

Road Traffic calendar 2012



**SÉCURITÉ ROUTIÈRE
TOUS RESPONSABLES**



The road with **BISON FUTÉ**

To help you prepare your trips

And drive under the most comfortable conditions, four driving and traffic density situations have been defined:

GREEN usual driving difficulties

ORANGE heavy traffic, difficult driving

RED very heavy traffic, very difficult driving

BLACK extremely heavy traffic, exceptionally difficult driving

To drive in fully safety, follow the advice of **Bison Futé**

Before starting

Plan your trip:

- give preference to motorways which are generally safer,
- evaluate your travelling time including stops (every 2 hours);
- at major departure dates, as possible avoid Saturday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.;
- avoid driving at night, mainly between 2.00 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Check the general condition of your vehicle: particularly the tyres wear and pressure.

Do not forge the safety jacket and the pre-signalling triangle:

they are mandatory for all vehicles since 1st October 2008.

Leave well rested:

beyond 17 waking hours, reflexes decrease as much as with 0,5 g of alcohol in the blood.

Obtain information about the weather conditions

- national vocal server of the French weather forecast department: 3250 (0.34 € per minute), minitel 3615 météo, www.meteo.fr website.

Consult the traffic forecasts on the www.bison-fute.gouv.fr website.

To drive better day by day

The road information centres inform you in real time

► by phone at
0 800 100 200 (free call from a landline)
0033 892 68 78 88 (from abroad)

► on the Bison Futé website:
www.bison-fute.gouv.fr

As far as possible avoid driving on RED or BLACK coloured days.



During the trip

Follow the traffic information in real time, continuously updated by the regional centres for road coordination information, by calling the 0800 100 200 (toll-free number).

Attach the safety belts, at the front and at the back.

Remain vigilant to react on time: put off your mobile phone before getting in your car and do not drink any alcohol.

Follow the authorities recommendations, particularly those announced by the variable message panels.

Be sure to have enough water in the vehicle to be able to face unforeseen situations of blocking.

Stop every 2 hours: a pause of at least 15 minutes is ideal to relax.

Double the precautions in summer during very hot spells: check the pressure of the tyres, make more frequent stops and drink water regularly.

Observe the speed limits in all circumstances and **keep the safety distances on roads and motorways.**



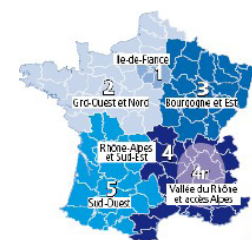
Traffic forecasts for 2012

Find back the updated daily forecasts on the www.bison-fute.gouv.fr web

January 2012			February 2012			March 2012			April 2012			May 2012			June 2012		
Departure	Return		Departure	Return		Departure	Return		Departure	Return		Departure	Return		Departure	Return	
1 D	New Year's Day		1 M			1 J			1 D			1 M	Labour Day		1 V		
2 L			2 J			2 V			2 L			2 M			2 S		
3 M			3 V			3 S	4r	4r	3 M			3 J			3 D		
4 M			4 S			4 D			4 M			4 V			4 L		
5 J			5 D			5 L			5 J			5 S			5 M		
6 V			6 L			6 M			6 V	1+2		6 D			6 M		
7 S			7 M			7 M			7 S	4r		7 L			7 J		
8 D			8 M			8 J			8 D			8 M	VE Day 1945		8 V		
9 L			9 J			9 V			9 L	Easter Monday		9 M			9 S		
10 M			10 V			10 S	4r	4r	10 M			10 J			10 D		
11 M			11 S	4r		11 D			11 M			11 V			11 L		
12 J			12 D			12 L			12 J			12 S			12 M		
13 V			13 L			13 M			13 V			13 D			13 M		
14 S			14 M			14 M			14 S	4r		14 L			14 J		
15 D			15 M			15 J			15 D			15 M			15 V		
16 L			16 J			16 V			16 L			16 M	1+4r		16 S		
17 M			17 V			17 S	4r	4r	17 M			17 J		Ascension	17 D		
18 M			18 S	4r	4r	18 D			18 M			18 V			18 L		
19 J			19 D			19 L			19 J			19 S			19 M		
20 V			20 L			20 M			20 V			20 D			20 M		
21 S			21 M			21 M			21 S		4r	21 L			21 J		
22 D			22 M			22 J			22 D			22 M			22 V		
23 L			23 J			23 V			23 L			23 M			23 S		
24 M			24 V			24 S			24 M			24 J			24 D		
25 M			25 S	4r	4r	25 D			25 M			25 V	1		25 L		
26 J			26 D			26 L			26 J			26 S			26 M		
27 V			27 L			27 M			27 V			27 D	Whit Monday		27 M		
28 S			28 M			28 M			28 S			28 L			28 J		
29 D			29 M			29 J			29 D			29 M			29 V	1+4	
30 L			30 V			30 V			30 L			30 M			30 S	1+4	
31 M			31 M			31 S						31 J					

