

## Wintercamping in Europe



Winter in Europe offers a lot of different possibilities for a great camping holiday.

No matter if you want to enjoy warm temperatures in Southern Europe or you prefer an adventure in the snow. With McRent you can choose your favorite winter experience.

Portugal, Spain, Italy and Croatia are perfect countries to escape the cold temperatures. You can relax in the sun, enjoy mild temperatures and the tranquility on empty beaches. Also cultural trips to Europes historic cities are a good choice in winter. You can calmly stroll through the city centers and admire popular sights without any bustle.

The alps in Austria, Switzerland, Germany and South Tyrol, as well as the Pyrenees in France, Andorra and Spain are super locations for winter sport fans. Activities like skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, ice skating, tobogganing or cross-country skiing await you in these mountain areas. The ones who want to get impressed by the professionals can watch ski jumping or biathlon competitions.

Also in the Northern countries like Iceland, Finland, Norway and Sweden you can find several ski areas. The northern lights, the beautiful landscape, glaciers and the stunning winter wonderland are absolutely worth a trip to these areas in winter.

After an adventurous day full of fun in the cold snow, you come back to your cozy motorhome, you drink a hot tea and take a hot shower. Some campgrounds additionally offer their guests a jacuzzi, sauna and a steam bath to relax. Also thermal baths nearby are a good option to round off your day.

## Wintercamping instructions

More and more campgrounds are open all year long and also during winter they are very popular. Therefore, we highly recommend to reserve in advance.

If you take the following advices into account, your camping holiday in cold areas will be a great experience:

- Motorhome has to be connected to the external power supply at any time. So the battery does not become discharged.
- Heating has to be turned on all the time (at least on level 2 or 3). Otherwise, the water in the pipes, boiler and tanks may freeze.
- Heating a motorhome in winter causes a quite high propane gas consumption. At cold temperatures a propane gas bottle (11kg) lasts approx. 2-3 days. If more than the included propane gas is needed, customers may buy further propane gas at their own costs. (Only propane gas is allowed to use. Butane gas does not work, as it could freeze). If you travel to foreign countries, you should buy an Euro-Adaper Set, which allows you to refill the gas bottles abroad.
- Put antifreeze into the toilet to prevent freezing.
- Not all motorhomes have a heated waste water tank. Therefore, the waste water tank has to remain open while parking. Please put a bucket under the drain to collect your waste water. This way you can make sure the waste water does not freeze in the tank.
- All statutory regulations have to be followed. Depending on the country and weather conditions you are driving to or through, you may be obligated to use winter tyres and snow chains. In countries and periods of time, where/when winter tyres are not added as a mandatory accessory, please recheck with the rental station, whether there are winter tyres available for your booked vehicle.  
Most rental stations offer snow chains to rent. In case you need snow chains for your rented vehicle, please request them in advance.
- Make sure your power cable runs correctly on the campground. It should not become frozen to the ground and should not lay in the way of the snowplough.
- At cold temperatures it is important to ventilate frequently. This helps to reduce moisture in the interior of the motorhome.
- Avoid drying wet clothes in the motorhome.
- Ventilation slots of the heating have to be free of snow all the time. Please check frequently if ventilation slots are covered with snow and remove the snow in case it is necessary.
- There should not weigh too much snow on the roof of the motorhome. If the roof is covered with snow, please remove the snow.
- To make your winter camping holiday even smoother, we recommend to carry a telescope ice scraper, which help you to remove snow and ice from the windscreen. Also a big shovel and a brush are useful devices in snowy areas. Wool socks, down slippers and hot-water bottles make your stay comfortable and pleasant warm. A heating carpet gives you the feeling of a living room with underfloor heating.

Snowy and icy areas are only recommended for experienced wintercampers.

Customers are responsible for any damages, which are caused by operating errors.