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**We care about your
safety**

Please read these instructions carefully



**McRent Iceland
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Driving in Iceland is different

Many roads in Iceland are loose gravel roads. Others are made of asphalt. The surface of the gravel roads can be very loose, especially along the sides. You must therefore slow down whenever you go from an asphalt road to a gravel road and show precaution when approaching an oncoming car by slowing down. The Icelandic roads are in many cases very narrow. The same goes for many bridges; they are often wide enough for one car at a time. While driving on gravel roads speed should be kept to a minimum and driving over rivers that do not have bridges is strictly forbidden. The most important thing to keep in mind while in Iceland is to be aware of the fact that the weather can change suddenly and that the wind speed can become very high. It is strictly forbidden to drive the vehicle when the wind speed exceeds 15 meters per second. In cases like that find a spot where you can park the vehicle with the front facing the wind, always open doors carefully and do not open windows in heavy winds.

Driving on highlands roads is prohibited! Driving on all roads marked with an “F” is strictly prohibited!

Gravel roads	Bridges	National highway	Mountain roads
Loose surface.	Narrow - single lane.	Stretches of asphalt	Windy.
Loose sides. Chance of stones from oncoming cars.	Often for one car.	Often only one car lane. Some parts are with gravel.	Narrow.
Narrow roads.	Slow down.	Be careful of the windy areas.	No driving on F roads.
Slow down.	Slow down.	Do not drive over un-bridged rivers!	



Narrow gravel roads



Chance of animals along country roads



“F” road marking

Speed limits	Safety in cars	Alcohol / Mobile phone
30-50 km/h urban areas	Safety belts at all times	Forbidden when driving
80 km/h gravel roads in rural areas	Children ≤ 6 must use a children's seat	Use “hands free equipment” while driving
90 km on asphalt road		Driving and drinking is forbidden.



Speed:

Even if the maximum speed on gravel roads is 80 km/per hour some of the roads do not bear that speed. We advise you to slow down and always drive according to conditions.

Animals:

You can expect animals, like cows, horses, sheeps and even reindeers, on the road anytime.

Special Icelandic Traffic signs:



Single lane bridge
Please approach with caution.



Blind crest
Please keep to the far right side of the road.



Pavement changes to gravel
Gravel road ahead. Please exercise caution and slow down.



Roundabouts
In roundabouts, the inner lane has the right of way.



Unbridged river
Crossing a river is forbidden in this car.



Gravel road
Please drive slowly as tires can lose grip.



Difficult road
Using this road is forbidden in this car.



