

Your Essential Motorhome Trip Checklist

Stay calm, drive safely

For beginner motorhome travellers

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- ☐ Route planned
Low bridges, height and width restrictions.
- ☐ Campsite booked
Save the address and directions offline.
- ☐ CEE cable + adapters
Common on European campsites.
- ☐ Water/hose ready
Fill the tank or pack a food-safe hose.
- ☐ Fuel + gas checked
Avoid starting the trip stressed.
- ☐ Essentials within reach
Documents, keys, charger and water.
- ☐ Weather + roadside assistance
Check wind, rain and save help numbers.

DRIVING

- ☐ Mirrors adjusted
Make sure you have good visibility around the vehicle.
- ☐ Height + width noted
Helpful for bridges, entrances and parking.
- ☐ Longer braking distance
Motorhomes are heavier than regular cars.
- ☐ Take corners wide and slowly
Especially at roundabouts and tight turns.
- ☐ Avoid narrow town centres
Less stress and less risk of getting stuck.
- ☐ Tolls/vignette ready
Check the country's rules in advance.
- ☐ Take a break every 2 hours
Fatigue is easier to miss in larger vehicles.

INSIDE CHECK

- ☐ Loose items secured – bottles, table and kitchen items.
- ☐ Cupboards and drawers closed – so nothing flies open while driving.
- ☐ Fridge locked – make sure the door is secure.
- ☐ Roof vents/windows closed – easy to miss when you are rushed
- ☐ Toilet cassette correctly inserted – and the hatch properly closed.
- ☐ Step retracted – a classic beginner mistake.
- ☐ Gas set correctly – follow the vehicle or rental guidance.



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ON ARRIVAL

- ☐ Arrive before dark
Easier to park and spot obstacles.
- ☐ Check the pitch direction
Think about the door side, awning and power point.
- ☐ Check the ground and slope
Avoid soft ground, branches and uneven parking.
- ☐ Level the motorhome
Important for comfort and fridge performance.
- ☐ Wheel chocks if needed
Extra safety on sloping ground.
- ☐ Connect electricity
Check that the connection is secure.
- ☐ Fill water
If the site or service point allows it.

OUTSIDE CHECK

- ☐ Awning in + locked
Always check before driving away.
- ☐ Slide-outs in
If your vehicle has them.
- ☐ Hatches closed
Walk once around the whole vehicle.
- ☐ Antenna/satellite secured
Nothing should stick up or be loose.
- ☐ Step in
Double-check before you leave.
- ☐ Wheel chocks removed
Easy to forget when stressed.
- ☐ Tyres + lights checked
A quick safety check goes a long way.

WATER & WASTE

- ☐ Fill fresh water moderately – often $\frac{1}{4}$ – $\frac{1}{2}$ is enough before driving.
- ☐ Empty grey water correctly – only at designated service points.
- ☐ Empty the cassette correctly – use the proper toilet waste station.
- ☐ Use the right fluid if needed – follow site and vehicle guidance.
- ☐ Rinse the cassette after emptying – makes handling easier.
- ☐ Empty grey water before toilet waste – usually cleaner and simpler.



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DAILY ROUTINE

- ☐ Check gas / 12V / 230V
So you know the status before leaving.
- ☐ Quick inside check
Catch small issues before they become problems.
- ☐ Keep an eye on waste water
Do not wait until it becomes urgent.
- ☐ Plan the next stop
Think about fuel, water and service points.
- ☐ Check the weather
Especially with wind, mountains or rain.
- ☐ Do not leave in a rush
A few calm minutes prevent mistakes.

EVENING ROUTINE

- ☐ Park straight and safely
- ☐ Secure loose items
- ☐ Put blackout blinds in place
- ☐ Check locks
- ☐ Plan the next day

EU BASICS

- ☐ Some places need coins/tokens
- ☐ Many service points do not take cards
- ☐ Grey water can only be emptied where allowed
- ☐ Water is not available everywhere
- ☐ Keep some cash for small fees

FOOD & KITCHEN

- ☐ Store heavy items low down
- ☐ Keep an easy backup meal
- ☐ Lock fridge + drawers
- ☐ Use anti-slip mats
- ☐ Keep drinking water ready

COMMON MISTAKES

- ☐ Driving off with roof vents open
- ☐ Forgetting the step
- ☐ Hatches not closed
- ☐ Loose items not secured
- ☐ Forgetting the service point

EU QUICK CHECK: Tolls ready • Vignette/e-toll sorted • LEZ/ZTL checked

EMERGENCY: 112 • Roadside assistance: _____

VEHICLE DIMENSIONS: Height ____ Width ____ Length ____ GVW ____

NOTES: Most useful _____ Forgot _____ Next time _____

