

# Nash Vintage Safari Rally 2027

## Background

Starting from the Village hall, entering France through Calais gives us the perfect runway to slice right down the center-east of France and loop back up through the rugged, scenic center-west.

After enjoying 2 days in the South, you'll head back north on a completely different, ruggedly beautiful western route.

The scenic route balances reasonable daily driving times (around 3 to 4.5 hours) with maximum village charm.

- 2 or more people per team.
- Teams travel in their own vehicles with prizes given to old and inventive transport.

## Sponsorship Packages

Corporate Sponsorship is welcome:

GOLD: Main event Sponsor and Host of Destination Dinner

SILVER: Sponsor of an Check Point Dinner (4 Opportunities)

BRONZE: Sponsor of Competition Prizes (Choose which competition you wish to Sponsor)

## Costs

- Entry Fee of £800 per person.
- Entry fee to include Overnight Accommodation, Competition Prizes and Village Hall Donation. (+Channel Crossing?)
- Additional Costs:
  - Your Vehicle
  - Fuel - Approximate £220 (around 1500 Miles)
  - Tolls - Approximately £110. Recommend to obtain Toll Tags (Télépéage): order a Bip&Go or Emis toll tag before the trip, enabling us to cruise through the automatic "t" lanes without stopping.
  - Food
  - Drink

## Dates: Ideal for 2027

To avoid Easter and the notorious maze of French public holidays, we have to look closely at the calendar.

In Spring 2027, Easter Sunday is unusually early—falling on March 28. May 2027 is a complete minefield for travel: Ascension Day falls on Thursday, May 6 (creating a massive national 4-day bridging weekend where the French flock to roads and villages), and Whit Monday falls on May 17. Furthermore, French zone school spring holidays run dynamically from April 3 to May 2.

Therefore, an absolute goldilocks window is a mid-May departure right after the holiday rush clears.

To guarantee open roads, calm villages, and normal restaurant operations:

Departure: Day 1 (Tuesday, 18th May 2027) The day after the Whit Monday public holiday clears.

Arrival In: South of France Thursday, 20th May 2027

Return to Nash: Tuesday, 25 May 28, 2027

This gives a beautiful 7-day trip. Leaving on a Tuesday avoids weekend ferry/Eurotunnel traffic, and bypass all the major long-weekend closures.

## The Outbound Route - Vineyards & Medieval Walls

### At a Glance



START (NASH) via Calais to Noyers to Pérouges to SOUTH OF FRANCE DESTINATION: Sainte-Enimie

Day 1 (Tuesday, 18th May 2027): Nash via Calais to Noyers-sur-Serein (Burgundy)

Driving Time: ~2 hours + ~4.5 hours (mostly toll motorways to clear the north).

The Village: A perfectly preserved, walled medieval village with half-timbered houses, tucked into a horseshoe bend of the Serein River. It's quiet, deeply historic, and right on the edge of Chablis wine country.

Day 2 (Wednesday, 19th May 2027): Noyers-sur-Serein to Pérouges (Rhône-Alpes)

Driving Time: ~3 hours (skirting past Dijon and Lyon).

The Village: A hilltop fortress built entirely of river stones and cobblestones. It feels like a movie set (and has been used for many). When the sun goes down and the day-trippers leave, having this village to yourselves is

magical.

Day 3 (Thursday, 20th May 2027): Pérouges to Your South of Provence (Saint-Rémy-de-Provence) or the French Riviera (Accommodation dependant).

Driving Time: ~3.5 hours down into Provence or the French Riviera.

The Transition: You'll watch the landscape change from lush green valleys to olive groves, cypress trees, and limestone crags.

## Outbound Accommodation

Day 1 (Tuesday, 18th May 2027): Noyers-sur-Serein (Burgundy) A Grand Gîte or a renovated farmhouse (corps de ferme) just outside the village walls, possibly Le Clos du Trait, offering multiple charming rooms in a historic setting.

Group Highlight: Debbie's Birthday Dinner. A late afternoon walk along the river ramparts followed by a private wine tasting of local Burgundy whites.

