

# Le Mans

YOUR ESSENTIAL GUIDE 2017

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# Welcome

## Welcome

Welcome and thank you for booking with Travel Destinations.

Travel Destinations is the UK's leading tour operator for Le Mans, including the Le Mans 24 Hours & the Le Mans Classic. We are committed to provide you, our highly-valued customers, with the very best customer service and peace of mind with the government backed financial security for your booking with our ABTA, ATOL and AITO membership.

As always, we have staff onsite at the circuit and we are providing a dedicated customer assistance helpline (see the handy card in your pack) should you require us.

This booklet is our ever-popular "Essential Guide to Le Mans". Within these pages, we have included information on everything from getting to the circuit, where to eat and drink, to where to watch all the action from. Please do take the time to read this guide and take it with you when you travel.

For those customers that are joining us at either our private campsite at Porsche Curves, our Event Tents or our Flexotel Village at Antares Sud, you will receive important information & joining instructions for your chosen area separately.

The Travel Destinations team will be at the circuit throughout race week, so should you see any of us on your travels, please do come and introduce yourself, as we will be delighted to see you. However, if we don't see you at the circuit, we look forward to making your bookings for 2018.

Have a great time at this year's race.

From all the team at Travel Destinations  
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# Equipment check-list and must take items

We have listed an 'equipment check-list' to try and help you remember those essential items to make your trip to Le Mans as enjoyable and comfortable as possible.

In addition, please take an open mind, a good sense of humour and a relaxed attitude to all that goes on around you!

## Important Items:

- Passport
- Channel crossing tickets
- General enclosure race tickets (one per person)
- Grandstand seat tickets (Tribune)
- Camping permit
- Car parking pass
- Driving licence and vehicle registration documents
- Vehicle/personal travel insurance and EHIC card
- GB badge/sticker
- Money (Euros and a credit card is best)
- Maps (Michelin 513 map of Normandy is useful)

- Mobile phone and car charger
- FM Radio to listen to Radio Le Mans 91.2FM
- Camera and batteries/charger
- Rucksack to carry your daily requirements around with you
- Spare set of car keys
- Jump leads
- Breakdown cover
- High visibility vest
- Warning triangle
- Headlight deflectors
- Spare bulbs

## Camping items:

- Tent
- Sleeping bag
- Airbed or sleeping mat
- Ear plugs/defenders
- Mallet and tent pegs (take spares)
- Folding chairs and a table
- A torch
- Sunscreen and hat
- Towel and wash bag
- First Aid kit
- Cooking equipment and matches
- Bottle opener and corkscrew
- Eating utensils and water carrier
- Food and drink
- Toilet paper and wet wipes



# Before you leave home and driving in France

A little time spent planning your visit to Le Mans before you leave the UK will help make your journey to and from the circuit a really enjoyable part of your Le Mans experience.

We have suggested some routes from the most common channel ports in the following pages, but a map of Normandy (Michelin 513) will also be useful.

Apart from the obvious thing of driving on the right, driving in France is little different from driving in the UK. In fact the reduced traffic on many roads can make driving in France a lot more pleasurable.

As with all substantial road journeys it is wise to check your vehicle before you leave. Oil, water, tyres and lights should all be checked before you leave home. As well as all your car documents, you will need to keep with you in the car a high visibility vest and a warning triangle should you break down.

It is also compulsory to adjust or deflect your headlights once across the channel. Spare light bulbs should also be carried. If your car does not have an EU registration plate, then a GB sticker should be displayed on the rear of your car. A first aid kit and fire extinguisher are recommended items.

It is very important that you observe the speed limits in France. The Gendarmes (police) will be out in force across Le Mans weekend and on the spot fines will be issued for all traffic offences.

Please be aware it is against the law to carry, transport or use radar detection devices in your car. Failure to comply could result in a hefty (€1,500) on the spot fine and potential confiscation of the device and/or car!



# Routes to the circuit from the channel ports

On the following pages we have provided broad outlines of the quickest and easiest routes from the most common French ports to the circuit at Le Mans, which we hope you will find helpful.

Also listed is the approximate cost in Euros of the road tolls and the journey times.

Please note we still recommend that you take a good map with you!

If you have a Satellite Navigation system, please keep in mind that French postcodes represent an area rather than a specific address.

