

To The Tower (TTT) – Europe

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What is the challenge?

To spend your weekend having a blast. You must travel at least 1850 miles (most routes will be more) from Calais to the Pier Tower in Senj, Croatia. Your choice of car, route, stops, and music is what will make this a unique experience. This isn't about speed, though there will be no time to waste. This is about life on the road.

Start:

Calais, France.

All challenges must start with a photo of you, with your car and the tower of the Marie de Calais. There's a convenient Total Energies filling station on Rue Paul Bert where you can fuel and get the necessary photo.

Location of The Tower (your destination):

Southern harbour wall tower, Senj, Croatia.

Time for a quick dip in the Adriatic? Make sure you get a photo with you, the car and the tower. The car park is free for 15 minutes, or you could stop for a swim and/or and bite to eat.

Finish:

All trips must end with a photo of you, with your car and the tower of the Marie de Calais.

Timings:

Earliest departure from Calais is Friday at 18:00 local time. You are permitted to start after this but, given time is of the essence, it may not be the best idea (and you must still comply with all other rules/timings). You MUST be stopped between 2am and 4am on both mornings. In addition to being stopped between 2am and 4am, you MUST have at least a continuous SIX HOUR break on both nights.

Your overnight stops (as detailed above) MUST be verified by two time-stamped photos (selfie of you, the car, and your parking spot) which will show you were parked for the correct time.

Your trip finishes once you've taken a return photo (you, with your car and the tower of the Marie de Calais) BEFORE 2am on the Monday morning.

Evidence of completion:

You must provide the following to the TTT Team after your challenge:

- A time stamped photo (selfie of you, the car, and the tower) from the start point in Calais dated at or after 18:00 on Friday.
- Two time stamped photos (selfie of you, the car, and the location) for your overnight stop on Friday night.
- A time stamped photo (selfie of you, the car, and the tower) in Senj.
- Two time stamped photos (selfie of you, the car, and the location) for your overnight stop on Saturday night.
- A time stamped photo (selfie of you, the car, and the tower) from the finish point in Calais dated at or before 02:00 on Monday.
- Your completed TTT form (a Google form). This is used by the TTT Team to complete the log. It captures basic information about your route, car, crew, etc.

What do I need to do?

- Decide which weekend you'll go and get others to join you for the trip (optional).
- Have a good read of these guidance notes.
- Decide which vehicle you'll take and get it prepared.
- Book a Eurotunnel or ferry and check your credit card and phone will work abroad.
- Notify us of your plans by completing the Google Form. <https://forms.gle/5XYb8iVJTyW6ehgUA>
- Send your registration fee (£25) and we'll confirm receipt.
- Keep us updated on the Facebook group.
- Make sure you soak it all up and enjoy the experience!
- Provide the evidence required to show you completed the challenge.
- Consider writing a trip report for the website.

When should I go?

You can travel at any time of the year. Clearly the summer months, with better weather and longer days, make things easier. However, traffic in the summer can be more problematic and accommodation more difficult to find.

What do I need for my car?

- UK Sticker
- Headlamp converters
- First aid kit
- Warning triangle
- V5 and Insurance Certificate
- Spare wheel
- Bulb kit (spare bulbs)

Winter rated tyres (min 4mm tread) if travelling in winter

Basic spares and tools – based on your own proficiency

What else will I need?

- Passport with at least three months remaining after your return date
- Drivers Licence
- Cash and credit card
- UK Global Health Insurance Card
- Travel insurance
- Paperwork for channel crossings
- Any other bookings (hotels etc)
- Weekend bag (clothes, wash-kit, etc.)
- Basic food and drink provisions

Should I book hotels?

Hotels are not an obligatory part of this trip but will often make the journey more enjoyable. You can sleep in your car or camp, but remember the 2am to 4am 'non-drive' time

Many who choose this trip will book hotels for Friday and Sunday in advance.

One suggestion is that the booking on Friday should be between four and six hours from Calais as this allows an arrival comfortably before 2am.

