



Crossing the English Channel

By Ferry

Ferries are the most economical way to cross from the Continent to Great Britain. There are a number of crossing points and operators. The shortest crossing is from Calais to Dover (90 minutes). Dogs have to be left behind in your vehicle on the car deck during the crossing.

Special Championship Offer with DFDS

For mushers, the most expensive element of crossing the Channel are the dogs. As by law the ferries and train operators have to check every dog before it crosses the Channel, operators normally charge a fee per dog in addition to the fee for the ferry/train crossing.

The offer with DFDS charges a flat rate for bringing the dogs across irrespective of the number of dogs in a vehicle. Teams could even consider crossing together and, provided there is enough room in a van to comply with the legislation for the transport of life animals, combine the dogs for the duration of the crossing into one vehicle.

The Championship deal is only valid on the **Dunkirk – Dover** and the **Calais - Dover** routes.

Vehicle length	Cost in £ (one-way)	Cost in €
Up to 5m	£ 70	€ 81
5.1m -8m	£ 89	€ 103
8.1m -10m	£ 130	€ 151
10.1m -12m	£ 150	€ 174
12.1m -15m	£ 170	€ 195
Additional driver/passenger*	£ 8.26	€ 10.35
Dogs (flat rate irrespective of number of dogs)	£31.03	€46.55
Excess width surcharge for vehicles wider than 2.5m	10% for every 0.3m in excess of 2.5m	

*The rates above include one driver.

These rates are for the personal use of the WSA competitors and cannot be resold. **Bookings must be made by calling +44 1304 874001** quoting the **account number 88443**. Payment has to be made at the time of booking by credit or debit card.



Each booking that involves the shipment of dogs must be accompanied by an **Animal Shipment Request Form**, which will be provided at the time of booking and needs to be emailed to dover.freightbookings@dfds.com a minimum of 48 hours before the scheduled sailing time.

The above deal is fully refundable, should you have to cancel your trip.

In case of problems with the above deal, please contact **Andrew Gibson** either on Facebook messenger or by phone on +44 7782 151 728.

Other Ferry Crossings

Below is a list of the other ferry operators that offer crossings to the south coast of England. On all crossings listed below you will be charged between £15 and £18 per way per dog.

- [P&O Ferries](#) (Calais – Dover)
- [Brittany Ferries](#) (Roscoff – Plymouth; Cherbourg – Portsmouth; Caen – Portsmouth; Le Havre – Portsmouth; St Malo – Portsmouth)
- [Stena Line](#) (Hoek van Holland – Harwich*)
- [DFDS](#) (For Calais – Dover & Dunkirk – Dover see above offer; DFDS also operates Dieppe – Newhaven)

*If you are travelling to Harwich you have to cross the River Thames when driving to Firle. Your most likely crossing point is the Dartford bridge/tunnel for which you have to pay a toll. It's all done electronically and fines are imposed to foreign cars who don't [pay the toll online](#) either within 24 hours after the crossing or up to a year in advance.

Through the Channel Tunnel - The Fastest Crossings

[Eurotunnel Le Shuttle](#) is the car shuttle from Coquelles, near **Calais** in France, to **Folkestone** in the UK. This is the most expensive but also most convenient way to cross from the Continent to the UK. There are four departures per hour in peak times. You drive your own vehicle onto the train in France and 35 minutes later you drive off in England. While onboard, you stay with your dogs.

The earlier you book, the better the available deals. The price quoted on the website is per car with up to nine passengers.

Dogs are charged an additional £19/€26 per dog per journey (i.e. £38/ €52 per return trip).

Tip: When booking Eurotunnel, please state that your **country of residence is the United Kingdom**. You will be charged in pounds but the exchange rate that Eurotunnel applies is very unfavorable. It is therefore significantly cheaper to pay in pounds.

Check in for Le Shuttle closes 45 minutes prior to departure. Please allow sufficient additional time for the checking in of the dogs. However, should you miss your booked crossing or arrive earlier than anticipated in Calais, you will be given the option to board the next available train.

Please note, dogs need to be checked in prior to the vehicle check-in.

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