You will either need the GPS co-ordinates or select a specific destination within your system.

We recommend that you use the GPS co-ordinates.

If you cannot input GPS co-ordinates into your Sat Nav system you will need to use a combination of your Sat Nav, a map and the information within this guide. For postcode only systems the relevant postcode for the circuit is 72100.

The digital GPS co-ordinates for the main entrance to the circuit are **North 47.95627; East 0.20743**

Ferry Port	Total Distance km (m)	Road Tolls	Driving Times
Calais	440 (274)	€34.80	>4.5hrs
Dieppe	287 (178)	€26.70	>3.0hrs
Le Havre	257 (157)	€24.20	>2.5hrs
Caen	190 (118)	€15.70	>2.5hrs
Cherbourg	300 (186)	€15.70	>3.5hrs
Saint Malo	237 (147)	€10.90	>2.5hrs
Roscoff	380 (235)	€10.90	>4.5hrs
Zeebrugge	550 (345)	€34.50	>5.5hrs

## Routes to the circuit



## From Calais Ferry Terminal/ Eurotunnel Terminal

- From the ferry terminal take the exit road towards the A16/E402
- Join A16/E402 for 110km (signposted for Boulogne and Rouen)
- As you approach Abbeville exit at Junction 23 from A16 onto A28/E402 for 100km (Le Treport, Rouen, Le Havre)
- As you approach Rouen the road number changes from the A28 to N28
- Continue through Rouen following signs for Le Mans or Caen
- Stay on the N28 going through the Tunnel de la Grand Mare
- Continue, on the main road N28/N338/A13/E46 until you find signs again for the E402
- As you approach Bourg-Achard take the new junction from A13 onto A28/E402 for 180km
- At the end of the A28 Motorway follow signs to Paris & Tours, joining the A11 Motorway

### You are now approaching Le Mans

- Continue on A11 Motorway before leaving at the 1st exit signposted to Tours (A28)
- Join the A28 in the direction of Tours
- Exit the A28 at junction 23, signposted to Le Mans Centre, Orleans and Tours
- Continue through the Peage/toll booths (price will depend on which route you have taken)
- At the roundabout take the 4th exit and join the N23 in the direction of Tours, Angers and Laval

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- Stay on the N23 and take the exit towards Le Mans-Pontlieue - signposted Circuit Des 24 Heures
- At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit and follow signs for Tours/Chartres/Orléans
- Take the immediate 1st exit after about 200 metres
- At the traffic lights turn right (the main entrance is in front of you)
- The grandstands are now on your left hand side

## From Le Harve Ferry Terminal

- From the ferry terminal take the N15 for 7km
- Turn onto the A131/E05 for 18km
- Leave the A131/E05 and turn onto the N182 to cross the River Seine
- Join the A131/E05 for 16km
- Join the A13/E05/E46 for 16km
- Leave the A13 at junction 25 joining the A28/E402 for 170km
- At the end of the A28 Motorway follow signs to Paris and Tours, joining the A11 Motorway

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## From Dieppe Ferry Terminal

- From the ferry terminal take the exit road for approx 8km
- Turn left joining the D915 for 37km (Arques-la-Bataille, Les Grandes-Ventes and Pommereval)
- Turn right joining the A28/E402
- As you approach Abbeville, exit at Junction 23 from A16 onto A28/E402 for 100km (Le Treport, Rouen, Le Havre)
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## From Caen Ferry Terminal

- From the ferry terminal take the D84 then D514 for 7km
- Close to Benouville, continue along the D514 towards Ranville
- Join the D515
- Take the Périphérique-Est exit toward A13/Alençon
- Merge onto N814
- Take exit 13-Porte d'Espagne toward Alençon/Le Mans/Falaise and turn right onto the N158 for 80km
- Join the A88 to Le Mans
- At the end of the A88 join the A28 towards Le Mans (120km)
- At the end of the A28 Motorway follow signs to Paris & Tours, joining the A11 Motorway

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- Exit the A28 at junction 23, signposted to Le Mans Centre, Orleans and Tours
- Continue through the Peage/toll booths (price will depend on which route you have taken)
- At the roundabout take the 4th exit and join the N23 in the direction of Tours, Angers and Laval
- Exit the A28 at junction 23, signposted to Le Mans Centre, Orleans and Tours
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• Routes to the  
Circuit