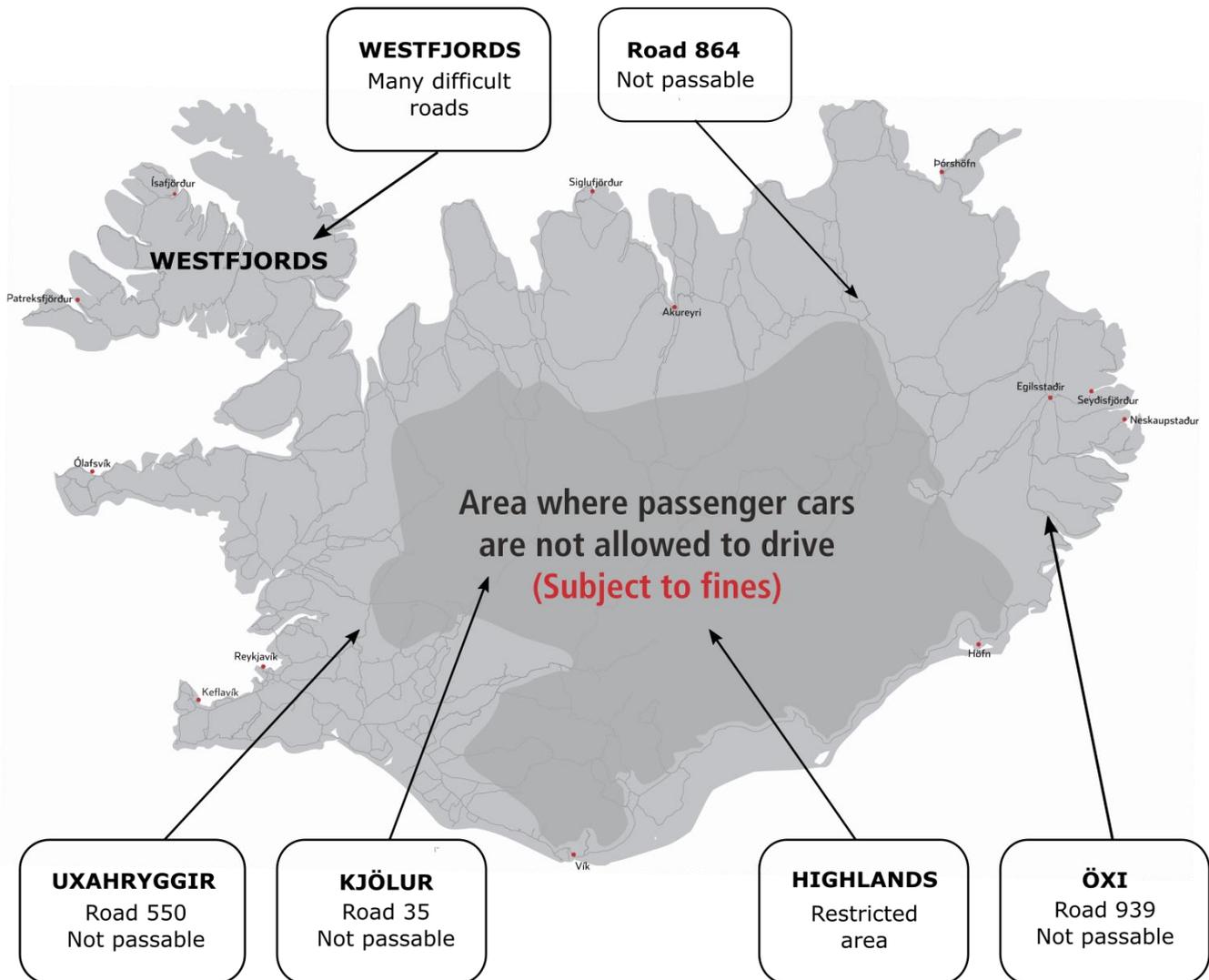
Possibility of animals on the road



Attention!
If you drive beyond this sign and a problem occurs, a substantial fee may be charged for assistance.



Restricted areas and difficult driving conditions:



Never stop the car on blind hills, bridges or other places where the road sight is bad or narrow.

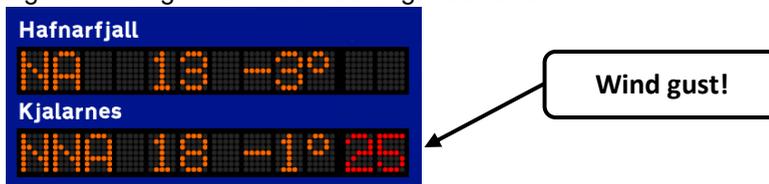
Remember always to check road conditions and weather before driving.

The Icelandic weather

The Icelandic weather can change suddenly. If the weather forecast is bad and your safety or the safety of the vehicle could be in danger you need to keep the following things in mind:

- **Never drive the vehicle if the wind speed reaches equal to or more than 15 meters per second.**
- **15 meters per second equal to 54 km/hour – 34 miles/hour – 30 knots**
- If the wind speed reaches, or exceeds, **15 meters** per second you must stop the vehicle and position it facing the wind. The car you are driving is not suitable for driving in high winds and can easily be blown off the road. **In a strong wind conditions please open doors carefully and do not open any windows or sunroofs.**
- **How to find out if the wind is stronger than 15 meters per second.**
A = East V = West

