

# Re: Trip to Europe (France and the UK)

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In article <snwlg.61461\$rC1.30285@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Dennis Pogson" <dennis\_nospampogson@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Newby wrote:

Greetings all.

I am planning a trip to France and the UK next year and plan to acquire a GPS to take with me for driving and walking use. I have an iQue 3600 and a GPS V that I use in the USA and never travel without one or both and see this trip as a good excuse to buy a more up to date unit. The GPS that I take to France and the UK needs to use replaceable batteries (AA size preferred) have a color display, mapping capabilities, expandable memory (or enough to load Paris and the surrounding area the whole of the UK) and of course detailed maps. An external antenna would be nice but is not a requirement. Voice prompts (in English) would also be nice but are not required.

Are there any packages (GPS with detailed maps of France and the UK) available in the USA that I should consider? If not a package, which GPS would the group recommend and which maps would the group recommend?

I will go to Garmin's site and look at the map offerings.

Thanks for any help.

I live in the UK, and personally use a Garmin GPSMAP60C with Mapsource City Select Europe. There are of course more dedicated setups such as Tom Tom, but I find the convenience and pocketability of the 60C means I can relax when leaving the car, knowing that the car will not be broken into to steal the instrument, a growing menace in European cities. It has no voice prompts of course, but I don't find that to be a problem.

The 60Cx has the added versatility of external memory cards, therefore more memory, but I can fit virtually all of the CS maps of the UK into my 56mb of internal memory. To cover Europe you would need the Cx.

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Dennis.

Hi Newby,

My personal experience is only with the Garmin 60cx, which works great.

For the maps you can also consider topographic maps, which are available for many countries and are more suitable for walking. On Garmin GPSes they can be loaded together with the autorouting maps, but they usually do not provide routing capabilities themselves.

For topographic maps of France, have a look at the IGN site:

[http://www.ign.fr/rubrique.asp?rbr\\_id=2179](http://www.ign.fr/rubrique.asp?rbr_id=2179)

The maps are not cheap but they are very detailed.

I don't know about the availability of topographic maps for the UK.

Harrie

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