## From Cherbourg Ferry Terminal

- From the ferry terminal take the exit road N132 which merges into the N13/E46 for 120km towards Caen
- Join the N814, Peripherique-Sud, for 12km
- Exit junction 13 from N814, and turn right onto the N158 for 80km
- Join the A88 to Le Mans
- At the end of the A88 join the A28 towards Le Mans (120km)
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## From Saint Malo Ferry Terminal

- From the ferry terminal follow the direction to Rennes on the N137
- Approaching Rennes turn left onto the N136
- Exit junction 1 from N136, and turn left onto the N157 for 40km towards Le Mans
- West of Laval join the A81/E50 for 95km towards Le Mans

### You are now approaching Le Mans

- Approaching Le Mans; Exit from A81/E50 onto A11/E501 towards Le Mans Ouest, exit junction 9 from A11/E501 onto N226

### You are now approaching the circuit

- Take N23 (in effect a continuation of the N226)
- Stay on the N23 and go past the Aerodrome on your right hand side
- Remain on the N23 and after the exit for Le Mans-Pontlieue take the immediate 1st exit after about 200 metres - signposted Circuit Des 24 Heures
- At the traffic lights (the main entrance is in front of you) turn right
- The grandstands are now on your left hand side





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## From Roscoff Ferry Terminal

- From the ferry terminal take the D58 for 24km
- Approaching Morlaix turn left onto the N12/E50 for 185km towards Rennes.
- Approaching Rennes turn left onto the N136
- Exit junction 1 from N136, and turn left onto the N157 for 40km towards Le Mans
- West of Laval join the A81/E50 for 95km towards Le Mans

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## From Zeebrugge Ferry Terminal

- From the ferry terminal take the N31 towards Brugge
- After about 18km bear right on to the N397
- Exit N397 and join the E40 Oostende/Calais/Veurne
- Join A16 towards Calais/Veurne for about 110km
- Join A16/E402 for 110km (signposted for Boulogne and Rouen)
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• Routes to the  
CIRCUIT

## On-circuit Events

*Kool and the Gang – The Celtic Social Club – Amir & British & Irish Lions Rugby*

In addition to the racing action unfolding on the track, spectators can enjoy a full week of entertainment. A host of festive, fun-filled events will run alongside this year's Le Mans 24 Hours, inside the circuit, on the track and around its immediate surroundings.

### The Fun Fair:

**Wednesday 14th to Sunday 18th June**

In addition to the Le Mans 24-Hours official village with its numerous exhibitors, stalls and boutiques, the traditional fun fair with its big wheel located on the outside of the track between the Maison Blanche campsite and the grandstands is always a popular option.

### Music Concerts

The open-air evening music is an important ingredient of the Le Mans 24 Hours. Three live concerts will be put on for spectators on the stage near the Dunlop Footbridge. The concerts are free for general enclosure ticket holders. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.

**Wednesday 14th June at 20.00hrs**

**Amir** – An MTV award winner and finalist in the French version of the voice.

**Thursday 15th June at 20.00hrs**

**The Celtic Social Club**

An international musical ensemble which mixes traditional Celtic airs with rock, blues, folk, reggae and hip-hop.

**Saturday 17th June at 20.00hrs**

**Kool & The Gang** - This American jazz-funk and funk group was founded in 1964 by brothers Robert and Ronald Bell with a few childhood and school friends. Kool & the Gang then became one of the leading groups of the 1970s and 1980s. It has sold more than 70 million albums throughout the world and inspired major musical currents like rap and above all R&B.

Thanks to different pieces of music like Celebration, Fresh, Cherrish, Jungle Boogie and Summer Madness, Kool & the Gang have won two Grammy Awards and seven American Music Awards.



### Other Sporting Events

**Tuesday 13th June**

**Football: France vs England (Friendly)**  
Stade de France, Paris KO 21:00hrs

**Thursday 15th June**

**Golf: Start of the US Open**  
Erin Hills, Wisconsin, USA

**Saturday 17th June**

**Rugby: British & Irish Lions**  
KO 09:35hrs - The fifth match of the Lions tour to New Zealand

**Rugby: Argentina vs England, 2nd Test**  
Santa Fe, Argentina

**Rugby: Japan vs Ireland, 1st Test**  
Tokyo, Japan

On-circuit  
Events

# Motorsport photography advice from Jessops Academy

## TRACKSIDE TIP #1: GET CLOSE TO THE ACTION

Catch fencing is a pain for both pro and amateur photographers, but a necessity in the Health & Safety world we live in - it saves lives and we're all for that!

