

2026 Europe Summer Road Trip Guide

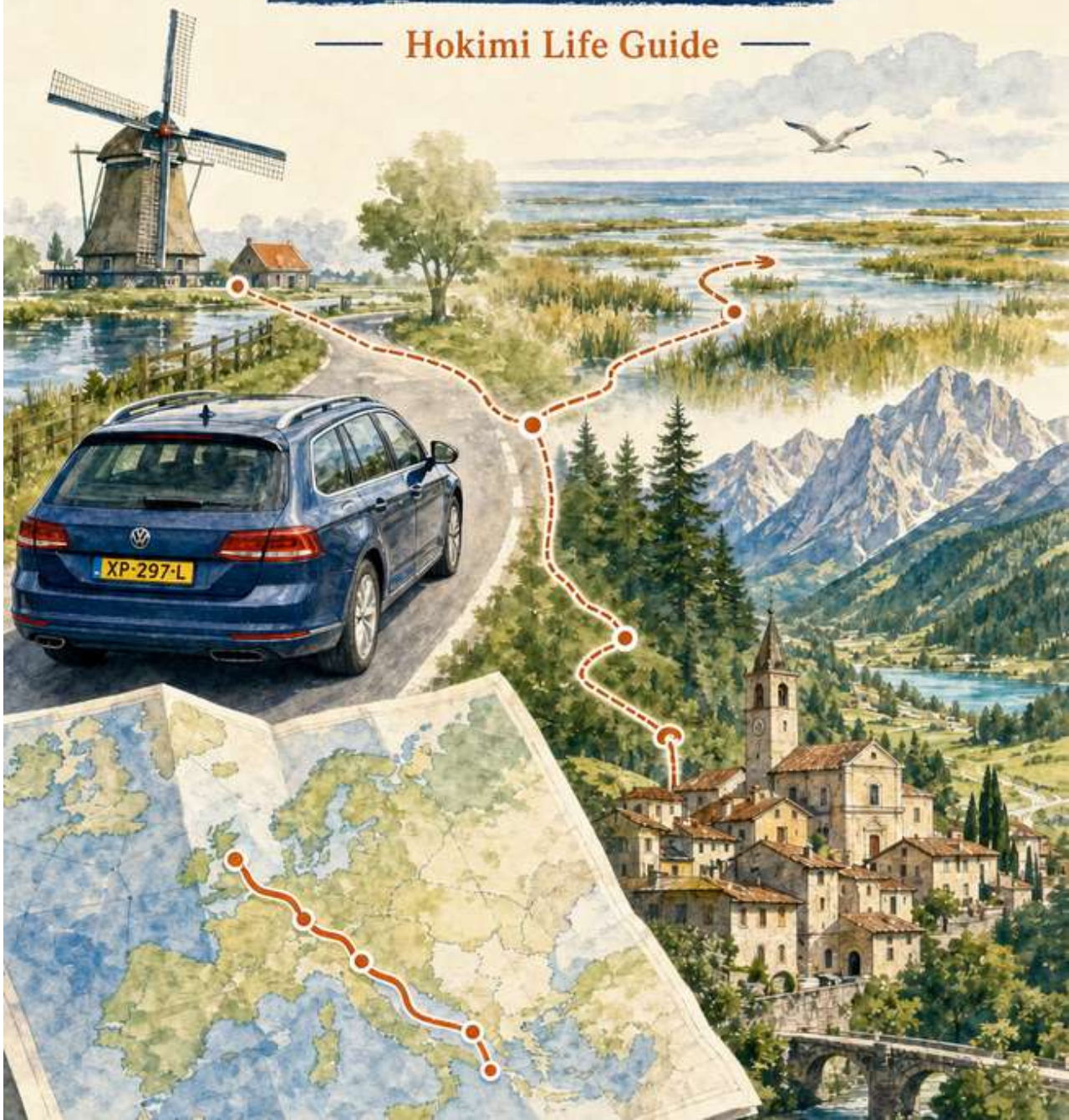


Lesser-known stops • Country rules • Insurance & roadside help



Driving from the Netherlands?
Check the rules before you go.

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Start with your trip length



2-4 days:

Belgium • Luxembourg • Eifel



4-6 days:

Northern France • Jura



6-9 days:

Switzerland • Austria



8-12 days:

Slovenia • Northeast Italy



Plan one main stop per day and keep a 20% time buffer.



Leave the big cities without driving far



Ninglingspo

Stream bridges · 6 km hike



Hautes Fagnes

High peatland



Mullerthal

Sandstone gorges & forest



Vulkaneifel

Crater-lake driving route



Check parking, trail access and weather first.



