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## Double S Travel Worldchoice - Celebrating Twenty Three Years of service to residents and businesses in the South Bedfordshire area 1985 – 2008

### The 'booze' Cruise

#### What is it?

Actually it is a trip to France or Belgium, normally for a day-trip to buy alcohol tobacco and food in France or Belgium

#### The routes

##### By ferry

P&O. Dover to Calais. Their passenger ships offer a crossing every 30 minutes at peak times, with a crossing time of 75 – 90 minutes.

On board you'll find a Club Class lounge, a wide range of restaurants, and bars including First Base fast food, Harbour Coffee Company, International food court, Langans Brasserie, NYC Deli Sandwich bar, Silverstone Sports Bar. There is also a Children's play area, and Special needs facilities.

If you enjoy shopping, and like to save money at the same time, you are going to love their Offshore Shopping stores on board, they are crammed full with great money saving offers. They stock an extensive range of well-known spirits and wines at prices that will amaze you. You can save up to 30% on UK prices for spirits and wines, and up to 50% on beer! Cigarettes and Tobacco are also available at about half the UK price.

Sea France. Dover to Calais. The only French operator between Dover and Calais, the Sea France fleet currently consists of four vessels including a new super ferry the Sea France Rodin which joined the fleet in November 2001. Sea France aim to make your journey as effortless and as enjoyable as possible. On board, children of all ages are accommodated in safe, spacious environments, and you'll find a huge range of products in their shops including alcohol, wine and champagne, perfume, toys, designer clothing, fashion accessories and luxury products. Their staff can advise you on the Customs' limits which apply to on-board purchases. They

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accept payment in Pounds Sterling or Euros in cash or by credit card.

#### By train

EuoroTunnel. Folkestone to Calais. The Eurotunnel is a revolutionary mode of transport, running between Folkestone, & Calais. Their underground trains operate under the highest safety & security measures & aim to provide one of the fastest & effortless ways of reaching Europe from the UK.

There is also a premium service, where passengers can relax in the Club lounge before boarding & enjoy the range of services on offer including fax machines, telephones, newspapers & complimentary light meals, a range of high street shops, Bureau du change, and a tourist information centre.

Eurostar. St.Pancras to Lille.

#### Types of travel

Take your own car

Go by coach

Go by train

#### Customs

At present, HM Revenue & Customs can confiscate large purchases if it suspects they are going to be re-sold. The current guidelines are 90 litres of wine and 110 litres of beer. As the EU is a single market, people can in theory buy as much alcohol and tobacco as they want on a cross-border shopping trip, or so-called 'booze cruise', as long as it is for their personal use.

#### General

##### Exchange Rates

	This week	Last week	1000 costs
Euro	1.2046	1.2426	£830
Dollar	1.5103	1.6740	£662

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