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Morelli x Marcos Supercar Tour du Loire for DEBRA

17th – 21st September 2026



Following the success of the previous two “rallies” to France in aid of DEBRA, we listened to the feedback from our drivers and participants and have changed the format for 2026. As the term “Rally” implied a certain degree of competition and need for speed, we have called this year’s event the Supercar Tour du Loire, hoping to avoid the fines and near-incarcerations of previous events!

We had to change the dates from the originally published dates of the last weekend in September to the weekend before as the fabulous hotel that we wanted in the Loire wasn’t available. Therefore, the new dates are Thursday 17th September to Monday 21st September.

We have decided to begin our Tour in Le Touquet, still at the lovely Barriere Westminster Hotel, rather than at Folkestone,



on Thursday evening. This gives everyone an opportunity to arrive at their leisure from whichever part of the UK they are starting from, as many of our guests last year stayed overnight in Folkestone

in order to make the 9am meet on the first day. We would be happy to book and arrange the Channel Tunnel crossings for you at whatever time you want on Thursday but haven’t included this in the overall price of the Tour. The reason for this is that the Flex ticket that we have had in previous years, which includes access to the lounge etc and allows you to arrive and depart at whatever time you want, is around £540 return. A standard Short Stay Saver ticket is around £222 return, and the only restriction is that you would have to stipulate the time of the train you want to take. We think this is a saving worth offering so we will give you both options on your booking form but charge it in addition to the overall price of the tour.

We have also decided to stay in one hotel for 2 nights in the Loire Valley, staying at the fabulous Relais de Chambord Hotel in the grounds of the Chateau de Chambord, the chateau that Disney took inspiration from for Beauty and the Beast. It really is one of the jewels of the Loire & the hotel has multiple restaurants and bars, a spa and its own vineyard within one of the largest nature reserves in Europe. As it is so centrally situated in the Loire Valley, it gives us multiple choices for tours and other activities and by staying for two days, we can offer a lot of different options from chateau tours, hot air ballooning, cycle tours – or simply staying at the hotel and relaxing in the beautiful surroundings. It is also about one and a half hours to the Le Mans Circuit and museum for those who are interested to visit this.



We will then return to Le Touquet for our last night at The Westminster, with a change to our evening. We have arranged to have our private dinner at the famous Perard Restaurant in the heart of Le Touquet, which is renowned for its fabulous seafood – but also offers great options for our meat-loving guests! This also gives us the chance to sample the local beers & wines at some of the great bars in the centre of Le Touquet.

So our proposed itinerary is as follows:

Thursday 17th September:

Independent travel to Folkestone

6.20pm: Meet at Le Barriere Westminster Hotel for pre-dinner drinks followed by dinner

Friday 18th September:

8.30am: Breakfast at Westminster

Optional routes to Relais de Chambord. We will suggest two alternative routes, one including a lunch stop in Versailles on the outskirts of Paris with an option to visit the Palace of Versailles. Lunch will be at your leisure, but we will make some suggestions.

Evening: We have arranged an informal evening with drinks & a finger buffet in the Bar at the Relais de Chambord hotel to allow you to make your own way to the hotel without the pressure to arrive at a certain time. Check-in at the hotel is from 4pm so feel free to arrive then or later depending on your plans for the day.

Saturday 19th September:

Closer to the event, we will send out some options for today. We will arrange at least one group event but allow for other activities

Sunday 20th September:

Breakfast at hotel

Optional morning activities tba

Suggested return routes tba

Return to Le Touquet

4:00pm Check-in to hotel from 4:00pm

7.30pm: Drinks & dinner at Perard

Monday 21st September:

Independent return to Calais at your leisure

