

Driving and permits in the USA

Follow our guidelines and precautions for an enjoyable drive

CampingCar-Online/Ramble Campervans remains at your service for all information regarding driving a motorhome in the USA and the necessary driving licenses.

Distance calculator for West America

The West Coast

Los Angeles					
372	Phoenix				
963	1334	Portland			
120	356	1083	San Diego		
382	753	636	502	San Francisco	
1135	1421	173	1255	808	Seattle

**The distances are expressed in miles*

The Far West & Texas

Albuquerque					
647	Dallas				
449	794	Denver			
841	239	1030	Houston		
574	1218	749	1413	Las Vegas	
598	1241	520	1437	420	Salt Lake City

**The distances are expressed in miles*

Distance calculator for America's East Coast

The Northeast

Atlanta							
1081	Boston						
716	982	Chicago					
1130	1391	409	Minneapolis				
860	224	780	1192	Newark			
868	216	790	1202	11	New York		
782	309	759	1171	88	97	Philadelphia	
639	438	696	1108	217	226	139	Washington

**The distances are expressed in miles*

Florida

Fort Lauderdale			
218	Orlando		
29	236	Miami	
249	85	282	Tampa

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Basic motorhome driving regulations in the USA

Generally driving in the USA is similar to driving in Europe. One drives on **the right hand side of the road**. However, some aspects are very different so please check current regulations before driving.

The roads are generally very large and well signposted with directions.

All occupants of a motorhome must **wear a seat belt** (including children who must have a suitable child or booster seat).

The **Permit B** driving license is sufficient for all of our vehicles.

The **French license** is valid for three months in the USA. Thereafter an **international driving license** is required (obtained at the prefecture for free).

Fatigue is a major cause of accidents so do not hesitate to **take regular breaks** from driving.

The speed limit on roads is **55 mph (89km/h)** and sometimes **65 mph (104km/h)** on certain highways. Be careful as the authorities are strict regarding speeding. When driving a motorhome through tolls and into service stations use the **truck lane**.

Safe and secure driving in the USA

The distances are expressed in **miles**, not kilometers. This can be misleading and cause you to underestimate your travel time.

Remember to **take breaks** from driving at least every 2 hours. The distances can be very long between two cities or two tourist sites.

Watch out for **school buses** (they are yellow). When they flash a **stop sign** it indicates an immediate halt in both directions of traffic and no overtaking is allowed. The speed limit is very low near schools.

Remember that your motorhome is longer and taller than a car. Watch out for signs indicating **height restrictions**. Also be careful of low hanging **tree branches in campsites** (be very aware of height restrictions and high objects when reversing).

Please note that a two-wheel drive vehicle can only be driven on paved roads (unless otherwise stated in our terms and conditions). The all-terrain or 4x4 vehicles can take dirt roads but there may be restrictions indicated in our general rental conditions.

Fuel and service stations in the USA

Fuel is measured by the gallon. 1 gallon = 3.785 litres.

In general fuel is much less expensive in the USA than in Europe. But the price can change quickly. More **rural service stations** tend to be less expensive than those in the cities. Always **check the total fuel tank capacity** of your vehicle before departing on a long journey, as often the service stations in rural and wilderness areas can be more spread out.