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On Fri, 15 Apr 2005 03:21:30 -0400, Larry
<willandlarry@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

>This message is from a fellow who's been lost driving in some of the
>biggest cities in the world-Moscow, Sao Paulo, Caracas, etc. This
>summer, we will travel in a van through Western Europe for 4 months.
>Want to buy a handheld GPS around \$300US - prime reason is to navigate
>cities only. Prefer to wander in the countryside sometimes even
>getting "lost." Not really necessary for me to have all the bells and
>whistles, clocks, calculators, geocaching, altimeters, etc. Would
>rather have more memory for maps. Any ideas would sure help me out?

Larry,

I live in Europe and asked myself the same question. I ended up buying a Garmin GPSMAP 76C, which seems to be the current optimum for a light handheld that can also auto-route.

However, it costs more than twice your target price of \$300, and I know of no cheaper device with the same capabilities.

Since you'd need a laptop to load map segments anyway, my proposal would be to buy mapping and auto-routing software only and install a laptop in the van. Velcro may be your main tool to keep the laptop in place.

You still need a cheap GPS receiver, but the Garmin GPS 10 (<http://www.garmin.com/products/gps10/>) along with the current European City Select map would fit your bill very nicely.

You need to download the free nRoute software for auto-routing while you drive with dynamic map display.

I'm sure that some other products are available from other manufacturers as well, but I don't know them.

Hans-Georg

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