1. Digital road signs are located along road nr 1.



2. You can visit websites on-line to check the weather forecast, good accurate websites are:
www.belgingur.is www.vedur.is www.road.is
3. You can also call the public Road Service in Iceland if you have any doubts over the weather conditions: **+354 1778**. Please note that you will get an answering machine, which is in English, where you will be able to find your location by pressing the numbers on your cell phone as requested.
4. Ask the locals. Icelanders (specially middle aged people) love to talk about the weather and they are helpful.
5. McRent Iceland will send you windwarnings regarding the strong winds if the wind conditions are dangerous and we will note in the warnings in which areas the strong wind will be, **please note that the wind warnings are general and all customers gets the same messages.**

ALWAYS RESPECT ALL MESSAGES REGARDING WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS!!

6. Call McRent Iceland emergency phone **+354 662 6700** for information if you have questions regarding the weather conditions.

Try to “read” the wind. Look for waves on small lakes, pay attention to trees or grass along the roadside. The rain can help you to estimate the wind direction. Remember that the wind which blows on the side of the car is the most dangerous one. Road signs are in locations around Iceland which show the wind speed as well.

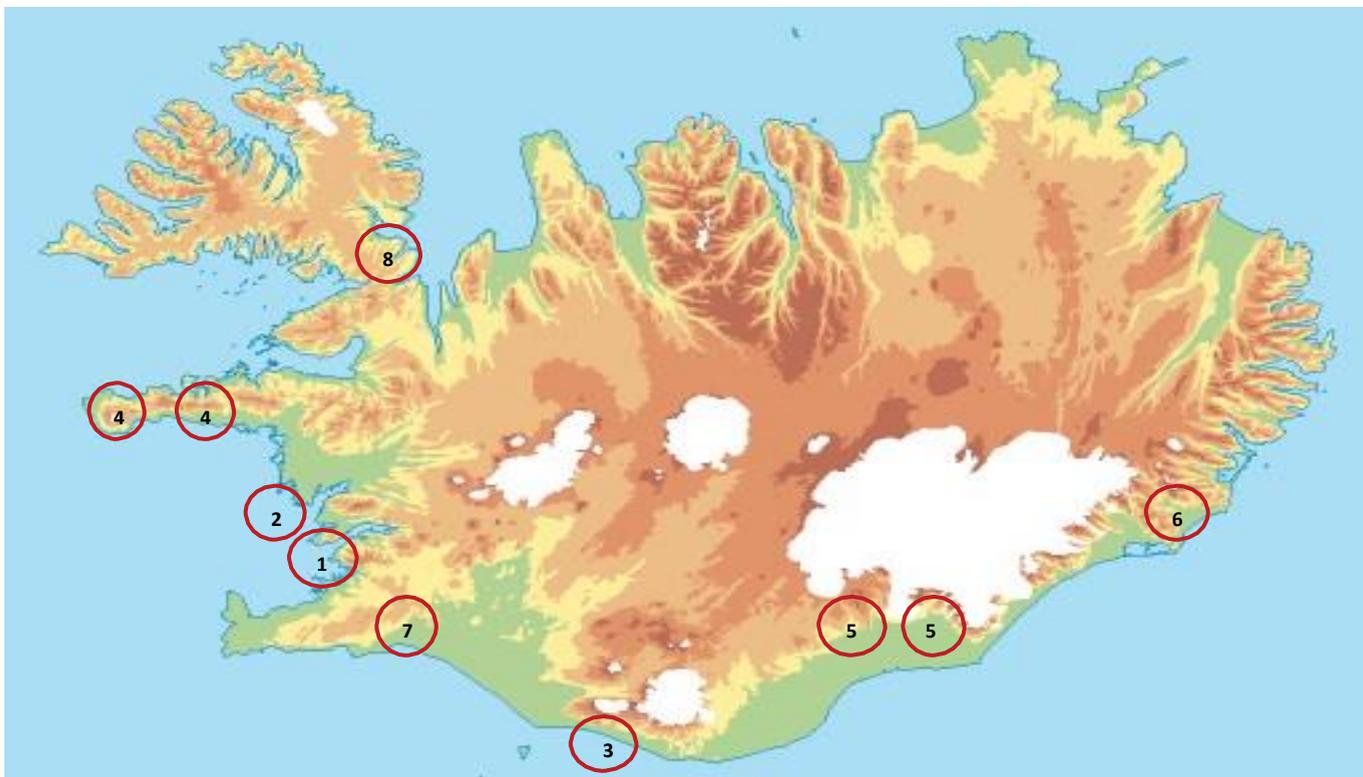
If you are in doubt whether to continue with your journey or not because of the weather conditions, you should remain where you are.