Nature stops on the way south



Baie de Somme

| Wetlands & seals



Baume-les-Messieurs

Canyon village



Jura Lakes

Cool walks & families



Creux du Van

Swiss rock
amphitheatre



A nature reserve does not mean free parking or wild camping.

The Alps beyond Hallstatt

1 Gesäuse

Gorges, rivers & national park

2 Villgraten

Quiet valley & villages

3 Robanov Kot

Low-key valley near Logar

4 Laghi di Fusine

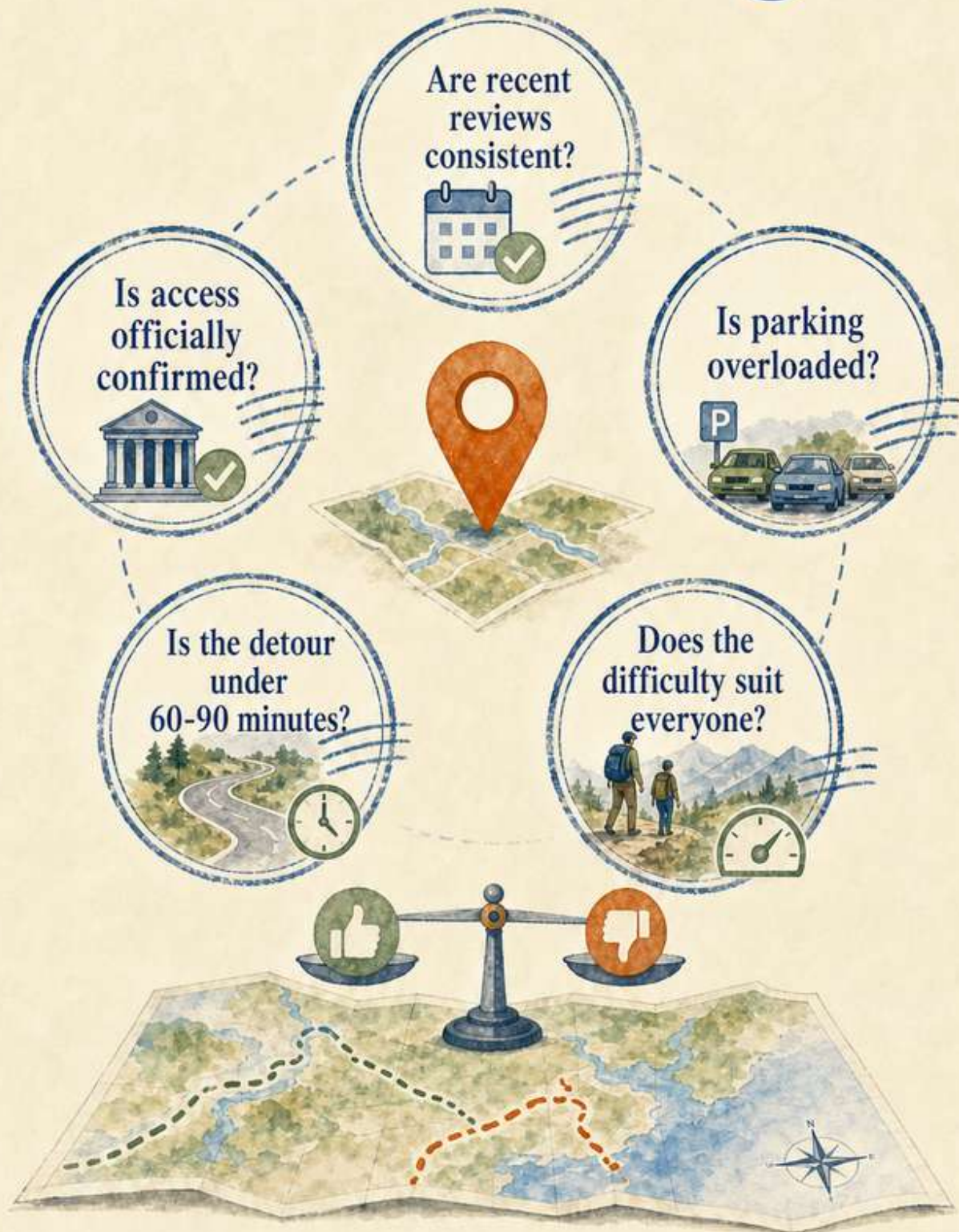
Italy's twin lakes



◆ Check road closures, parking and thunderstorm alerts. ◆

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A high rating is not enough



Live ratings change. Recheck before you leave.

