

Gamma Ball Rally 2026

Driving Guidance for UK Vehicles Travelling to Belgium & France

(Bruges → Rochefort → Reims → Paris)

1. Essential Documents

- Valid UK driving licence
- Passport for all passengers
- V5C logbook (if you own the vehicle)
- Insurance covering Europe
- Breakdown cover for France & Belgium
- Eurotunnel API completed before travel

2. Vehicle Requirements

- Headlight beam deflectors
- UK identifier (sticker or on number plate)
- Hi vis vest (one per person recommended)
- Warning triangle (legal requirement in France)
- Spare bulbs (recommended)
- Crit'Air sticker for Paris (must be ordered in advance)

3. Driving Rules

General

- Drive on the right hand side
- Seatbelts mandatory for all passengers
- No mobile phone use while driving
- Follow local speed limits (often camera enforced)

Speed Limits

Belgium

- Motorways: 120 km/h
- Rural roads: 70–90 km/h
- Urban areas: 50 km/h

France

- Motorways: 130 km/h (110 km/h in rain)
- Dual carriageways: 110 km/h
- Rural roads: 80–90 km/h
- Urban areas: 50 km/h

Tolls

France: toll roads (“péage”) on major routes

Belgium: no tolls for cars

4. Fuel

Unleaded: Sans Plomb / Essence

Diesel: Gazole

Pay at pump often requires chip & PIN

5. Route Notes

Bruges (Belgium)

- Straightforward motorway drive from Calais
- No active low emission zone
- Use designated car parks (strict city centre controls)

Rochefort (Belgium)

- Scenic rural roads
- Lower speed limits and slower traffic
- Watch for wildlife and agricultural vehicles

Reims (France)

- Easy motorway access
- Low emission zone exists but not always active
- Good availability of secure parking

Paris (France)

- Crit'Air sticker required
- Busy traffic; allow extra time
- Pre book parking where possible
- Watch for bus lanes and restricted zones

6. Emergency Numbers

112 – EU emergency number

17 – Police (France)

101 – Police (Belgium)

15 – Medical emergency (France)



ULEZ Guidance

For a UK-registered vehicle driving through Belgium (Bruges and Rochefort) and France (Reims and Paris), here's what you need to know:

City	LEZ/ULEZ	UK vehicle requirements
Bruges (Belgium)	No LEZ	
Rochefort (Belgium)	No LEZ	
Reims (France)	ZFE (Low Emission Zone)	You need a Crit'Air sticker if driving within the ZFE
Paris (France)	ZFE	You need a Crit'Air sticker and your vehicle must meet the emission rules

Belgium

Bruges has no Low Emission Zone (LEZ).

Rochefort has no Low Emission Zone (LEZ).

Belgium's LEZs are currently limited to cities such as Brussels, Antwerp and Ghent. Foreign vehicles (including UK vehicles) entering those cities generally need free online registration, but this does not apply to Bruges or Rochefort.

France

Reims has a ZFE (Zone à Faibles Émissions).

As a UK driver you need:

- A Crit'Air vignette (sticker) displayed on the windscreen.
- Your vehicle must meet the emissions standard allowed in the zone (restrictions can tighten over time).

Outside the ZFE, no sticker is required.

Paris has one of France's largest and strictest ZFEs.

You need:

- A Crit'Air sticker.
- Your vehicle must be permitted under the current emission rules.
- Restrictions apply every day within the metropolitan ZFE, with additional traffic restrictions possible during pollution episodes.

Getting a Crit'Air sticker

Order it only from the official French government website: <https://www.certificat-air.gouv.fr/>

Cost: Around €3.81 plus postage to the UK (typically under €5 total).

Allow a couple of weeks for delivery, so order before travelling.

