



SIMPLE ROUTE GUIDE FROM CALAIS TO SOUTHWEST FRANCE, via Rouen.

Leave Calais on the **A16** / **E402** motorway following signs for **Boulogne**, Amiens. The motorway is a toll-motorway from Boulogne to Abbeville

Just before Abbeville, take the free **A28** / **E402** motorway to **Rouen**. Rouen is sometimes a bit slow, but this is the only bit of hassle on the whole route, and the route is well signposted.

ROUEN:

At the entrance to Rouen the **A28** becomes the **N28**. Follow on down through the tunnel, then across the Seine. After that, loop right 270° following signs for **Paris** and **Evreux**. It is Evreux (and /or Orleans) you are really following. You will join the **A13** motorway west of Rouen.

About 10 km south of Rouen, leave the **A13** motorway for the **A154** motorway direction Evreux, which then becomes the **N154** dual carriageway. Keep following this road, past Evreux, almost to **Dreux**.

Before **Dreux**, you have about 10 km on the **N12** (straightforward, but sometimes busy). At the start of the town, leave the **N12** following the signs for **Chartres** and **Orleans**.

After **Dreux**, the **N154** is almost all modern dual-carriageway as far as **Chartres**. Traffic normally flows freely on the relatively straight and flat single-carriageway section of the **N154** from Chartres to the **A10** toll motorway before Orleans.

After joining the joining the **A10**, it's motorway all the way.

At **Orleans**, the **A71** splits from the **A10**. **There are three possible destinations:**

- 1. Clermont Ferrand** (for Languedoc and Mediterranean Spain) via **A71** (toll) and **A75** (free) This route is not recommended for cars with heavy caravans or in winter, as the **A75** after Clermont Ferrand has - as well as the Millau Viaduct (toll) - several long steep hills, and a long stretch at up to 1100 metres altitude, that is often snowed up in winter.
- 2. Toulouse** (for the Dordogne, central southwest France) via **A71** to Vierzon, then the **A20** (free until after Brive la Gaillarde).
- 3. Bordeaux** (for southwest France and western Spain), via the **A10** (toll).