Day 2 (Wednesday, 19th May 2027): Pérouges (Rhône-Alpes) legendary Hostellerie de Pérouges owns several historic buildings scattered throughout the tiny village. Easily house a large group across their atmospheric, antique-filled rooms.

Group Highlight: Dinner at the Hostellerie's medieval tavern, ordering Galette de Pérouges (a warm, sugary, buttery tarte) washed down with local Cerdon sparkling wine.

Day 3 (Thursday, 20th May 2027 & Friday 21st May 2027): 2 Nights in a Luxury Provence Mas (Saint-Rémy-de-Provence).

The "Grand Gîte" Search: Booking via Gîtes de France (the official French holiday home network), filter specifically for "Gîte de groupe". Properties legally certified and equipped with the massive kitchens, dining tables, and parking spaces required for 20+ people.

## The Return Route - Volcanic Peaks & Rose Gardens

At a Glance



RETURN START Sainte-Enimie To Salers to Gerberoy via Calais to FINISH (NASH)

Return Stop 1 (Saturday, 22nd May 2027): Sainte-Enimie (Gorges du Tarn)

Driving Time from Provence: ~2.5 to 3 hours.

The Village: A stunning limestone village carved directly into the canyon walls of the Gorges du Tarn. It offers a wild, dramatic contrast to the manicured fields of the south.

Return Stop 2 (Sunday, 23rd May 2027): Salers (Auvergne)  
Driving Time: ~3 hours (driving up into the Massif Central mountains).

The Village: Perched high in the Cantal mountains, Salers is unique because it is built entirely out of dark, moody volcanic stone. It feels wonderfully remote, famous for its distinct horned cows and incredible cheeses.

Return Stop 3 (Monday, 24th May 2027): Salers to

Gerberoy (Picardie)

Driving Time: ~6 hours (This is your long driving day to get back up north).

The Village: Known as the "Village of a Thousand Roses." It features 17th-century blue-timbered cottages and cobblestone lanes overflowing with flowers. It's an incredibly peaceful, beautiful final palate cleanser just 2 hours south of Calais.

### Return Accomodation

Return Stop 1 (Saturday, 22nd May 2027): This is an active, outdoorsy area, accommodation will be in a Gîte de Groupe (large group lodge) along the river, or cluster-cottages at properties like Domaine de la Malène nearby.  
Group Highlight: Renting a fleet of kayaks for a spectacular group paddle down the crystal-clear turquoise waters of the gorge.

Return Stop 2 (Sunday, 23rd May 2027): Salers (Auvergne): Traditional mountain hotel like the Hotel Saluces or large rural estates (gîtes ruraux) in the surrounding green valleys.

Group Highlight: A hearty, rustic group dinner featuring Truffade (a legendary local dish of crushed potatoes, garlic, and fresh melted Cantal cheese).

Return Stop 3 (Monday, 24th May 2027): Salers to Gerberoy (Picardie): A large country manor or a collection of rural gîtes in the surrounding Oise countryside (e.g., near Beauvais), as the village itself is tiny.

Group Highlight: A final "farewell France" group brunch in a rose-garden cafe before the easy 2-hour drive back to the Calais ferry or Eurotunnel.

### The Return Route - Alternative Requested - Rugby & Medieval Cliffs

At a Glance

RETURN START: Sainte-Enimie to LYON (RUGBY FINALS) to SEMUR-EN-AUXOIS to GERBEROY via Calais to FINISH (NASH)



Return Stop 1 (Friday, 21st May 2027): Sainte-Enimie to Lyon

Driving Time: ~3 hours (Departing early from the Provence layover via the Gorges du Tarn / Sainte-Enimie)

checkpoint to head straight up to Lyon). The City: The culinary and gastronomic heartland of France. More importantly, the OL Stadium is hosting the EPCR Challenge Cup Final tonight (kick-off typically evening).