Saturday night is often left fluid to allow you to find somewhere appropriate, taking various factors such as route choice, weather, and tiredness into account.

A hotel booking in Calais on Sunday night means that you're not trying to find somewhere when you return (possibly tired and late at night).

Hardcore vs Halfcore:

There is also an option to complete a one-way challenge. We call this Halfcore. It's particularly useful if you want to combine your TTT challenge with a holiday or extended stay. You can do the outbound, or the return – the choice is yours. This guide is written for the two-way challenge – we'll expect you to comply with the same set of rules, but (obviously) only applied to a one-way trip.

How do I find more information?

- Read through the information on the website.
- Use the Facebook group. There will always be someone to help.
- Email the team.

What route should I take?

The choice of route is yours. We encourage you to take different routes on the outbound and return. This will earn you the 'Sends it both ways' badge. Also, if your combined routes total over 2000 miles, you'll earn the 'TTT2K' badge.

We consider French Motorways to be the best in the world. Set the cruise control and let the world whizz by. But make sure you have a credit card – there's a cost attached!

Autobahn's are a great thing, and with no speed limit on large parts of the network it's possible to make great progress. The downside is that they can be busy.

Italy has good motorways. These can be busy and are tolled. But they're fast and often straight, and the coffee is great.

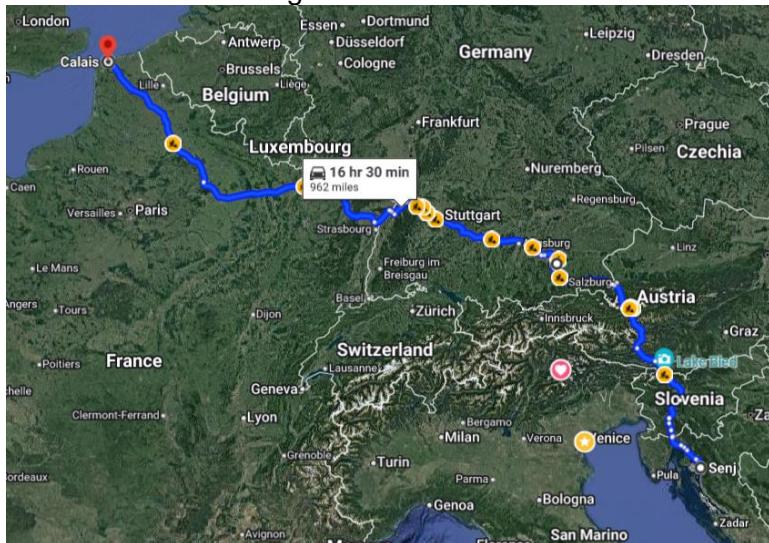
Austria, Slovenia and Switzerland all require motorway/road tax. Switzerland you buy for a whole calendar year. Austria and Slovenia offer short term passes. Remember that some longer tunnels also charge a toll (in addition to the tax).

Croatia has good motorways which (again) have tolls. Be aware that the Zagreb area (especially the toll booths) can be very busy at peak times. The route along the coast from Rijeka to Senj (not a motorway) is lovely – if it's not dark.

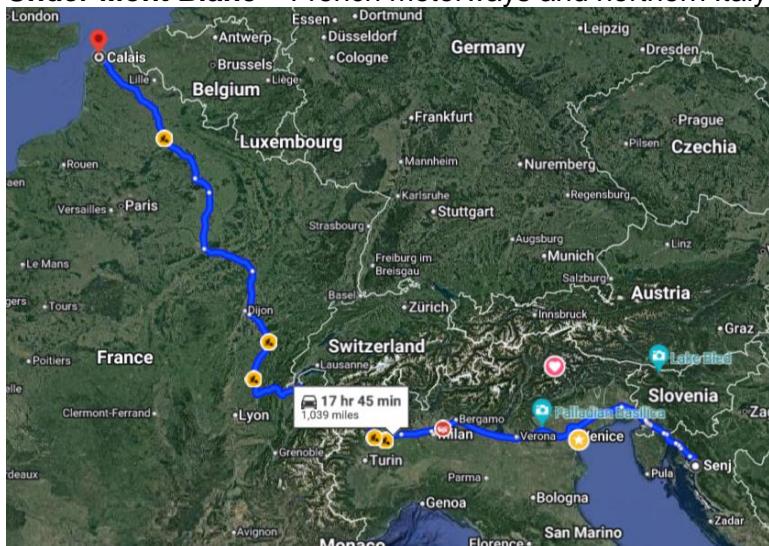
Also, consider where you'll sleep overnight. Most will want hotels, and many will book these. Make sure you leave contingency for traffic or troubles.