Legend	State of traffic	Bison Fûté zones	
Direction of departure:	usual circulation	1 Île-de-France region	4 Rhône-Alps and South-East
Towards the holiday resort	difficult circulation	2 Great West and North	4r Rhône valley and access to the Alps
Direction of return	very difficult circulation	3 Burgandy and East	5 South-West
depuis les lieux de villégiature	extremely difficult circulation		

School holidays	ZONE A	ZONE B	ZONE C
	Caen, Clermont-Ferrand, Grenoble, Lyon, Montpellier, Nancy-Metz, Nantes, Rennes, Toulouse.	Aix-Marseille, Amiens, Besançon, Dijon, Lille, Limoges, Nice, Orléans-Tours, Poitiers, Reims, Rouen, Strasbourg.	Bordeaux, Créteil, Paris, Versailles.
Christmas 2011	17 December 2010 – 2 January 2011		
Winter 2012	11- 26 February	25 February – 11 March	18 February – 4 March
Spring 2012	7 - 22 April	21 April – 6 May	14 - 29 April
Summer 2012	6 July - 3 September		
All Saints 2012	27 October - 7 November		
Christmas 2012	22 December 2011 – 6 January 2012		





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July 2012			August 2012			September 2012			October 2012			November 2012			December 2012		
Day	Departure	Return	Day	Departure	Return	Day	Departure	Return	Day	Departure	Return	Day	Departure	Return	Day	Departure	Return
1 D			1 M			1 S	4	4	1 L			1 J	1	All Saints' Day	1 S		
2 L			2 J			2 D		4	2 M			2 V			2 D		
3 M			3 V	4r	4+5	3 L		1	3 M			3 S			3 L		
4 M			4 S			4 M			4 J			4 D		2	4 M		
5 J			5 D	4r	2+5	5 M			5 V			5 L		1	5 M		
6 V	1		6 L			6 J			6 S			6 M			6 J		
7 S			7 M			7 V			7 D			7 M			7 V		
8 D			8 M			8 S			8 L			8 J			8 S		
9 L			9 J			9 D			9 M			9 V			9 D		
10 M			10 V			10 L			10 M			10 S			10 L		
11 M			11 S			11 M			11 J			11 D		Armistice Day 1918	11 M		
12 J			12 D			12 M			12 V			12 L			12 M		
13 V	2+4r		13 L			13 J			13 S			13 S			13 J		
14 S	Bastille Day	4	14 M			14 V			14 D			14 M			14 V		
15 D		2+4	15 M	Assumption		15 S			15 L			15 J			15 S		
16 L			16 J			16 D			16 M			16 V			16 D		
17 M			17 V		4	17 L			17 L			17 S			17 M		
18 M			18 S			18 M			18 J			18 D			18 M		
19 J			19 D			19 V			19 M			19 L			19 M		
20 V			20 L			20 J			20 S			20 M			20 J		
21 S		4	21 M			21 V			21 D			21 M			21 V		
22 D			22 M			22 L			22 L			22 S			22 S		
23 L			23 J			23 D			23 M			23 V			23 D	1	
24 M			24 V		1+4	24 L			24 M			24 L			24 L		
25 M			25 S		4	25 M			25 J			25 D			25 M		
26 J			26 D		4	26 M			26 V			26 L			26 L		
27 V		4	27 L		1	27 J		1+2	27 S	1+2		27 M			27 J		
28 S		4+5	28 M			28 V			28 D			28 M			28 V		
29 D			29 M			29 L			29 S			29 L			29 S	4r	
30 L			30 J			30 D			30 M			30 D			30 D		
31 M			31 V		4	31 M			31 M	1		31 M			31 L		

Example of reading the traffic

Saturday 25 August	
Departure	Return
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In the direction of departure, everywhere in France, the circulation will be difficult

In the direction of return, the circulation will be difficult and even more difficult in Rhone-Alps and South-East

January 2013		
Day	Departure	Return
1 M	New Year's Day	
2 M		1
3 J		



Driving less fast means reducing the risk of road accidents (by 10 to 15 %)
 reducing fuel consumption (up to 15 % of saving)
 and limiting the emission of greenhouse effect gases
 by adopting a responsible citizen's driving behaviour

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