



You're already rented your Mustang and are set to travel from Vancouver to San Francisco. You know how to drive because you've been doing it in Europe for years. Do you?

Traffic Rules in Canada and the USA

There are some aspects to driving in the United States and Canada that foreigners should take into account before picking a car. These rules apply to most provinces and states unless there are signs to the contrary.

Right turn on a red traffic light

You can turn right at red traffic lights as long as there's no one

coming on the other road. Just signal, look and turn.

Tip: sometimes you need to drive straight on but the car behind you wants to go right. Therefore, keep to central lanes when you are not planning to turn.

Left turn on traffic lights

It is possible to veer left at traffic lights but it takes some practice to get it right. Get onto the left lane, signal your turn and while your light is green advance up to the middle of the next road. Wait until their light goes green and drive on.

*Veer: turn.
Master: learn.
Head-on traffic:
traffic coming
against you.*

Tip: this will take some time to master so try it on wide streets with little traffic at first.

Four-way stops

There are many four-way stops where no road has a priority, so people advance depending on their order of arrival. Stop, look and only drive on when it's your time.

Tip: it's complicated when there are many vehicles on the road so pay attention to the car that arrived right before you and only move after them.

U turns

U turns are allowed in two-way roads except on double yellow lines. Get onto the left lane, signal and turn.

Tip: remember to check whether there's any head-on traffic.

Andrew's advice: these rules apply to most of Canada and the

USA but some provinces and states could have different regulations so do check before you rent a car.



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