Now many circuits do have low fencing areas, but often the best spots have high fencing.

To avoid getting it in your shots ensure you choose a location that allows you to get as close to the fencing as possible, the closer your lens is to the fencing, the less it will show in your images.

Alternatively - make a feature of it!



Jessops Academy staff are offering a number of photography workshops during the race this year.

Call us now on **0844 873 0203** to check availability and reserve your place.



# Motorsport photography

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# 2017 Race Week Schedule

## Sunday 11th June

**11:30hrs - 12:30hrs**

Rubber Duck Race (Le Mans City Centre)

**14:30hrs - 19:00hrs**

Administrative checks & Scrutineering  
(Place de la Republique)

## Monday 12th June

**10:00hrs - 18:00hrs**

Administrative checks & Scrutineering  
(Place de la Republique)

**18:00hrs - 18:30hrs**

Winners handprints unveiled  
(St. Nicholas Square)

## Tuesday 13th June

**10:30hrs - 10:45hrs**

Official drivers photo (Start/Finish line)

**17:00hrs - 18:30hrs**

Drivers' autograph session (Pit Lane)

## Wednesday 14th June

**16:00hrs - 20:00hrs**

Free practice session

**21:00hrs - 23:00hrs**

Concert by Amir (Dunlop Bridge Stand)

**22:00hrs - 00:00hrs**

Qualifying practice session

## Thursday 15th June

**16:00hrs - 18:30hrs**

Support races (qualifying)

**19:00hrs - 21:00hrs**

Qualifying practice session

**21:00hrs - 22:30hrs**

Concert by The Celtic Social Club  
(Dunlop Bridge Stand)

**22:00hrs - 00:00hrs**

Qualifying practice session

## Friday 16th June

**09:00hrs - 17:00hrs**

Classic British Welcome (Saint Saturnin)

**10:00hrs - 17:00hrs**

Mulsanne Gathering (Mulsanne corner)

**10:00hrs - 20:00hrs**

Pit Lane Walk

**17:30hrs - 19:00hrs Drivers' Parade**

(Le Mans City Centre)

## Saturday 17th June

**09:00hrs - 09:45hrs**

Warm Up

**11:30hrs - 12:30hrs**

Road to Le Mans

**15:00hrs**

Start of the Le Mans 24 Hours 2017

**21:00hrs - 22:30hrs**

Concert by Kool & The Gang

## Sunday 18th June

**10:30hrs - 12:30hrs**

Mass (La Chapelle)

**15:00hrs**

Finish of the Le Mans 24 Hours 2017



# Friday at Le Mans

## Open Pit Lane

Friday is a 'rest day' for the teams and drivers and so the organisers (ACO) open the pit lane to allow all the spectators to get as close as possible to the cars and to see the garages.

Unfortunately, all viewing is from behind a barrier, but unless you're a driver or team mechanic you won't get any closer to the cars at Le Mans than this!

The Pit Lane is open from 10am to 8pm on Friday.

## The Drivers Parade

One of the highlights of the build up to the main event is the Drivers Parade (Parade des Pilots). It takes place on Friday evening between 5.30pm and 7.30pm in the centre of Le Mans town.

All the drivers 'parade' around in historic open top cars as over 100,000 spectators and fans line the streets of Le Mans city centre and enjoy this festival atmosphere.

Additionally there are the usual race team girls and marching bands to keep you entertained, and this provides a great opportunity to get drivers autographs.

