



ON THE ROAD

An easy-to-digest guide to driving in France

DRIVER'S CHECKLIST



Warning triangle

Won't work as a musical instrument



Headlight adjuster

French drivers don't like to be dazzled



High visibility jacket

Required if you break down



Unused breathalyser

It is required by law to carry an unused breathalyser



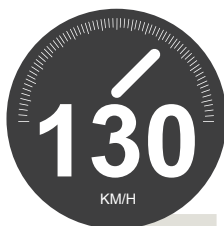
112 is the European emergency number

FR - J'ai un pneu à plat!
ENG - I have a flat tyre!



SPEED LIMITS

Motorways



Dual carriageways



Main roads



Built up areas



FR - Nous voulons
aller à...

ENG - We want to go
to...

DOs

✔ **Keep an eye on your speedometer!**

France is full of unmarked police cars with mobile speed cameras on board.

✔ **Buy your fuel off the motorway...**

If you want to have some holiday cash left to spend on goodies, look out for large hypermarkets as they've got the cheapest car juice.

✔ **Look out for an old-fashioned rule known as *priorité à droite*...**

Which means that you have to give way to cars coming from the right - even if you are on a major road and they are on a minor.

✔ **If you're smart you'll get a Liber-t-tag...**

Do this before you travel on toll roads. It's linked to your bank account so you can dodge the queues and go straight through the automatic toll lanes.

Don'ts

✘ Using the speed camera detector in your sat nav is against the law

You could be slapped with a fine if you're caught using one, so make sure you turn it off!

✘ Kids are not allowed to sit in the front

By law, children under 10 are required to sit in the back - which saves on arguments.

✘ Using your horn in a built-up area...

It's a serious no-no, except in cases of immediate danger (that doesn't include honking to hurry a cat across the road).

✘ The drink drive limit in France is one of the lowest in Europe (0.05mg/ml)...

So don't be tempted by a cheeky glass of Beaujolais if you're getting behind the wheel.

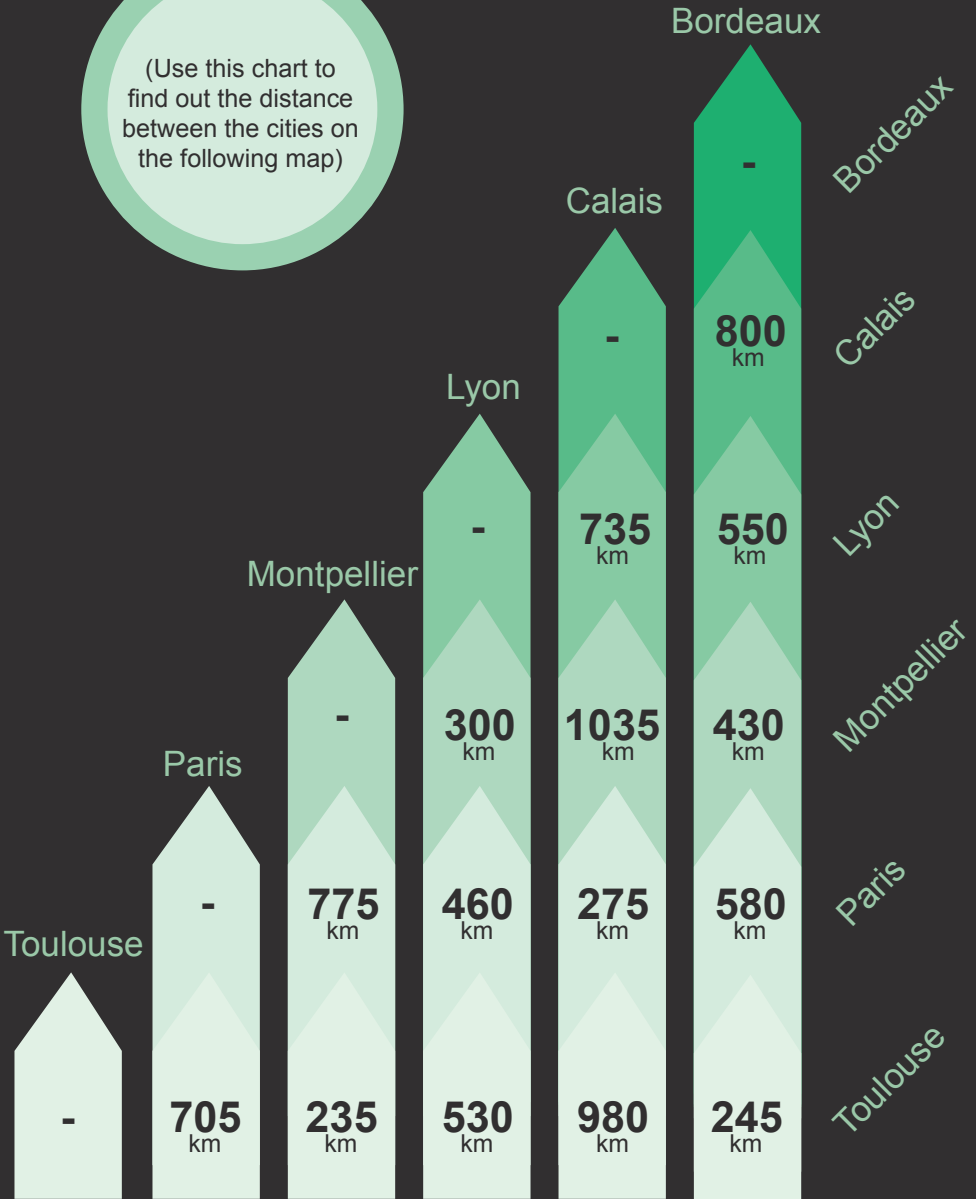
✘ Using headlights is not mandatory all the time

It's only required during bad weather and at night.

DISTANCE CHART

Distance between popular French destinations

(Use this chart to find out the distance between the cities on the following map)



Disclaimer - This is only a proposed guide and not a direct reflection of driving regulations in France. It is the responsibility of the driver to research and understand all driving legislation.

DISCOVER THESE PLACES

How well do you know France?

A stylized map of France in a light green color. Six cities are marked with colorful icons of buildings and trees. Each city has a white rounded rectangular label with its name in black text. The cities are Calais (top), Paris (middle-right), Lyon (middle), Bordeaux (middle-left), Toulouse (bottom-left), and Montpellier (bottom-right).

Calais

Paris

Lyon

Bordeaux

Toulouse

Montpellier

FR- Où est la station-service
la plus proche?

ENG - Where is the closest
petrol station?

LIVE LIKE A LOCAL

Try local cuisine



Moules marinière

Mussels cooked with garlic and shallots and served with a baguette to mop up the sauce.



Chouquettes

Delicious, cheap little chou pastry balls sprinkled with pearl sugar.

If you're game...

Pétanque

A fun form of boules which is played in parks and open areas all across France. The object is simple, to throw hollow metal balls as close as possible to a small wooden ball.



Try this for a tongue twister

Si mon tonton tond ton tonton, ton tonton sera tondu.

Translation: If my uncle shaves your uncle, your uncle will be shaved.