

## *Directions to La Bonne Marie*

From Calais or Boulogne, take the A16 towards Abbeville and Rouen, there is a toll after the bridge, this toll is around 7 euros payable at the exit. Exit the A16 at junction 23 and head towards Rouen on the A28. (A general tip is to follow the signs to Bordeaux as this takes you to Le Mans)

### Rouen.

Getting through Rouen looks worse than it is. Initially there are signs for Le Mans which you should follow but then they disappear.

I will try to walk you through it.

You come into Rouen through a fairly long tunnel, when you exit the tunnel aim to keep in the middle lane. The sign posts do say Le Mans at this point so just follow them. You will go over the Seine (twice)– stay in the middle here, immediately after going over the river for the second time the road will take you round to the right – quite a sharp downward bend. This is now the industrial part of town. You stay straight on this road for some time – running along side the railway at points. There are several sets of traffic lights which you just go straight over. The signs for Le Mans now disappear.

You will come up to a round about with concrete cows on it (and a huge Buffalow Grill restaurant on the left) – go straight over. Continue for a few minutes.

There is a round about with a mock Roman pillar thing in the middle – again straight over. You should take the A13 towards Caen just a little further down this road (it is the first exit off to the right after the round about with the pillars). You stay on this road for about 10 minutes (there is a service station (in case you need diesel, a wee or a hot drink) before you turn off to get on to the A28 to Le Mans – the sign posts will probably say Alencon and Le Mans. Here there will be a toll to take a ticket.

This is a long straight motorway which you now just sit on – when you get to Alencon you are within an hour of the house.

When you get towards Le Mans you will see a turning off for Rennes and Laval A11 (do not go towards Paris), take this exit (Le Mans will now be on your left) if you stay in the slow lane you will shortly see a turning for the A81/E50 towards Rennes and Laval (do not go towards Paris). You stay on this last stretch of motorway for about 20 minutes.

You need the first exit from the A81 – sign posted Sable.

The exit is an automated toll junction – it should cost around 17euros – if you feed in a 20 euro note you need to be positive and not too gentle as it needs to grab the note.

When you exit the tolls, at the junction turn right (you are on the D4). At the bottom of the road turn left, this is the N157 (just re-numbered to be the D357) towards St Denis D'Orques. St Denis D'Orques is a small village with traffic lights in the middle of it, just keep going straight through the village. You are now 5 mins from the house.

You continue for a couple of miles out of St Denis D'Orques, you will come up to a cross road, on the left there is a large truck stop – 'Le Routier' immediately after this, take the turning on the left to Sable (D7).

The house is 1 minute up this road on the right – you will spot the white gates – it is on the crest of a slight hill. Voila nous sommes arrive.

PS: When travelling in France there are 2 types (at least) of signage on the motorways, the blue ones are the main routes and the white ones are the local signs. As this can be initially confusing it is best to look for the blue signs and only cross reference the white ones if you are following with a map.

#### The return journey:

Turn left out of La Bonne Marie, at the bottom of the road turn right, towards Le Mans. Go through St. Denis D'Orques and a couple of miles out of the village you see signs for the motorway, turn right here and then left onto the motorway.

1. Head towards Le Mans.
2. At Le Mans head towards Alencon
3. At Alencon head towards Rouen.
4. When you get to Rouen you will pick up signs for Calais, just follow these to take you back to either Boulogne or Calais.

#### **Directions from the port of CAEN:**

Please note we have not done this journey ourselves (yet) but many of our guests have.

Leave the port and head towards Caen town, take the ring road around the town, you are looking for junction 13 which is sign posted for Falaise and Alencon, this is the D358 (previously the N158).

You are heading towards the following towns: Falaise, then Agentan, then Sees. At Sees you join the motorway – A28 towards Le Mans.

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You need the first exit from the A81 – sign posted Sable.

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#### Return journey to Caen:

Head towards Le Mans, A28 towards Alencon and Rouen, exit at Sees and take the D358 towards Caen (this is clearly sign posted).

Towns to head towards when you leave the motorway:

Argentan, Falaise, Caen.

As you get near to Caen the port is signposted.

Please note toll charges are only approximate