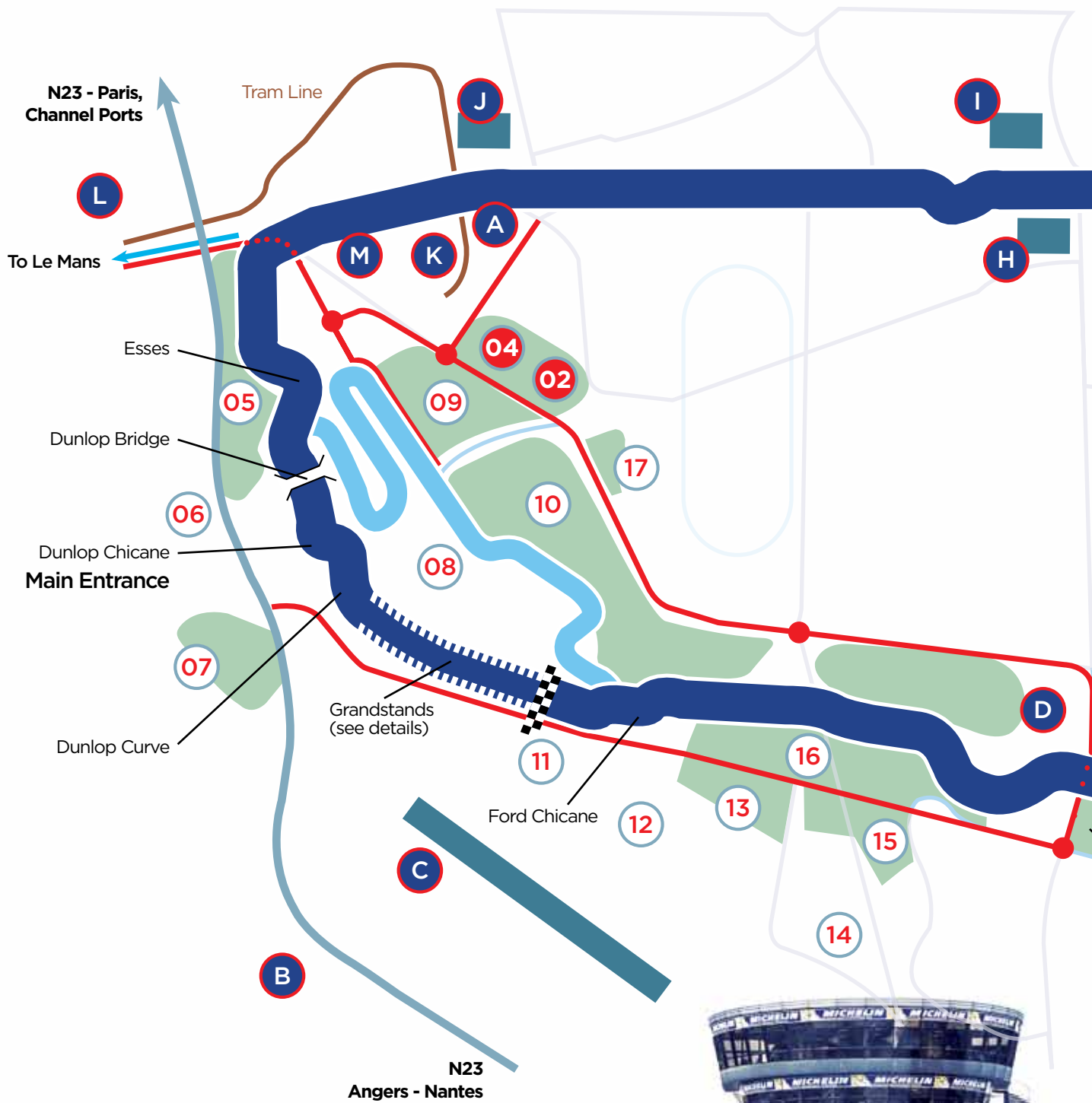
But be warned, this parade is hugely popular and very busy. Do not even consider going by car - instead take the tram and enjoy a beer or two after the parade has finished.



