

# All the right moves – France



**Britannia**

REMOVALS, STORAGE AND INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING

## Importing Goods To France

### Britannia Moving to/from France

France has always been a popular European destination for people looking to move abroad. Consequently Britannia has been providing regular removal services to this beautiful Country for many years. Many of Britannia's nationwide offices specialise in moving services to France and have weekly deliveries to and from all parts of France. With the support of our relationships with local French removal companies we can also offer site surveys, access to additional resources as well as secure storage facilities in France, allowing Britannia to offer you a complete moving package.

### Importing Your Personal Effects

The importation of household goods and personal possessions is duty free if you are relocating from within the EU. However if you are moving to France from a non EU country then importing personal effects is still duty free provided you have been domiciled for at least one year outside the EU, and that you have owned and used the personal effects for more than 6 months. For Non EU imports - duty free entry for used personal effects for a secondary residence is permitted provided the effects have been used for at least 6 months in the origin country, and that the importer owns the secondary residence or has rented it for a minimum of 24 months if the principal residence is not in the EU. These goods are also subject to import tax.



### Custom clearance/documentation

France is a full member of the EU, documentation required should be merely a copy of your passport. Britannia will advise you of the requirements prior to your move.

### Prohibitions and Restrictions

In general it is in your interest not to import the following items:

- Firearms & ammunition
- Inflammable goods & substances
- Plants & plant material
- Perishables or otherwise
- Alcohol, narcotics and dangerous goods
- Offensive material

Despite the 'free market' of the European Union there are restrictions in transporting some classes of goods across borders and within some countries. Several countries restrict the value or volume/weight of such goods as alcohol, tobacco and cigarettes. Recent changes to legislation in Europe means that it is now forbidden to travel through France in any vehicle carrying more than a minimal amount of cigarettes or alcohol. If a vehicle is stopped and searched and these are found amongst household effects there are large fines plus the costs of delays to the vehicle and costs to any third parties who are thus also affected.



## Welcome To Britannia in France

### Transit Times

Transit times can vary subject to the method of transport chosen, size of your consignment and where you are moving to. Britannia will advise you once this information is established.

### Storage

Should you require storage prior to delivery this can be arranged. You should expect to pay locally a one off storage handling fee, plus a monthly storage charge. Please ensure that your transit insurance policy is extended for the period of the storage.

### Additional Services

Britannia can provide a variety of complementary services to make your moving experience as efficient and easy as possible. From international foreign exchange to helping you relocate your family's pets. For further information about Britannia's partner companies please visit - <http://www.britannia-movers.co.uk/additional-services>



### Destination Services

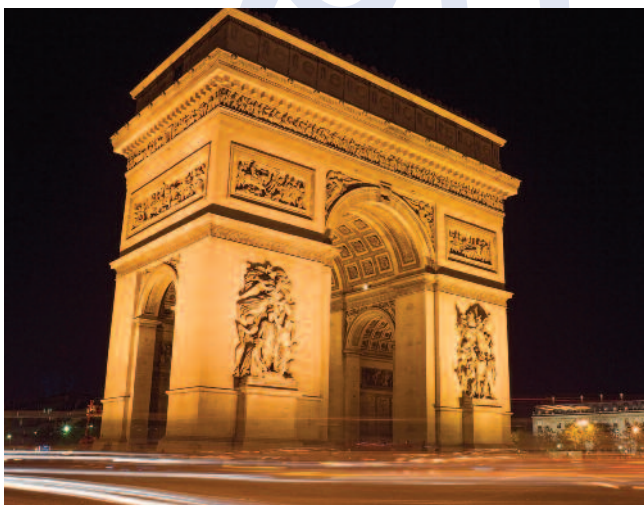
If you have selected a full door to door service Britannia will deliver the goods to your new home. Goods will be placed in the relevant rooms. All furniture will be unwrapped and cartons packed by Britannia will be unpacked on to a flat surface and all used packing materials will be removed from site on the delivery day.

Although there will be insurance implications you retain the right not to have some or all items unpacked should you choose.

Alternative destination services are available subject to final destination and method of transport, Britannia can advise you of the options available.

### Motor Vehicles

Importation of motor vehicles to France will be subject to compliance, it is probable that duty and tax will apply. Shipment of right-hand vehicles is not recommended.





# Your Moving Guide Checklist

## Three Months Before

- Arrange for a pre-move survey with Britannia
- Have a clear idea what you would take with you
- Arrange for quote for the transportation of your family pet

## Six Weeks Before

- Book move date with Britannia
- Agree moving plan with Britannia
- Make a list of items to be moved, which will need particular care
- Book pet transport carrier and confirm logistics
- Advise of new school addresses so that education records can be passed on quickly
- Doctor – de-register. If undergoing hospital treatment, notify a new doctor as soon as possible

## Four Weeks Before

- Advise schools/Day-care centres of movement and obtain records
- Cancel memberships including gym, library etc
- Arrange financial affairs; foreign exchange, pension transfers and bank accounts

## Three Weeks Before

- Confirm childcare arrangements for moving day
- Plan the best way to look after pets on moving day and confirm itinerary for transportation
- Clear out unwanted belongings
- Start using up food from the freezer

## Two Weeks Before

- Contact service providers to arrange final accounts and meter readings
- Telecoms/digital/cable TV provider
  - Electricity supplier
  - Gas/Oil supplier
  - Water Rates
  - Local Council Taxes
  - Credit card/store card or credit card protection companies
  - TV Licence
  - Notify all hire purchase/lease/standing orders or loans companies

## Notify plans of movement:-

- Dentist
- Optician
- Amend insurance cover on buildings, household contents, motor, life etc
- National Insurance
- Child Benefit
- Motor vehicle registration
- Driving Licence (DVLA)
- Pension company
- Redirection of mail through the Post Office to family or friends (visit your local Post Office for details)
- Send out change of address cards to friends, relatives, clubs and organisations
- Organise the disconnection and reconnection of domestic appliances: washing machine, cooker, dishwasher

## Two Days Before

- Defrost the fridge and freezer
- Cancel any regular deliveries (milk, newspapers)

## The Day Before

- Check drawers and trunks/chests for any fragile items
- Place any liquids, oils and paints to be moved in sealed containers
- Take down curtains and blinds
- Put together a pile of 'do not remove' essentials: passports, tickets, itineraries, coats, handbags, snacks, cleaning materials
- Pack small valuables separately and leave with essentials pile e.g. jewellery, watches, money, bonds, coins, stamps etc
- Separate your airfreight consignment from your sea freight

## The Big Day

- Confirm service meter readings and keep a spare copy of readings
- Switch off power and water supplies (if necessary)
- Lock all windows and doors
- Drop keys off with estate agent
- Exchange contact numbers and agree meeting time with removals team
- Confirm you have provided all required documentation for your sea freight/airfreight consignment