

Get ready for a Motorhome holiday



Planning a trip? Here's our top prep and safety tips so you can just relax, enjoy and make memories that last a lifetime.

Owning a motorhome means freedom to go where you want, when you want. It's like having your very own home on wheels.

And we want every holiday to be a success. Whether you're a newbie or an experienced motorhome champion, we've put together our top tips for your next motorhome holiday.

Plan your trip

Even if you like adventure, it's important to plan and decide where you'd like to go. Campsites can be full if you don't book in advance. You can search online for thousands of motorhome-friendly sites. And don't forget to check their conditions: if they allow dogs, if they're children-friendly or if they've electric hook-up facilities, toilet and shower blocks.



Make a list

Like any other holiday, packing for a motorhome adventure can be daunting as you can easily forget something critical. A few camping essentials include gas, torch, matches, toolkit, levelling ramps, camping chairs and table and fire extinguisher.



Connect with other like-minded people

Join forums and online communities for loads of useful tips and tricks, help and guidance from other motorhome lovers. Sharing experiences is a great way to learn.

Pre-travel checks

Running through a checklist before getting on the road is advised, especially for newbies. You can even print out the list and stick it on your motorhome's wall:

- Make sure all objects are safely stored away and secured so they won't fall off and cause accidental damages
- Secure all cupboards and drawers and lock the tables
- Turn the gas bottles off when driving
- Pack away any ramps
- Close and secure all doors and windows

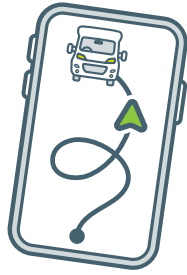
Get to know your motorhome

Learn about the dimensions and weights of your motorhome to avoid any unnecessary accidents. Take your fully stocked and ready to go motorhome to a weighbridge and check its weight with all passengers on board to make sure it doesn't exceed the maximum weight allowed. And don't forget to check your tyres pressure before setting off.



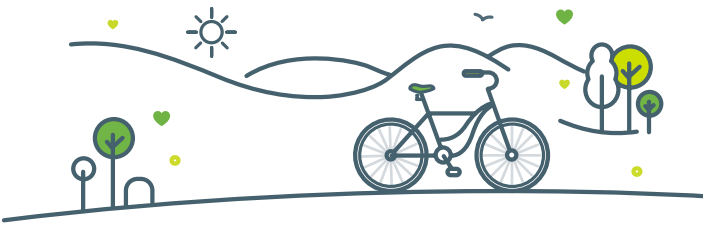
Invest in technology

Spending some money in technology such as parking sensors or tracking devices can really pay off and gives you extra peace of mind.



Ride your bike

Take your bikes with you (or rent some) – this will allow you and your family to explore the surroundings without having to drive your motorhome all the time. It can comfortably sit in a campsite for a few days.



Follow the rules while driving

If you're new to motorhoming, don't rush – take your time to get comfortable driving this type of vehicle. Make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelts, adjust your mirrors properly and always stick to the speed limits. And, of course, make sure you're licensed to drive a motorhome.

Use the facilities

Use the washing up and showering campsite facilities as much as possible to save you time, money and resources; if you can't, or choose not to, double up your water carrier so you don't run out of water half way through a shower. Remember to drain your water system before you leave.

Stay safe

Keep your motorhome locked, windows closed and valuables out of sight when you're not around, even if it's just for a short period of time to avoid theft.

Adventure awaits!

Protecting your motorhome from theft



When travelling

- Never leave the keys in the ignition or unattended when you're not in the driver's seat.
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight, especially when you go out.
- Go for extra locks on doors and windows to add an extra layer of security.

Time to store your motorhome?

- Make sure you choose a safe storage location, with good security and CCTV, and remove any valuable items.
- If keeping it at home, try to use it as many physical barriers as possible – locking gates and driveway security posts are a good idea.
- Invest in wheel clamps, steering wheel locks, alarms and trackers.