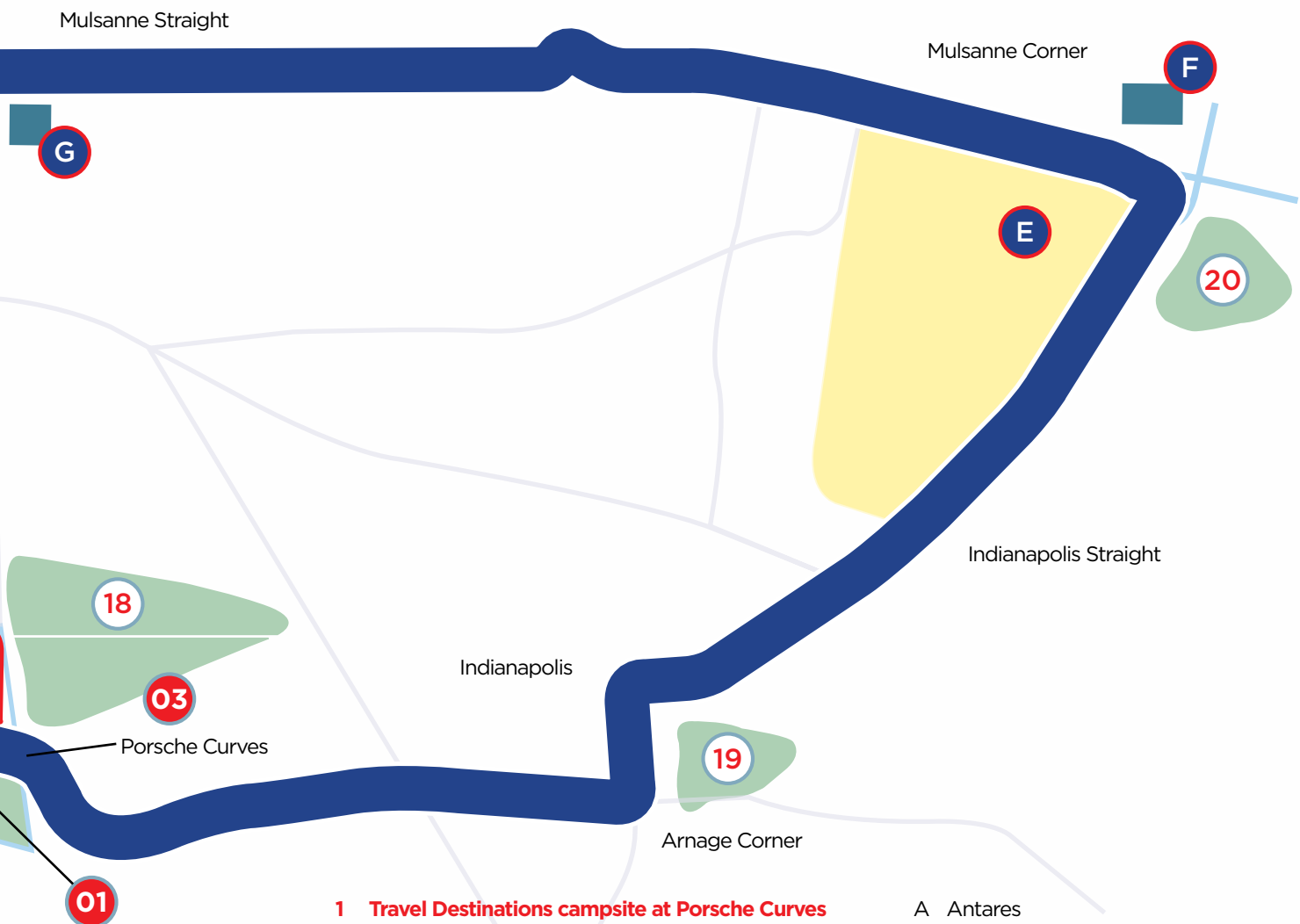
## Classic British Welcome, Saint Saturnin

A gathering of around 1000 classic and sports cars takes place at Saint Saturnin, just north of Le Mans on Friday from 9am. The event is free to visit and there are prizes for best car in a number of categories. This year's featured theme is Marcos, but all cars & guests are welcome.

There will be visits from drivers past and present, as well as live music, bars, shops, exhibitions and a cinema.



