

# Motoring in Europe

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Many people take their car abroad for day trips or longer holidays, but how much does fuel cost on the continent?

This table shows typical costs for both diesel and petrol in the UK and 10 other European countries in mid February 2011.\*\*

| Country     | Cost of diesel | Cost of petrol |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| UK          | £1.34          | £1.29          |
| France      | 1.29€          | 1.46€          |
| Spain       | 1.21€          | 1.26€          |
| Portugal    | 1.35€          | 1.52€          |
| Germany     | 1.38€          | 1.45€          |
| Belgium     | 1.20€          | 1.39€          |
| Netherlands | 1.27€          | 1.55€          |
| Luxemburg   | 1.13€          | 1.25€          |
| Switzerland | 1.22€ *        | 1.31€ *        |
| Austria     | 1.24€          | 1.29€          |
| Greece      | 1.39€          | 1.59€          |

\*Converted to euros from Swiss francs \*\* Source: [www.drive-alive.co.uk](http://www.drive-alive.co.uk)

- 1) What do you notice about the difference in prices between petrol and diesel?
- 2) Using an exchange rate of 1.18€ to £1 sterling (approximate rate on 22 February 2011), convert the cost of a) 50 litres of diesel and b) 50 litres of petrol bought in each of the 10 other European countries from euros to pounds. Or you can use an online currency exchange site such as [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com).
- 3) In which country is a) diesel and b) petrol the cheapest?
- 4) In which country is a) diesel and b) petrol the most expensive?
- 5) Which country has the largest difference between petrol and diesel costs? What effect could this have on the type of car sold?
- 6) You filled your car with diesel in France and the cost came to £53.57. How many litres did you buy?
- 7) How much petrol would cost £60.42 in The Netherlands?