

Road Rules in Jordan

Things will be easy if you know the traffic and road rules in the country. If you are armed with the relevant information, driving will be smooth and safe.

Drunk-driving

Jordan is predominantly an Islamic country, and drunk driving in the country is strictly prohibited. There is a zero-tolerance policy on drink driving, and no amount of alcohol should be found in the blood. Authorities used a breathalyzer to measure the blood alcohol content from a breath sample. If you are found guilty of drunk driving, you should pay a fine or face a driving ban. Penalties can be severe, mostly when you are involved in an accident because of drunk driving.

Speed Limits

It is very tempting to drive fast when there's less traffic on roads, especially in rural areas and main highways. But you must prioritize your safety when driving in Jordan and take note of the speed limits in different regions of the country. It is essential to watch the signages or use the GPS. Police check points use speed cameras to detect drivers who are driving beyond the set speed limit. Here's the urban, rural, and highway speed limit:

- Urban speed limit - 60 kilometers/hour
- Rural speed limit - 80 kilometers/hour
- Motorway and highway speed limit - 120 kilometers/hour

Seatbelt Laws

All front-seat passengers are required by the law to wear seat belts. Failure to do so will result in a spot fine of 15 JD. According to Traffic Law, children under the age of 10 must sit in the back seats. Always make sure you are wearing a seat belt for your added protection while driving.

Traffic Road Signs

You will see many traffic signs as you go driving in this country. Some traffic signs have words or symbols or both. Directional signs are written in Arabic and English, so you do not have to worry about the road signs. The brown and blue signs sometimes indicate a tourist site. The following are the traffic signs:

Regulatory signs are in white squares or rectangles with black or red lettering. This sign gives commands or sets limits to control traffic. The essential regulatory signs are:

- Yield sign

- Stop sign
- No parking
- No stopping

Speed signs are circular with a red border, which shows the maximum speed allowed on the road. Here are some examples of speed signs:

- Maximum speed limit 60 km/h
- Speed limit sign

Warning signs alert you to the changing condition of roads and the hazards along the way. Be sure to slow down your driving in Jordan or even stop when you see a warning sign.

- Road works
- Animals crossing
- Fall or moving
- Slippery road

International signs are conveyed in symbols that can be understood by drivers from different countries. As this sign is expressed in symbols rather than words, this sign can be understood without learning several languages.

Legal Driving Age

By the time you reach 18 years old, that's the time you are allowed to legally drive in Jordan. You must also have a valid license in your country of residence for at least one year before you can drive in Jordan.

Driving Side

Driving in Jordan is on the right side, just like in most European countries and in the US. Do not be confused on the driving side because it is essential to follow this and keep everybody safe.

What Are the Parking Signs and Restrictions?

There is minimal paid parking in Jordan, but that does not mean that you should park your car anywhere you want to go. If you are blocking an entrance or exit way, or you're dangerously blocking the driveway, your vehicle will likely be towed away. There are also no parking meters, but you should be aware of the local parking signs and restrictions. Only the capital city, Amman, has public car parks.

When Do You Use a Car Horn?

If you are driving in Jordan, you can use a horn to warn other people and other vehicles of your presence, especially when approaching a bend in the road. Unlike in Western countries, the horn is usually used on Jordan's road. You will hear cars honking most of the time, especially when there are traffic jams. Only use your car horns to alert other people and other road users.