For those of you are with an iPhone or an Android telephone you can download weather APP:

On **Apple app store** and **Google play store** type **VEDUR**

We have available Mobile Wi-Fi with internet card and Icelandic SIM cards which are not expensive and we highly recommend that you will purchase, not the least for your own safety.

The following places in Iceland are windier than others or riskier of a sudden wind (note that the list is not exhaustive)



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| 1 | Kjalarnes |
| 2 | Hafnarfjall |
| 3 | South of Eyjafjöll mountain (Steinar) |
| 4 | Snæfellsnes (South; Suðursveit, North; Grundarfjörður, Fróðárheiði) |
| 5 | South of Vatnajökull glacier; From Svínafell – Hof (Eastern winds) and Kvísker(N-West winds) |
| 6 | East Coast from Lón to Berufjörður (Vattarnes, Hvalnes) |
| 7 | Ingólfssjall (Near Selfoss) |
| 8 | Ennisháls (Strandir) |

What to do in case of an emergency



- **112** registers automatically where you are calling from.
- There are few areas in Iceland where you cannot use your mobile phone.
- These areas are few. To get connection you may have to walk a few steps or drive 1-2 km.
- There is a first aid kit in the car.
- CALL McRent Iceland EMERGENCY PHONE: **+354 662 6700**

Icelandic camping places

Icelandic camping places welcomes touring campers. There are a few safety tips you should have in mind.

Be aware of the possible drop from the highway to the lane of the camping area; it can damage the car or influence your steering ability.

Be careful of the children playing and running on the street.

When finding a spot to park and backing the car, make sure that nothing is behind the car, like children or a small tent. Many of them do not have a reversing camera so it is important for one of the passenger to give directions when the vehicle is reversed or in tight places

Use child harnesses, safety nets or lock the car door if your children have the habit of sleepwalking.

Note: If you are plugged to the 230 volt on the camping grounds and refrigerator is set on automatic mode please switch the fridge on to gas mode so you do not damage the main controller for the fridge.

May I camp anywhere?

With regards to camping the rule of thumb is that you need to study the relevant local rules for camping by going to the list of the 7 sectors provided here below. However, you must remember that you need to: ask for permission if the land is private, select a safe place to park if you are sure that you can stay, you cannot camp outside a camping ground if you are in a National Park area and all off road driving is strictly forbidden. Camping is severely restricted in the South of Iceland, Reykjanes peninsula and Reykjavik area (capital region). Severe local restrictions can be in place so the safest bet is always the campsite.

Are there any areas where I may not camp/spend the night?

Land owners or rightholders may restrict or prohibit camping if there is substantial risk of damage to the country's natural environment.

If the landowner or rightholder has prepared a special camping area on their land, they may direct travellers to it and charge a service fee. Similarly, if there is a campsite in the vicinity, the landowner or rightholder may direct travellers to it.

There may be restrictions on camping in protected areas (see below).

Please note that camping is restricted in severely in many areas, especially in the South of Iceland, Reykjanes peninsula and the capital region. If you are in a National Park you have to stay in the camping ground there. You can get further information on where it is allowed to camp by visiting the web-sites of the sectors here below.