# The circuit and campsites



**1 Travel Destinations campsite at Porsche Curves**

**2 Travel Destinations Flexotel Village**

**3 Travel Destinations Event Tents**

**4 Travel Destinations Ticket Collection**

5 Tertre Rouge (camping)

6 Rouge (parking)

7 Expo (camping)

8 Vert (parking)

9 Houx Annexe (camping)

10 Houx (camping)

11 Blanc (parking)

12 Bleu (parking)

13 Bleu Nord (camping)

14 Héronnière (parking)

15 Bleu Sud (camping)

16 Maison Blanche (camping)

17 Epinettes (camping)

18 Beauséjour (camping)

19 Arnage (camping)

20 Mulsanne (camping)

A Antares

B ACO General Welcome Centre

C Aerodrome

D Karting Circuit Alain Prost

E Golf Course

F Supermarket

G McDonalds

H Leroy Merlin - DIY store

I Retail Park

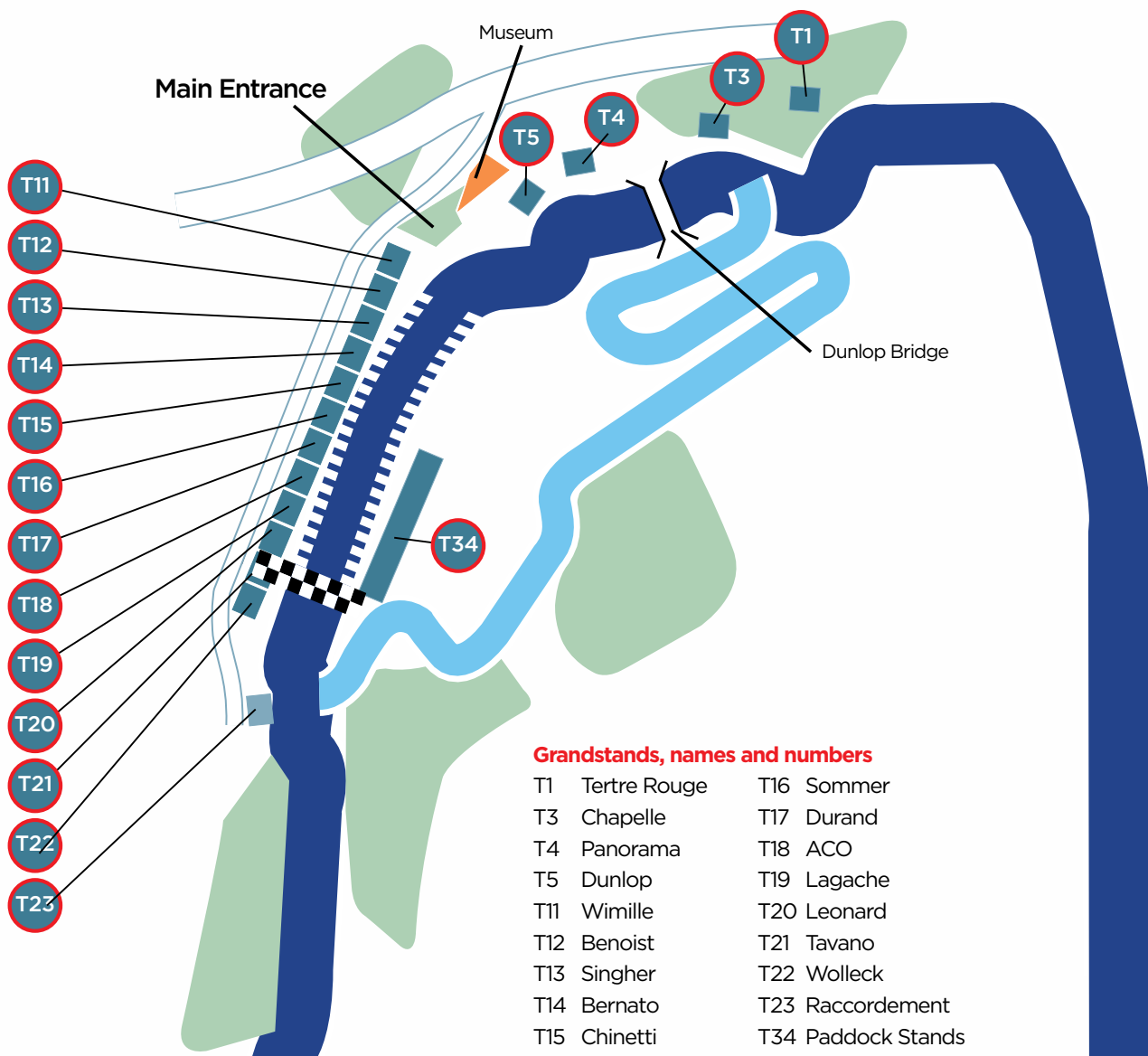
J Decathlon (Sports/Camping store)

