



## Camping Las Dunas GPS co-ordinates N 42 09 43 and E 03 06 32

Recommended route from England to Spain using the Dover - Calais /Dunkerque Crossing.

**If you decide to go the Zeebrugge route, from the ferry terminal, follow signs to Dunkerque.**

The easiest and quickest route, although not the shortest is the motorway. The motorway starts immediately from the ferry terminal and you exit some 15kms from Camping Las Dunas.

Beware the costs will be about £200 each way for the tolls.

1. You have to pay tolls on Classe 2 if you have a caravan and Classe 3 if your motor home is over 3.500kgs. If you have a motorhome under 3.500kgs but have an overhang making it taller, and you get charged at Classe 3 press the button for assistance and explain you are Classe 2.
2. Bison Fute weekends, usually the last weekend in July – first Saturday in August, are the worst ones, and you can expect up to two to five hours travelling at snails pace around the junction of Orange where the road separates.
3. Accidents do happen. The French police and the motorway patrol do not close the roads; they remove all accidents from the road immediately. However traffic speed will still be significantly reduced, because of the high volume.

This route is:

Calais - Reims A26

Reims - Troyes A26

Troyes - Dijon A5 and A31

Dijon - Lyon A31 A6

Lyon - Orange A7

Orange - Perpignan A9

Over the French border on the A9, this becomes the A7

Exit at Junction 5 L'Escala - turn left after the tolls. There are about 4 roundabouts where you go straight on. When you reach signs for St Marti Empuries, identifiable by the "Tourist Information" flags exit left and follow coast road and signs to site. *If you have Satellite Navigation – trust us; exit at Junction 5* and follow signs for L'Escala NOT St Pere Pescador - as you will end up turning around because of narrow roads and tight bends.

We recommend at least one night stop over depending on the time of travel. Lyon is half way, and there is an excellent safe stop over at the Porte de Lyon - Camping International.

The shortest way from Calais is via Paris A1, then A10 to Orleans if you prefer motorway, but we would avoid this in July and August. Here it would be est £110 each way in tolls.

Our preferred route is :

Dunkerque/Calais - Abbeville A16  
Abbeville - Rouen A28  
Rouen - Dreux - Chartres - Orleans N154 (this is an excellent road).

If you use Sat Nav you will have to put in Via points of Dreux or Evreux

**If you are coming in to Le Harve:** take the A13 sp Paris and south of Rouen pick up the N154 sp Evreux – Dreux – Chartres – Orleans as above.

**Now a choice of going through the mountains or through the valleys:**

Here the tolls are around £90 each way.

**1<sup>st</sup> Mountains** - Join the A10 just before Orleans and then onto the A71 to Clermont Ferrand. There is an excellent service area here "Aire de Volcons" and a magnificent view! But for a night stopover, there are several campsites just past Clermont Ferrand at Issoire, St Just and St Flour. Montlucon is north of Clermont Ferrand and is approx 400 miles, there are three overnight stops. There are two camp sites at St Chely D'Apcher and recommend Camp Municipal. Most sites are listed in the French Volume of the Caravan Club Continental Touring guide.

Continue on the motorway now the A75 to Millau (new motorway and viaduct opened December 2004)

Millau - Beziers A75

Join the motorway A9 just before Beziers.

Beziers - Perpignan A9

Perpignan to Espana (Spain) A9 and the border.

Border - Junction 5 A7 signpost L'Escala . Site approx. 780 miles. (Give or take a wrong turning) from Calais.

**2nd choice of through the valleys,** which is better if you encounter bad weather or high winds.

From Orleans takes the A71 sp Bordeaux at

Vierzon – A20 sp Limoges at Montauban, take A62 sp Toulouse. At Cahors there are two very good campsites conveniently near to the motorway.

Then A61 to Carcassonne and through to Narbonne.

Pick up the A9 as in route 1 to Perpignan and the Border.

**A good web site for maps, aires and stopovers - [www.vicarious-shop.com](http://www.vicarious-shop.com)**

So happy Caravanning/Motorhome, safe journey, have a wonderful holiday, and hopefully see you down there.

Our number: +447918 077696 Keep it safe!

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