- Reykjanes (Keflavik area): <http://www.visitreykjanes.is/en>
- Capital Area (Reykjavik): <http://www.visitreykjavik.is/>
- West of Iceland: <http://www.west.is/>
- The Westfjords (North-West of Iceland): <http://www.westfjords.is/>
- North of Iceland: <http://www.northiceland.is/en>
- East of Iceland: <http://www.east.is/>
- South of Iceland: <http://www.south.is/>



Icelandic swimming pools

- You will be handed a brochure about camping sites and swimming pools locations named Áning. In this brochure you can see where camping places and swimming pools are located in Iceland. Please always follow all rules which are on each camping places and swimming pools. Pools are everywhere, most often cheap and a lot of fun!



The camper

- **While driving:** Remember that the camper is bigger and more difficult to maneuver than a normal size vehicle and can react violently to wind, please do not ignore instructions regarding the wind speed. When reversing the vehicle into a parking place it is good that one passenger goes out to assist the driver while reversing the vehicle. Be aware that the camper is higher and wider than a normal vehicle, drive slowly and carefully. Never attempt river crossing with the camper. Never drive on F-roads. Drive very slowly before entering camping places the entrance can be steep and you can break the bumper if the speed is too high. All passengers must wear safety belts while driving. Never get out of your seats while the vehicle is moving.
- **Radio/car switched on:** Please note that you can deplete the car battery if you leave the radio on/car switched on during longer period.
- **Icelandic roads:** The Icelandic road system is in places not good, particularly in the North- West. On bumpy roads reduce your speed considerably as driving too fast in poor conditions can damage the camper and cause you delays.
- **Driving speed:** Be aware of speed limits and slow down before meeting another vehicle, particularly on gravel roads. Speeding fines in Iceland are high and there are road side speed cameras, particularly in tunnels.
- **When opening up house part doors and compartments:** Remember to remove the keys from the lock, dents are costly. Do not open doors in heavy winds in the direction where the wind can rip the door from your hands and damage it.
- **Windows and sunroofs:** Always make sure that the windows and sunroofs are securely locked before driving, sudden gusts of wind can rip off windows and sunroofs if they are not securely locked. Never open windows or sunroofs if the wind is blowing.



Writing on the vehicles – washing the exterior: We ask our customers kindly **not to wash the vehicles exterior, nor write on them** during the trip. This can leave permanent marks on them, which can result in them having to be painted and is expensive. Damages resulting from this are at your expense.

Remember

Useful websites: www.belgingur.is (weather information), (www.vedur.is – nota as accurate as belgingur), www.road.is (weather and road conditions) and <http://vegasja.vegagerdin.is/eng/> (real time weather/wind information).

In case you are uncertain of the situation you are in, regarding weather or road conditions call us: **+354 662 6700**, we are at your service **24 hours**. Please note, this is for emergency cases where you cannot get information through the web-sites listed above.

FEW NOTES ON PREPARATIONS FOR CAMPING.

