

The road to glory in the Champions League final.

As Liverpool and Tottenham prepare to take their shot at the title in the Champions League final this weekend, thousands will be driving to Madrid to join the action.

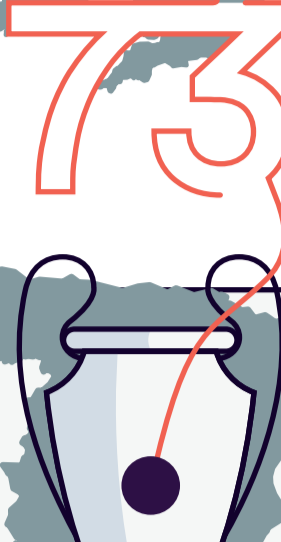
If you're one of these super fans, it's vital you know the rules of the road – both in France and Spain – to avoid receiving a red card.



Return flights to Madrid are reportedly going for as much as **£1,300**

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11% of UK drivers don't check driving laws before going abroad.



73% don't know going over your mileage can invalidate your insurance.

27% don't know what cover they have abroad.

47% wrongly believe they automatically have fully comprehensive cover in Europe.

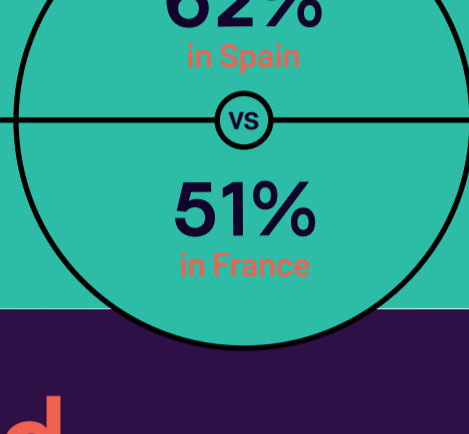
62% mistakenly believe they drive on the left in France & Spain.

UK motorists that don't know it's illegal to drive without a shirt on in Spain...



79% incorrectly think the drink drive limit is the same in EU as UK.

Drivers don't know you need your insurance documents



Road trip to Madrid Kit list.



What's legally needed for driving through France & Spain?

- Warning triangle
- Driving licence
- High-visibility jacket
- Headlamp beam converters
- Breathalyser
- Spare headlight bulbs
- GB sticker on your car
- Proof of ownership (original V5C registration document)
- Insurance documents
- MoT certificate (if your car is over 3 years old)



Rules of the road you might not know.

In France it's illegal to...

- Eat while driving
- Listen to excessively loud music at the wheel
- Read a physical map while driving
- Use headphones whilst driving

In Spain it's illegal to...

- Drive without a shirt on
- Kiss your passenger while driving
- Drive with one hand or arm outside of the car
- Fill up the car with petrol while playing loud music
- Bite your nails while driving
- Drive barefoot or in flip-flops
- Insult people using hand gestures while driving



Top tips for driving to the final:

Pack a breathalyser.

French and Spanish road laws require you to carry a whole range of kit in your car at all times, including a breathalyser. Before you set off, check you have all the compulsory items in your vehicle to avoid potential fines.



Keep your shirt on!

Footballers receive a yellow card if they remove their tops in celebration on the pitch, but in Spain, drivers can be fined up to €200 for driving shirtless.

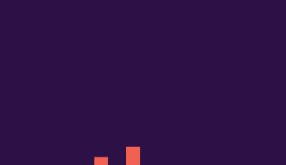


Check the cover you have abroad.

Before you set off, be sure to check your insurance cover. Not all insurers will automatically cover you fully comp when driving in Europe – many may lower your cover level to third party only.

Monitor your mileage.

Check your annual mileage cap with your insurer. It's a 2,000 mile round trip to Madrid, and if you accidentally tip over your annual mileage cap, your insurance could be invalidated. Alternatively, consider a pay-by-mile car insurance policy.



Sleep off any celebrations.

Drink driving laws in Spain and France are stricter than the UK's, enforcing a limit of 0.5mg (a small beer) versus 0.8mg in the UK (a pint). If you're planning a few drinks after the match, leave enough time for the alcohol to leave your system before hitting the road.

Drive less than 7,000 miles a year? Try a fairer kind of car insurance.

If you don't drive much the rest of the year, pay-by-mile car insurance could be right up your street. Pay a small upfront sum for an annual policy, then just pay for the miles you drive each month - like a mobile phone bill.

Don't worry, if you do decide to head off on a spontaneous 2,000 mile round trip like many football fans, it won't cost the earth. We'll only ever charge you for 150 miles a day.

Get a quick quote in under a minute and see if you could save.

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Survey
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