Some of the route options are shown below, but the options are endless...

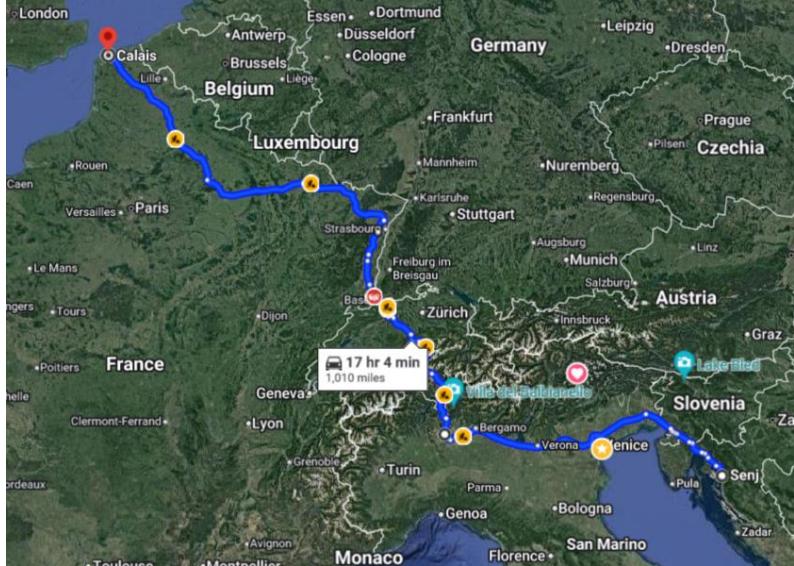
Short but sweet – A great route. The natural choice?



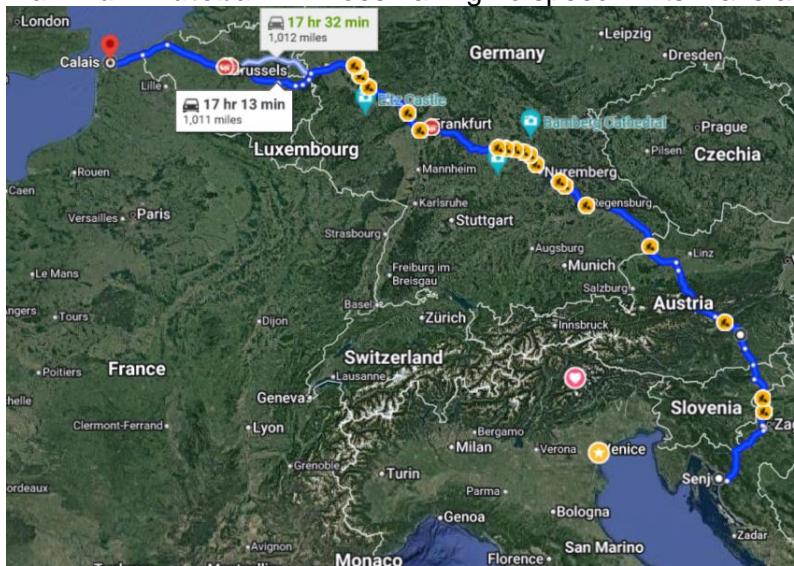
Under Mont Blanc – French motorways and northern Italy.



Through the St Gotthard – A bit of everything.



Maximum Autobahn – Does having no speed limits make an autobahn biased route faster?



The fast meander – Maximum motorway.