1. *Instructions: heater and boiler settings*

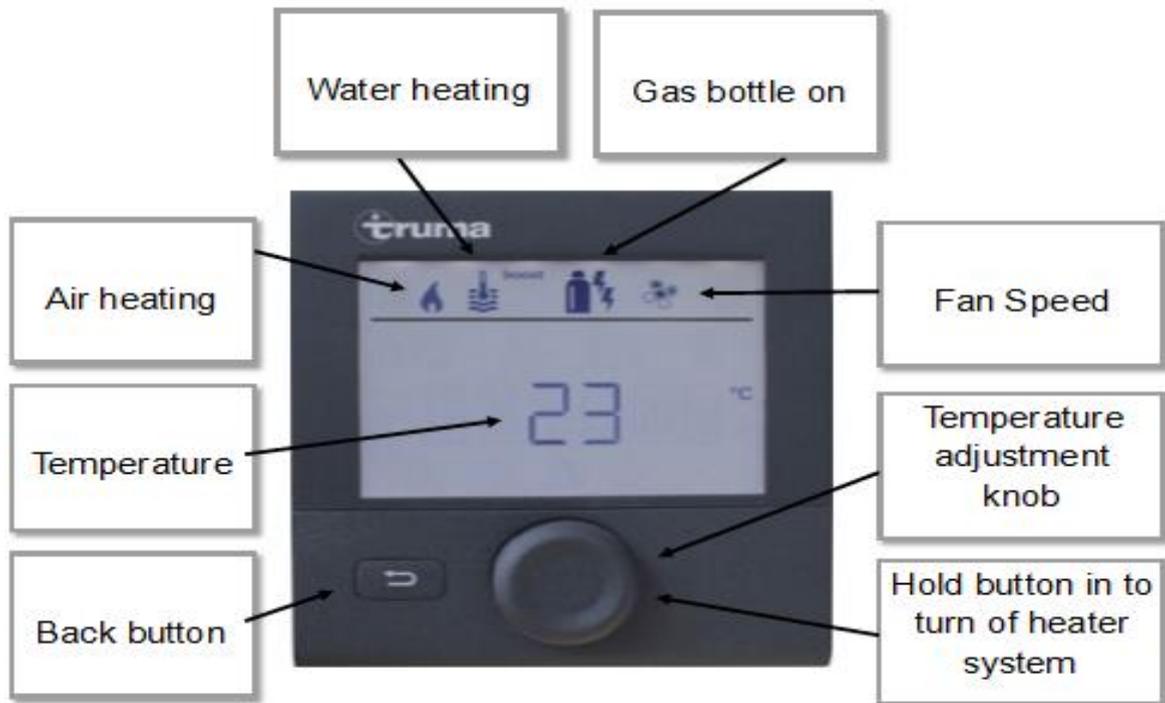
On board your vehicle you have Truma Combi 4 gas heater, with boiler for the water. Instructions on activating the heater and boiler can be seen on the images here below.

If the heater begins to blink with an orange light, it most likely means that your gas bottle has emptied, turn off the heater and replace the bottle, light your cooker for 10-15 seconds to clear the gas lines and turn the heater back on.

A) *The heater and boiler activation:*

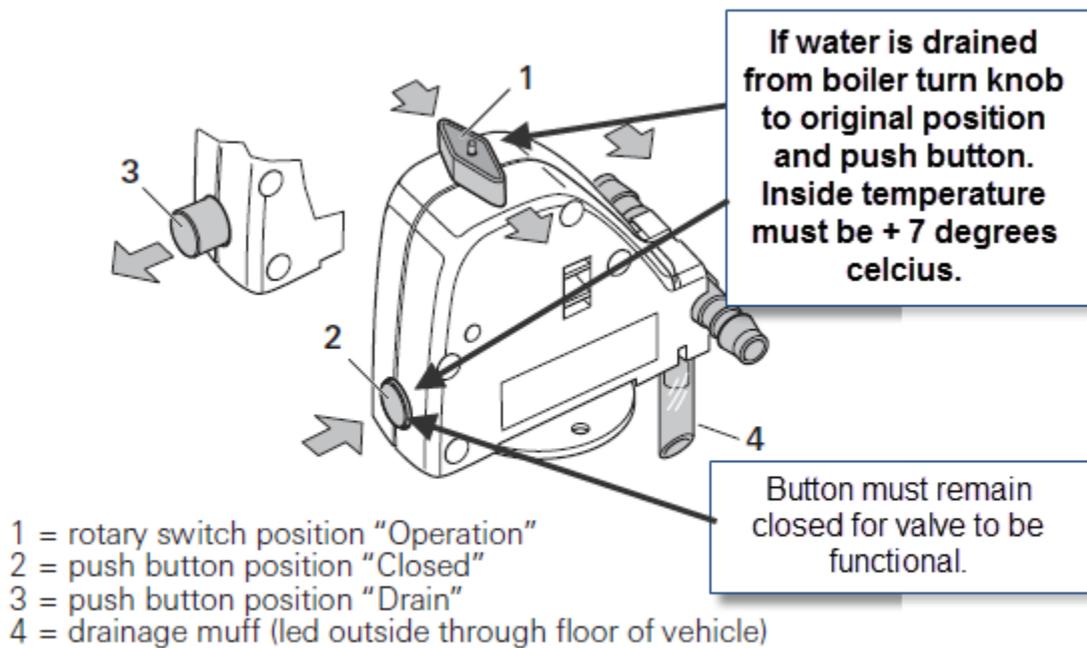
- 1) **Gas control knob:** Please note that it works only if gas bottles are turned on.





