

my Touring checklist

Just to help, we have listed all the important things you need to think about, before you set off on your travels this summer. So, all you need to do is download, print and enjoy the journey.

- Locate and read your Owners Manual (OM), as this contains valuable information that you may be unaware of, e.g. locating your fuses.
- Check mileage between services. Will the mileage you intend to do on your tour take you considerably over the next scheduled service? (Refer to OM).
- Check tyres, chain, sprockets, brake pads & disc's for wear. Will they last the duration of your tour? (Refer to OM).
- Chain & sprocket maintenance; practice adjusting the chain prior to leaving, as this can be very awkward to do without the use of a stand or centre stand. Check the adjustment schedule as this will need to be checked more often, especially if you're riding in inclement conditions. If you cannot do this yourself, then please contact your local Suzuki Dealer for advice. (Refer to OM).
- Do you have enough luggage space; do you know the max load weights for your machine? (Refer to OM).
- Check the suspension, headlamp, chain and tyre pressure settings once the machine is fully loaded. (Refer to OM).
- Compulsory equipment in some countries: reflective jackets, first aid kits, replacement bulbs, tool kit, puncture repair equipment and spare fuses. Refer to Suzuki's Compulsory Equipment guide.
- Check that your machine insurance covers you for international use and that you're aware of what to do in the event of an accident. What are the local laws and requirements? (<http://www.suzuki-bikeinsurance.co.uk>)
- Ensure you have adequate Health Cover, E111 Card is a must. If you have extra Health insurance, ensure it covers Motorcycles.
- Breakdown Cover (European coverage) <http://www.theaa.com/travel/index.jsp>
- Ensure that you have a valid driving licence, passport and bike documents, including the MOT. Original documents will be required when requested.
- Take credit cards if you have them. Ensure you have Euro's or local currency (Note: tolls can be expensive).
- Have the appropriate riding gear. A spare set of gloves are recommended, as are a spare pair of prescription glasses if you wear them.
- Plan your route to include stops for fuel (for you and your machine) and overnight accommodation.
- Do you know what distance you can cover on a single tank of fuel and do you know how many miles you can complete when the fuel light comes on?
- Digital speedometers: do you know how to change them to a KPH read out? (Refer to OM).
- In the event of losing the keys to your machine, do you have a contingency plan to obtain a spare set?
- Does your machine require a headlamp beam deflector?
- Speed trap detectors/radars; these are illegal in most European Countries.
- Check that your helmet visor is suitable for night riding.
- If space allows, take extra security, i.e. chain or disc lock.
- Know your Fuel Octane Ratings: Ordinary Unleaded is normally 95 and Super Unleaded is normally 98.
- If space prevails then take a spare set of Tie Down Straps for the Ferry and ensure you have some Non Slip Matting to put under the straps and also it's handy if you have Tank Bag.
- If you don't have Inner Bags (<http://www.suzuki-gb.co.uk/accessories>) in your Top/Side Cases then ensure you put your clothes in plastic bags to keep them dry in the event of rain.