

Things worth knowing when driving in France

A system has been introduced in Paris restricting access to the city with older vehicles thus we would recommend steering clear of the City of Paris on your BSA. If you want to take any vehicle into Paris you will need to apply to the town hall for a permit called a "vignette pollution" which is a sticker for your windscreen displaying the vehicles pollution rating. If you are determined to drive into Paris you can obtain the correct paperwork following this link <https://www.certificat-air.gouv.fr/en/>

You will be told at UK ports that you need to carry disposable breathalyser kits. In reality while there is a rule saying that they must be carried the rule is not enforced and there is no penalty for not carrying one, thus the only place you can now buy these things is at UK ferry ports. No French cars have them, only British visitors.

I won't need to tell you to take out recovery insurance but please make sure you do. Recovery on motorways is controlled by the Gendarmes and you will get recovered off the motorway even if you don't want to. If you aren't insured the cost is crippling. On the subject of insurance please make sure your EHIC card is up to date. The UK is still in the EU and so this still works. If you haven't got one, there is further information here <https://www.nhs.uk/nhsengland/Healthcareabroad/pages/Healthcareabroad.aspx>

There are several English-speaking members of the club and so communication at the rally site and through the booking process should be fine for those of you who struggle with the French language. We are building a website and there will be a Facebook page going live shortly where we will post more and more information as the event gets closer.

If you have any queries there is a UK mobile number you can call for help in English which is +44 7492 903963.

We look forward to seeing you in July.

BSA Club de France