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20th June edition:

Fuel prices in Europe go through the roof

For the second week in a row the Post Office report is mentioned about the cost of motoring on the continent. As mentioned last week the figures appear flawed with averages that seem grossly overstated in France.

Brits feel fuel force of Euro pump prices - Daily Mirror

With prices up to 35% dearer in Europe **Nigel Thompson** suggests that drivers in or through Eastern France should refuel in Luxembourg with a slight detour to save 27p a litre on unleaded or 24p per litre on diesel

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The Times/Sunday Times
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Gascony v Dordogne

Anthony Peregrine's regional comparison this week looks at an extension of the Home Counties v it's quieter neighbour. Rivers, harsh rocks and castles dominate the Dordogne while Gascony is more woodland and vineyards. The 100 years war memories and prehistoric sites are everywhere. There are many water based activities in both areas and Foie Gras is popular. For him the Dordogne just sneaks it despite the appeal of extra sun offered by Gascony. Full details ctrl+ link <http://tgr.ph/gasconyvdordogne-telegraph-180611>

Your views

Reader feedback on Anthony Peregrine's article says the Languedoc has fun and culture for all the family, from canoeing to abandoned castles. It's miles away from the millions that invade Provence.

Telegraph cruise offers

One week from Southampton from £449 on August 1 with Fred Olsen taking in Rouen, Paris, St Malo, Brest and Lorient.

CRUISE STYLE SUPPLEMENT

The Antiquity Makeover

Cultural cruise line Voyages to Antiquity is to launch new cruises in France next year incorporating visits to the Roman arena in Arles, the Papal Palace in Avignon, and the World Heritage site in Carcassonne.

Embark on a scenic and historic tour de force

Pat Richardson takes a river cruise with Viking from Avignon to Chalons sur Saone and soaks up the history along the way. Avignon has long been known for its Papal history as it was a base for many years away from the feuds in Rome. Arles is very Roman too with its amphitheatre nearing restoration as is Vienne. Lyon is the gastronomic capital of France. So much to take in, in only a week but worth it.

TELEGRAPH MAGAZINE

Four of the best - European Ferries

Francesca Siz says that when it comes to crossing the Channel from Dover to Calais much has changed. From the moment you step on a ship with www.seafrance.com the whole French experience begins from eating traditional fish soup, roast duck or foie gras in La Brasserie or a quick snack in Le Relais. Fares from £30 single.

Sunday Telegraph

No coverage this week



It's peak season in the Alps

Summer holidays from £150pp www.espritfamilyadventures.com in Alpe d'Huez for breakfast, afternoon tea, dinner, drinks & ice creams.

France for just a few scents

If you don't want to join the hordes on the journey to the French Riviera you can travel from Portsmouth to Bilbao with www.brittany-ferries.co.uk. The Cap Finistere ferry resembles a cruise liner with a pool, cabins and entertainment. On arrival you simply drive across Southern France taking in medieval Carcassonne on your way to Grasse, the perfume capital of the world, which overlooks Cannes. www.cottages4you.co.uk offers a wide choice of accommodation.

THE TIMES THE SUNDAY TIMES

The Times

Late Deals

If you fancy a week away from £199 excluding channel crossings. in a mobile home in early July and are flexible about on the West coast of France then try www.matthewsfrance.co.uk

Sunday Times

No coverage this week



Daily Mirror

Brits feel fuel force of Euro pump prices

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The Guardian

Escape without splashing the cash

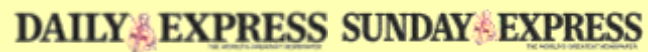
Whilst beach holiday prices go up in summer, the Alps offers great deals says **Joanne O'Connor**. www.espritfamilyadventures.com offers chalets and childcare plus multi activity options. A weeks full board is from £599 for a family of four. Rail from London to Grenoble www.raileurope.co.uk from £428 per family. Or why not try a gypsy caravan in Brittany at Les Roulottes des Korrigans with guided hikes and fishing. Ferry to Roscoff www.brittany-ferries.co.uk

The Observer

Daily Mail The Mail

Daily Mail and Mail on Sunday

No coverage this week



Daily Express & Sunday Express

No coverage this week



The Independent

European Festivals

Laura Holt says if you love a festival then Rock en Seine takes places just outside Paris in the Domaine National de St Cloud (26-28 Aug) for only €109 for a three day camping ticket www.rockenseine.com. Travel to Paris from £69 by www.eurostar.com.

The Independent on Sunday

Ten Top ... hotels in Forts

Why not stay in one of the eleven room in the four hundred year old Château Eza in the Côte d'Azur from €320 per night.

ABTOF's French Tourism Offers and News Snippets

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- ⇒ New luxury complex opens in Benodet, Brittany
- ⇒ Flexible approach gives massive savings
- ⇒ 25% off a luxury cruise

BE THERE! As the 98th Tour de France sets out from the Vendée.

Saturday 2nd July heralds the start of a three day cycling spectacular which promises to captivate both locals and visitors alike. The Tour leaves lovely Ile de Noirmoutier and turns south, passing through popular Wake Up in France destinations of St Jean de Monts, St Hilaire de Riez and St Gilles Croix de Vie. Our Domaine de Fontenelles residence is close to Coex on Monday's route. Here 1 week from 2/7 in a 2 bedroom apartment costs only £363 (accommodation only for up to 6 people).

Further information from www.WakeupinFrance.co.uk or tel. 01484 680855.

Brand New Lagrange Property Opens 2 July

A new high-end self-catering property opens on 2 July in the fashionable seaside resort of Benodet in Brittany, France. "Les Jardin d'Arvor," will be the 41st property in the Lagrange Prestige range, a brand known for its smart apartments with additional facilities such as heated swimming pools and spa suites. The property benefits from an exceptional location in the resort centre, just 150m from the beach. Lagrange Holidays (www.lagrange-holidays.co.uk 020 7371 6111) are offering special rates for the opening year, from only £278/apt/wk. Press contact: Rebecca Maffeis (020 7371 6111, rmaffeis@lagrange-holidays.co.uk).

Gap Fillers - The savvy way to save money and have a great family holiday in France. **Matthews Holidays say *If we've got a gap we want to fill it!*** – So, be a bit flexible, and pick up a bargain **from just £199 per family**. Price is for 7 nights starting 1st, 2nd or 3rd July in a 2 bedroom mobile home on 4* campsites by the beach. That's just £34pp per week - price based on six people in the accommodation. Arrange your own ferry or we will do it for you at a supplement. Campsites have swimming pools, waterslides, bar, shop, etc. Details: www.matthewsfrance.co.uk or 01483 285213.

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Great Last Minute Deals on Luxury Hotel Barge Cruises in France

European Waterways have a fantastic last minute deal on their fully-crewed luxury 12-passenger hotel barge, 'L'Impressionniste', cruising the Burgundy Canal. There's 25% off the full 12 pax charter price this July. This means that 3 passengers can enjoy a relaxing Summer cruise in beautiful Burgundy for free! Normal full boat charter price of £29,600 reduced to £22,200. Every 6 night cruise includes all gourmet meals, fine wines, an open bar, excursions, private wine tastings, local transfers and of course, the services of your attentive crew. It's the perfect way of spending a week in a beautiful part of France with family or friends to celebrate a big occasion!

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