There is no Europe-wide emissions sticker

France: Crit'Air + ZFE



Germany: Umweltplakette



Belgium: separate city LEZ systems



Spain: city-specific ZBE rules



Italy: ZTL means restricted access



Denmark: older diesels may need registration

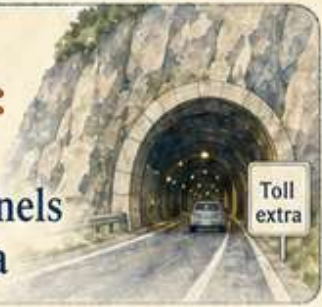


Apply only through government or road-authority websites.

Vignettes, section tolls and toll gates differ



Austria:
vignette;
some tunnels
cost extra



Switzerland:
CHF 40 annual pass;
trailers need
one too



Slovenia / Czechia:
electronic vignette



**France / Italy /
Croatia:**
route-based tolls



Denmark:
Storebælt and
Øresund bridge tolls



Austrian 2-month / annual online passes
may have an 18-day wait.

Check the country, then the road signs



120:

Belgium • Switzerland • Spain



130:

Luxembourg • France •
Austria • Italy



130:

Slovenia • Denmark •
Czechia • Croatia



Germany:

130 recommended on
unrestricted sections



Rain lowers limits in
France, Italy and Luxembourg



Trailers and heavier
campers are often slower



Road signs and electronic
boards always take priority



Keep this safety kit within reach



- 1 One reflective vest
per passenger



- 2 Warning triangle



- 3 First-aid kit + torch



- 4 Tyre repair kit /
spare wheel



- 5 Fire extinguisher



- 6 Spain V-16:
recheck by plate
and vehicle type



Recommended for the full route
does not mean legally required everywhere.



Four nearby countries, four easy mistakes

Belgium:

check Brussels, Antwerp
and Ghent LEZ separately



Luxembourg:

110 in rain; 90 in tunnels



Germany:

form a Rettungsgasse;
not every Autobahn
is unrestricted



France:

Crit'Air, péage and
lower rain limits



A Dutch plate does not remove
the vehicle-eligibility check.

Four rule checks before the mountains

1



≠



Austria: vignette ≠ section toll

2



Switzerland: annual pass;
EU roaming does not apply

3



Italy: ZTL cameras read number plates

4



Slovenia: choose the correct e-vignette class



Staying inside a **ZTL**? Ask the hotel
to confirm plate registration.

Driving farther? Add these four checks



Spain: ZBE, V-16
and distraction theft



Denmark: older-diesel
LEZ rules and two
main toll bridges



Czechia: e-vignette
and zero alcohol



Croatia: toll gates,
ferries and summer
congestion



Check transit countries, not only your destination.

The real risk is often parking or weather



Keep luggage
out of sight



Lock the doors
if a stranger
signals a fault



Arrange towing
through police,
insurance or ANWB



Check wildfire, storm,
flash-flood and
closure alerts daily



Mountain weather
changes faster
in the afternoon



Report theft locally.
Insurers usually require
a police report.



Complete this 48 hours before departure



DOCUMENTS



Passport / ID and driving licence



Vehicle registration and insurance proof



Rental / leasing cross-border permission



EHIC, policy number and accident form

VEHICLE



Tyres, brakes, oil and coolant



Battery, wipers and air conditioning



Spare key and offline maps



A driving licence is not accepted as ID everywhere.



Four protection layers: a gap can cost you

**1**

Basic health cover +
EHIC: necessary care

**2**

Travel insurance:
medical gaps, luggage, repatriation

**3**

Motor insurance:
liability / casco / theft

**4**

Roadside assistance:
breakdown, towing,
replacement transport



EHIC is not travel insurance. Roadside help is not accident cover.



ANWB Europe: check your package first

📍 Activate at least 48 hours before
leaving the Netherlands



Instap: Europe assistance +
vehicle repatriation



Standaard: replacement transport
up to 21 days in Europe



Compleet: up to 35 days +
hotel service



Caravan / trailer / camper
may need extra cover



Parts, fuel, oil and garage repairs
are usually at your cost.



Report a breakdown in the
ANWB Onderweg App.

If something happens, follow this order

1



Put on a vest and
move away from traffic



2



Injury or immediate
danger: call 112



3



Breakdown: contact
ANWB / insurer



4



Accident: take photos,
exchange details,
complete the form



5



Theft: report locally
and keep the police report



Before departure: LEZ • vignette • weather • insurance • assistance



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