYS

Italian motorways are indicated by green signs. They are managed by different concessionaries. Tolls are levied on the majority of motorways according to distance driven in kilometres and vehicle class. Tolls are payable in cash or by credit / debit / pre-paid card.

“Telepass lanes” at toll stations cannot be used by non-Italian residents as this means of payment is reserved for Italian residents.

The distance to the next filling station/service area is given on signs (in kilometres).

As a general rule, the driver must responsibly adjust the vehicle speed according to vehicle type, load and weather conditions.

The maximum speed limit is 130 km/h (80.78 mph) – reduced to 110 km/h (68.35 mph) in case of bad weather conditions – unless otherwise indicated.

A speed limit of 150 km/h (93.21 mph) can be indicated on some motorway sections with 3 lanes + emergency lane in each direction, equipped with speed detectors.

The technology set up for speed control (e.g. fixed speed cameras, safety tutor, etc.) is also indicated. The Safety Tutor system compares the average speed of vehicles on a motorway stretch limited by two points with the maximum speed allowed on the same stretch.

Useful traffic information - on road-works, expected delays, regulations in force, congestions, compulsory exits, etc. - is provided by means of variable-message signs.

In Italy you must drive on the right. The left lanes are reserved for overtaking. The vehicle to be overtaken must keep as far to the right as possible.

Driving on the emergency lane is forbidden, since this is reserved for rescue and emergency vehicles and emergency stops.

An adequate safety distance should be maintained so as to avoid collisions in case the preceding vehicle brakes suddenly.

Rest areas are available along the motorways for road users to stop and take a break during their journey. Here short-term parking is free whereas camping and staying overnight are not permitted.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT OR A BREAKDOWN OR WHEN STEPPING OUT OF THE VEHICLE

A reflective jacket / waistcoat or reflective braces must be worn when stepping out of a vehicle – in case of an accident, a breakdown or for any other reason - outside built-up areas at night and even in the daytime in case of poor visibility. This applies also in rest areas and in the emergency lane of motorways. For this reason, reflective items as above are supposed to be available at all times in the driver and passenger compartment.

In case of an accident it is compulsory to stop and ascertain the extent of the damage caused to other vehicles or property. If necessary, call the municipal or road police.



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If you cause an accident involving injury, or even if you note the presence of injured people after an accident you are not involved in, you must stop and provide assistance, if necessary by calling 118 for an ambulance or 112 (Carabinieri) or 113 (Police) or the Road Police.

Also in case of an accident involving animals (pets, protected animals or other animals kept for domestic use or profit), the road user having caused the accident must stop and expedite assistance.

ACI Road Assistance is available all year round, 24 hours a day, by dialling the numbers **803.116**, toll-free from landline or mobile with Italian provider, or **800.116.800**, toll-free from a mobile with foreign provider.

On motorways S.O.S. posts are provided to call for assistance from the first road patrol available.

The hearing impaired can obtain Road Assistance in Italy by sending an SMS to the mobile phone number +39.339.9943116.

Information on road and traffic conditions is available 24 hours a day through the telephone number 1518 (in Italian only).

In case of accident resulting in damage of someone else's property, the offender must stop. FINE for non-compliance (article 189, paragraph 5, Italian Highway Code): 279 to 1,114 Euros. PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -4 out of 20 full starting points.

In case of accident resulting in third parties' death or injuries, the offender must stop. SANCTIONS for non-compliance (article 189, paragraph 6, Italian Highway Code): imprisonment from 6 months to 3 years; confiscation of the driving licence from 1 to 3 years. PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -10 out of 20 full starting points.

SANCTIONS for non-compliance with the obligation to assist injured people involved in the accident (article 189, paragraph 7, Italian Highway Code): imprisonment from 1 to 3 years; confiscation of the driving licence from 18 months to 5 years.