B) Resetting the boiler if you loose water - functions of the drain valve:

The boiler releases the water automatically if the temperature falls below 3 degrees celsius, here is how you reset it:



2. **230 V electric system – remember it can be good to plug the vehicle in at night:** To keep the vehicle in prime operating condition it is always good to plug the vehicle into an external 230 V power source at night. This way you can avoid draining the house part battery as using the heater requires energy. Once the vehicle is plugged into an external power the house part battery is automatically charged. Also 230v sockets inside the motorhome only works while the vehicle is plugged in at camping sites.

3. **Toilet preparation:**

The toilet on board your vehicle is a chemical toilet with a 25 litre capacity. You will be supplied with Thetford Aqua Kem sachets which are to be used after you empty the toilet tank. 1 sachet is enough after emptying the toilet tank for next use. The chemical breaks down waste in the tank and turns it into fluid. Once you have put the chemicals into the tank it is good to apply a little bit of water. Flushing the toilet for about 5 seconds should do the trick. You can empty toilet tank on most campsites as well as some other locations. Updated list and a map of facilities can be found here: www.goo.gl/RE9tLy



3. **Fridge:** When you come to your destination where you want to spend your night, please turn the fridge on the gas setting and turn the fridge side of the vehicle away from the wind direction. In windy circumstance the ignition on the fridge can become difficult, also when circumstance is damp (wet). Please remember **never use the 230V option on the fridge in a camping ground** as there is often many visitors and the electricity can fluctuate if many people are plugged in and it can burn the control board in the fridge. If that happens you cannot use the fridge at all.

4. **Gas:** Remember that when you switch from one gas bottle to the other you need to turn off the fridge and the heater and light up the stove for 20-30 seconds. This way you can avoid possible dirt in the gas clogging the nozzles in the fridge and the heater.

You have two 10 kg. gas bottles on board your vehicle (one full and one used). In the unlikely event that both bottles will become empty you can resupply your gas at the nearest N1 station. You simply take out the empty bottle/bottles and replace it/them with full bottle/s. Remember that you pay only for the contents.



N1 is the largest gas station in Iceland and it has the same gasbottles types as are used in our vehicle.