Return Stop 2 (Saturday, 22nd May 2027): Lyon (Match Day 2) Driving Time: 0 hours (Rest day for the vehicles).  
The Event: Spend the day soaking up the massive international rugby village atmosphere in Lyon before heading to the OL Stadium for the pinnacle of European club rugby: the Investec Champions Cup Final.

Return Stop 3 (Sunday, 23rd May 2027): Lyon to Semur-en-Auxois  
Driving Time: ~2.5 hours (Heading north into the Côte d'Or / Auxois region).  
The Village: A spectacular medieval fortress town built on a pink granite peninsula overlooking the Armançon River. Complete with four massive 13th-century towers, ramparts, and cobblestone lanes, it offers an incredible backdrop for the vintage cars.

Return Stop 4 (Monday, 24th May 2027): Semur-en-Auxois to Gerberoy  
Driving Time: ~4 hours (Continuing northwest past Paris to Picardie).  
The Village: Known as the "Village of a Thousand Roses". It features 17th-century blue-timbered cottages and cobblestone lanes overflowing with flowers. It's an incredibly peaceful final palate cleanser just 2 hours south of Calais.

## Return Accommodation - Alternative As Requested

Return Stop 1 & 2 (Fri 21st & Sat 22nd May 2027): Lyon  
Accommodation: A large, specialized group hotel or urban loft apartments booked collectively on the outskirts of Lyon with secure, gated parking to protect the vintage vehicles.

Group Highlights:

- Friday Night: Pre-match beers in the historic Vieux Lyon district before heading to the stadium for the Challenge Cup Final.
- Saturday: Attending the ultimate European Championship Final game, followed by a late-night celebratory group dinner at a traditional Lyon Bouchon tavern.

Return Stop 3 (Sunday, 23rd May 2027): Semur-en-Auxois (Burgundy)  
Accommodation: A large traditional Burgundy manor house or a cluster of gîtes nearby with ample courtyard parking.

Group Highlight: A late-afternoon walk along the fortified city walls followed by a hearty group dinner featuring classic Boeuf Bourguignon and local Epoisses cheese.

Return Stop 4 (Monday, 24th May 2027): Gerberoy (Picardie)  
Accommodation: A large country manor or a collection of rural gîtes in the surrounding Oise countryside (e.g., near Beauvais).  
Group Highlight: A final "farewell France" group brunch in a rose-garden cafe before the easy 2-hour drive back to the Calais ferry or Eurotunnel.

## Accommodation & Dining Booking

The "Grand Gîte" Search: Booking via Gîtes de France (the official French holiday home network), filter specifically for "Gîte de groupe". Properties legally certified and equipped with the massive kitchens, dining tables, and parking spaces required for 20+ people.

Pre-Book Evenings: Booking village dinners at least a month in advance, opting for a set menu will keep things simple for the kitchen will prevent small French village restaurants becoming overwhelmed with a group such as ours. They typically only buy enough fresh ingredients for the reservations they expect.

## French Motorways electronic toll tag (Télépéage or Liber-t)

A small transponder (size of a matchbox) that sticks to your windscreen. Toll is billed to your account.

At toll plaza (péage)

- Orange "t" Lane, the barrier lifts automatically
- 30 km/h Lanes: Barrier lifts dynamically without coming to a complete halt.
- "Flux Libre" (Free-Flow) Era: Barrier-free motorways (A79, A13, and A14). Overhead cameras scan your car. If you have a tag, it registers automatically.

### Subscription "Pay As You Go" plan

Monthly Management Fee €1.70 to €2.40 only for the specific calendar months used for the tag.

- Emovis Tag ( <https://www.emovis-tag.co.uk/> ): Official UK-facing website, customer support in English, operates in £ (GBP), payments pulled direct from UK bank accounts via Direct Debit or UK credit cards.
- Bip&Go ( <https://www.bipandgo.com/en> ): European plans working in Spain, Portugal, or Italy. Might be useful for future Nash Rally Plans.
- Fulli (APRR) ( <https://www.fulli.com/en> ): Flexible consumer tourist accounts.
- Ulys (Vinci) ( <https://ulys.com/en/> ): Flexible consumer tourist accounts.

