

Driving to LPO from Caen

Bear in mind that the ferry doesn't actually arrive or leave from Caen, but from Ouistreham, some 28 kilometres further north. Thus, when you exit the ferry, you need to follow the signs for Toutes Directions and Caen (A13).

TIP

If you get lost in a town always follow 'Toutes Directions' (all directions), this will get you out of the town and then you will find a sign with a town in the direction you want. Also, look out for 'Autres Directions' (other directions); follow this if you don't see your target town on any signs.

Directions	Take
Start out at Ouistreham, exit the ferry and follow signs for Toutes Directions and Caen.	A13
Before you get to Caen, you will see a sign for Rennes on the périphérique Ouest (ring road west) take this exit, follow signs to Rennes.	Exit to Rennes
On the approach to Rennes, you will see first sign for Nantes (on the Rocade de Rennes Est) take this exit.	Exit to Nantes. Be aware, exit is soon after the sign
On approach to Nantes, you will see signs for périphérique (ring road), and for Bordeaux.	Exit marked Bordeaux and follow all the signs
You will now be travelling around Nantes and will cross a very spectacular bridge over the Loire river.	Cross bridge
As you are going over the bridge, try to be in the right hand lane as early as possible, ready to take the first exit after the bridge, signposted Noirmoutier.	Exit 52a D723
After a few kilometres exit onto the D751.	D751
At Port St Pierre exit onto the D758 signposted Planete Sauvage and Machecoul.	D758 becomes the D95
Just after the level crossing, turn left onto D95 signposted Machecoul. CAUTION: this can be a dangerous junction.	
Passing Machecoul cross several roundabouts, always heading for Challans.	D32
As you approach Challans you will again see signs for La Roche sur Yon – follow these onto the big roundabout.	Exit to La Roche sur Yon, <u>not</u> Challans Centre.
Take the 3 rd exit marked La Roche/Les Sables. DON'T head for Centre Ville.	Roundabout 3 rd exit La Roche/Les Sables
This brings you on to a short stretch of dual carriageway – take exit marked Les Sables/St Gilles/Apremont.	2 nd exit St Gilles signpost
Take this exit, turning right and come to a roundabout, take the 3 rd exit (Les Sables).	3 rd exit les Sables
Continue over a small double roundabout.	Double roundabout
Go straight over the next two roundabouts.	2 nd exit
You will come to a roundabout with Hyper U supermarket on your left.	3 rd exit
Take the 3 rd exit (Les Sables) leaving the supermarket on your left and straight across a small roundabout.	3 rd exit
After about 3 miles, take 2 nd exit (straight across) on new roundabout.	2 nd exit
Follow this road for about a mile and it will bring you to a roundabout, go straight across and cross over the river.	Over roundabout St Gilles signpost, D32
You will approach another roundabout, turn right. Arrive at Le Pas Opton (500 metres on your right).	Roundabout 1 st exit

From St Malo:

As you exit the port, follow Toutes Directions and as you proceed, you will see a sign for Rennes – take this exit and continue on to Rennes. Now follow the directions above.

From Calais or other Ports:

The basic directions you need are **Rennes**, **Nantes** (Bordeaux) **La Roche sur Yon** and **Challans**. The details are described above, but remember...plot your route by town, not by road number and you should arrive unstressed and ready for a well-deserved holiday.