5. **Cabinets:** Remember that it is not good to store heavy objects in the upper cabinets in the camper as they might open while driving and cause damages to the camper and the objects themselves.
6. **Driving on gravel roads:** Please keep in mind that you have to slow down before you come of an asphalt road and over to a gravel road as the vehicle will lose traction on a gravel surface. It is also important to keep the driving speed lower than on the asphalt for the same reason. Please keep in mind that it is important to keep good distance between you and the car in front of you on a gravel roads as the vehicle in front of you will send small stones your way.
7. **Size of the vehicle:** A camper is longer and wider than normal vehicle. Many of them do not have a reversing camera so it is important for one of the passenger to give directions when the vehicle is reversed or in tight places. Similarly you need to drive slowly when you are exiting the road and onto another surface, such as a camping ground. Never use underground parking places.
8. **External step:** Please note that even though the external step for the entrance into the main housepart has a warning sound if the vehicle is started this equipment can malfunction or seize to function properly due to mud/dirt under the vehicle. Always check that the step is fully up (retracted) before you start driving. Similary always put the external step for the main housepart door all the way down/out before you step on it. The step can break if it is not fully in position when you step on it.
9. **Vehicle Maintenance:** Client is **never** allowed to do any maintenance at any kind on McRent Iceland vehicles. If there is any problems with vehicle ,client need to call McRent Iceland service phone **+354 662 6700** and get some assistance from McRent staff. We have garages around Iceland which will assist our clients if needed.
10. **Sandy and soft surfaces:** Please do not drive the camper over to sandy or soft surfaces as the vehicle is heavy and it has a front wheel drive. Road shoulders can be soft therefore you can not park the motorhome on road shoulders as it can get stuck on soft surfaces. It is important that you let us know if you get stuck and let us find you assistance. Please remember that off-road driving is strictly forbidden in Iceland and can be subject to heavy fines.
11. **Messages from McRent:** Please respect all messages regarding your driving in Iceland from McRent. They are for your own safety.
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Oil level indicator: In the dashboard of your vehicle is an indicator that shows the oil level of the engine. Normally the level shows five dots, but if the level drops down during your trip this can be normal due to burning of soot in the particle filter, in the vehicle. Under normal circumstances, there is no need for alarm unless the **oil level drops down to two dots. In this case, contact us through the emergency phone number immediately.** You cannot change the oil yourselves, we need to give you instructions to which garage you need to go for a certified FIAT oil. Adding other oil can result in damages.

CHARGES IMPOSED ON RENTAL COMPANY DUE TO USE OF THE VEHICLES - WHILE IN YOUR CARE

Several National Parks in Iceland charge visitors for their stay as of 2018. Road toll is collected for passing vehicles through Vaðlaheiði tunnel, on the way between the townships of Akureyri and Húsavík, in the North of Iceland.

In context with our Terms and Conditions, such fees are to be borne by Hirer and thus we might need to charge our customers for the use of the listed park and before mentioned tunnel. This is in accordance with the contents of section 12.5 in our Terms and Conditions. The amounts are listed here below at the relevant locations.

- **The National Park in Þingvellir.** Fees are charged for parking (day pass), as is published on the web-site of the park:
 - A) Passenger cars, 5 seats or less: 750 ISK.
 - B) Passenger cars, 6-8 seats: 1.000 ISK.
 - C) Buses, 9-19 seats: 1.800 ISK.
 - D) Buses, 20 seats or more: 3.500 ISK.
- **The National Park in Skaftafell.** Fees are charged for parking (24 hour fee), as is published on the web-site of the park:
 - A) Passenger cars, 5 seats or less: 750 ISK.
 - B) Passenger cars, 6-9 seats: 1.000 ISK.
 - C) Buses, 10-18 seats: 1.800 ISK.
 - D) Buses, 19-32 seats: 3.500 ISK.
 - E) Buses, 33-64 seats: 6.400 ISK.
 - F) Buses, 65 seats or more: 9.000 ISK.
 - G) Motorbikes, 300 ISK.
- **Vaðlaheiði tunnel.** Please note that you do not have to use the tunnel to get from Akureyri to Húsavík, there is still the old alternative of driving through Víkurskarð pass, which is a 10-minute longer route.
 - A) Passenger cars (motorhomes): 2.500 ISK per trip.
 - B) Trucks: 7.000 ISK per trip.
- Please note that you can visit the tunnel web site: www.tunnel.is where you can register your credit card to pay for the tunnel fair. If a credit card is registered directly in this manner the fee is lower than if the Road Administration charges McRent Iceland, or 1.900 ISK instead of 2.500 ISK.

Price categories	
	1,500 ISK <i>(Per trip)</i>
	2,500 ISK <i>(Per trip)</i>
	5,200 ISK <i>(Per trip)</i>

If you drive through without registering, an toll bill is sent to the owners bank.

PRICING

Your stay in Iceland:

- We wish you a very pleasant holiday in Iceland and remember that we care about your safety.

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