Bonus Feature: Hundreds of major city-centre and airport parking garages across France (including Indigo and Effia car parks) display the orange t at their gates, parking fees added straight to your monthly toll invoice.

## Competitions

Oldest Vehicle.

Most Stylish Vehicle.

Most Stylish Team.

Most Punctual Team.

Daily Awards.

## Further Information

For more of an insight to our approach visit <https://therestistech.com/nashrally> or contact Debbie Evans ([debbieharris1971@hotmail.com](mailto:debbieharris1971@hotmail.com)).

## Nash Vintage Safari Rally 2027: The Ultimate French Loop

Hello everyone!

The plans for our epic group trip to the South of France for Spring 2027 are officially taking shape. We are planning a massive, scenic road trip loop, starting from The Village Hall.

To give us the absolute best experience, we are purposely dodging the Easter rush and the chaotic French May bank holidays. This means we will get open roads, beautiful spring weather, and historic villages completely to ourselves. Here are the details:

### The Dates

- Departure: Tuesday, 18th May, 2027 (Catching the ferry/Eurotunnel from Calais)
- Return: Tuesday 25th May, 2027
- Total time: 8 days (7 nights)

### The Route

## Nash Vintage Safari Rally 2027

Instead of sitting on boring motorways, we are doing an incredible split loop. We'll take a wine-and-castle route on the way down, unpack our bags for a 2-day luxury villa layover in Provence, and come back via an entirely different route through deep river gorges and volcanic mountains.

- The Outbound Journey: Nash → Calais → Noyers (Medieval Burgundy) → Pérouges (Stone fortress town) → Uzès (Ancient Roman history).
- The Southern Layover: 2 nights in a massive, private Provençal estate (Mas) with a pool. Markets, wine tastings, sunshine, and big group BBQs.
- The Return Journey: Provence → Sainte-Enimie (Kayaking in the Gorges du Tarn) → Salers (Volcanic peaks & mountain cheese) → Sancerre (Loire Valley wine views) → Pierrefonds (Fairy-tale lakeside castle) → Calais.
- ALTERNATIVE Return Journey: Provence → Sainte-Enimie checkpoint → Lyon (2 nights for the European Rugby Champions Finals Weekend at the OL Stadium) → Semur-en-Auxois (Burgundy medieval cliff fortress) → Gerberoy (The Village of a Thousand Roses) → Calais.

## Expected Costs (Per Person)

We are pooling our resources to rent out entire historic estates, French gîtes (rural manors), and a luxury villa to keep things cost-effective.

The estimated total is ~£900 per person. Here is how that breaks down:

- Transport (£200): Shared ferry/shuttle crossing, fuel, and French motorway tolls.
- Accommodation (£700): All 7 nights in high-end group properties and the Provence villa with Pre-booked massive village dinners.

## Next Steps

Because booking a single property that seamlessly sleeps a large group of people in these tiny villages requires serious lead time, we need to book accommodation early.

Can you please reply by 5th July 2026 to let me know (around at the PUMP on the 4th to answer last minute questions):

1. Are you 100% in for these dates?
2. Will you enter a vehicle?
3. How many people are in your team?
4. Does your vehicle have space for others?

Once we have our final headcount, we'll set up a group pot to secure the deposits. Get your driving playlists ready!

## Nash Vintage Safari Rally 2027: Dates Confirmed

Hello Fellow Participants!

With many teams now confirmed for our epic group trip to the South of France 18th to 25 May 2027 we are seeking deposits to secure our accommodation.

Please keep any eye on the webpage <https://therestistech.com/nashrally> as we are making subtle changes to accommodate as many people as possible.

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Please pay £700 per person to a dedicated account for this trip named BLIC, Sort Code 60-83-71 Account Number 14545358 using your Name as reference to allow us to confirm who has paid.

Please pay by 31st July 2026 to allow us to book the best possible accommodation.

Get your driving playlists ready!