

Suggested routes around Paris to Les Hirondelles

These directions assume that the A86 Duplex tunnel is open. See next page for directions when it is closed

Directions are from Calais (Eurotunnel), adjust as necessary for ferry crossings to the Dover/Boulogne area. For long Channel crossings to Normandy or Brittany we recommend heading for the A20 (Via Chartres or Tours) aim for Vierzon or Chateauroux and then head South until J18 (then follow directions below).

- As you leave Eurotunnel, take the A16 towards Boulogne and then Paris (Start of peage section at Boulogne)
- Stay on the A16 until you go through the peage at the Paris end
- Take exit (J10) onto the N184 to Cergy Pontoise & Paris
- In about four miles merge with another road but it is still the N184
- In another two miles, take the A115 towards Paris & Argenteuil & the A15
- Approx seven miles, take the A15 towards Paris & Argenteuil (not Cergy Pontoise)
- After about three miles you can now see the Eiffel Tower and go over the Seine
- Shortly after take the A86 towards Nanterre, La Defence & Paris Porte Maillot
- Go through a peage as you enter a (very long, low-roofed) tunnel, still on the A86
- Near the end of the tunnel, take the A13 towards Rouen (NOT Paris)
- Approx two miles, take the A12 towards Dreux and Rambouillet
- Five miles further on the A12 becomes the N10, towards Rambouillet
- In another seven miles there is an Elf petrol station (by a water tower, just after a McDonalds & Buffalo Grill (usually the cheapest petrol en-route and has a loo but closes approx 9 or 9.30pm)
- If you need petrol and the Elf is shut, next best is Carrefour, which takes English credit cards (24hr, pay at pump). For Carrefour, approx seven miles from the Elf station, the dual carriage way becomes single and then, two miles later, double again. Take next R turn into the Centre Commercial du Bel Air. You have to go to the far end and double back to get to the petrol. To get out, follow signs for exit & N10. When you rejoin the road, you can only go right. Make a U-turn at the little roundabout. Rejoin the N10 at a big roundabout.
- N10 is now heading towards Chartres.
- Eight miles on, pass the A11 turning towards Chartres (ignore). Road immediately becomes single carriageway. Immediately take the N191 towards Orleans & A10
- After another six miles, take the A10 towards Orleans.
- Mostly Autoroute now (until 10 miles from Les Hirondelles, so much simpler directions for the next part.
- At Orleans, take the A71 exit (Toulouse, Clermont Fd & Vierzon)
- At Vierzon take the A20 (Toulouse, Limoges & Chateauroux)
- Leave A20 @ J18
- Leave the A20 Southbound at J18 and turn right at the T-Junction on the D55 towards Luzeret & Prissac. In just under five miles you will come to a T-Junction (on the map it looks like you go straight on, but it is a T-Junction where you give way) where you will turn left, still towards Luzeret, now on the D29.
- Go through Luzeret (the main road bears round to the right in the village and then shortly after the village (0.4 miles after you pass the end-of-village sign), take the left hand turning onto the D46 (signposted St Civran & St Benoit).
- The D46 takes you up over a hill, past a communications tower, down into a valley (over a green bridge over the River Abloux) and then back up the hill into the village. The road does a fairly tight hairpin and then you pass two large metal barns on your left and the road bears quite sharply to the right. Our entrance to our courtyard is the next on the left, just before a small well.

If the A86 Paris Duplex tunnel is closed please follow these instructions. Whichever route you take, we recommend setting Rambouillet into your sat-nav when negotiating the western suburbs of Paris. Then, if you depart from these routes, it should always get you back onto the A12/N10. Once you are onto the A12, you can re-set the sat-nav for Saint Civran (36170).

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- Stay on the A16 until you go through the peage at the Paris end
- Take exit (J10) onto the N184 to Cergy Pontoise & Paris
- In about four miles merge with another road but it is still the N184
- Follow the N184 all the way towards St Germaine-en-lay
- When you reach St Germaine take the N13 (it will be signposted Paris A13, do not follow A13 Rouen at this stage)
- Take the N186 Signposted A13 & Versailles
- When you reach the A13 you want to join it in the direction of Rouen.
- You will pretty shortly turn off and head South on the A12 (signposted Dreux & Rambouillet
- The A12 becomes the N10, towards Rambouillet
- There is an Elf petrol station on your right (by a water tower, just after a McDonalds & Buffalo Grill (usually the cheapest petrol en-route and has a loo but closes approx 9 or 9.30pm)
- If you need petrol and the Elf is shut, next best is Carrefour, which takes English credit cards (24hr, pay at pump). To find Carrefour on the Southern edge of Rambouillet) the dual carriage way becomes single and then double again. As soon as it becomes dual carriageway take next R turn into the Centre Commercial du Bel Air. You have to go to the far end and double back to get to the petrol. To get out, follow signs for exit & N10. When you rejoin the road, you can only go right. Make a U-turn at the little roundabout. Rejoin the N10 at a big roundabout. If you did this, add 1m to all distances from now on.
- N10 is now heading towards Chartres.
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