K Antares Tram Stop

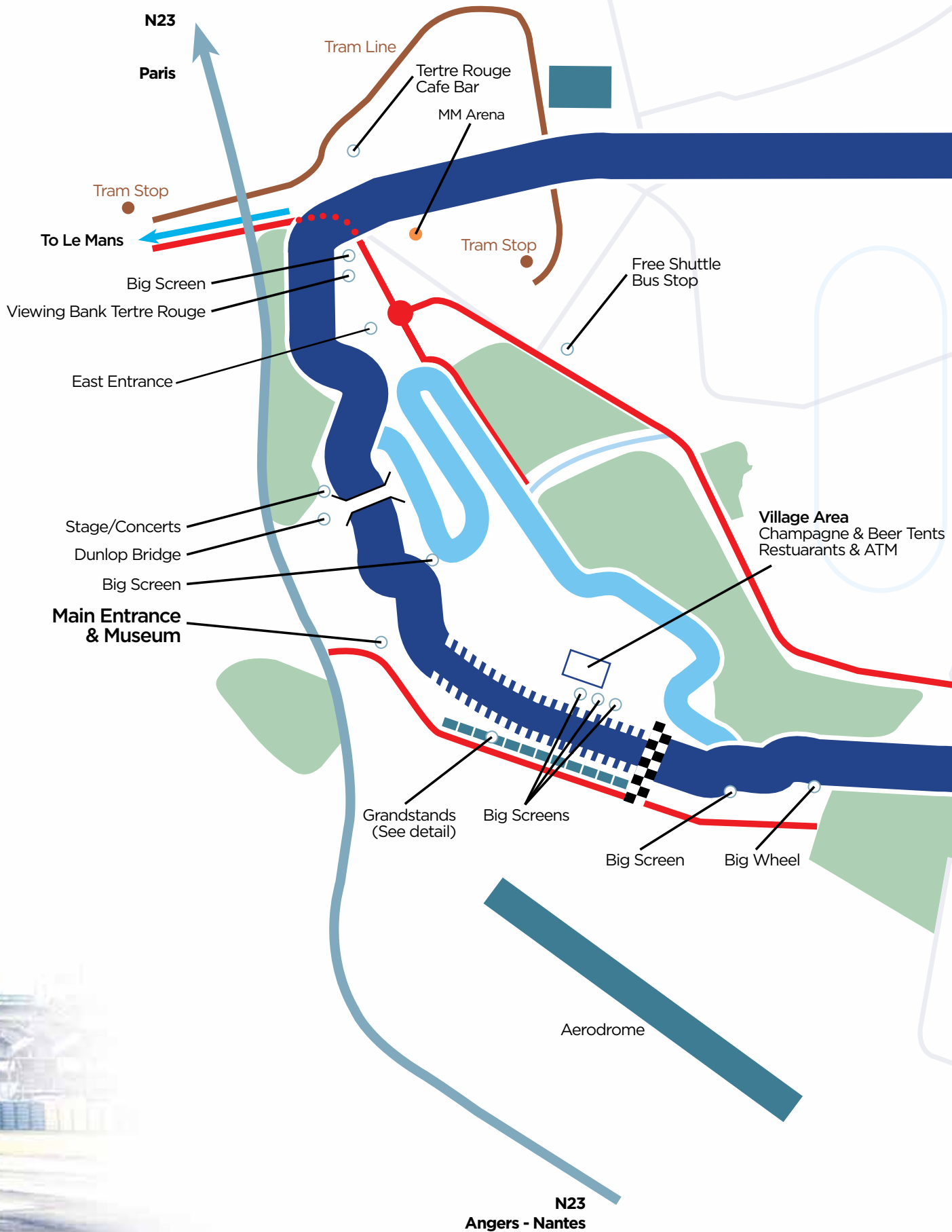
L Guetteloupe Tram Stop

M MM Arena

# Grandstands



# Points of interest



## Useful local information

You never know what you need until you don't have it! Hopefully some of the information below will be of use during your visit to Le Mans.

### Local Taxis

Radio Taxi Le Mans: +33 (0) 2 43 24 92 92

### Bus Service

A bus service from the circuit to the town centre runs during the race weekend:  
From Saturday 08:30hrs to Sunday 18:30hrs there is a continuous bus service every 10-15 minutes.  
Tickets are available on the bus.

### Trams

The nearest stations that go to the centre of Le Mans are either Antares or Guetteloupe, located close to Tertre Rouge corner (see map opposite).

### Radio Le Mans

The race would not be the same without live commentary and entertainment from John Hindhaugh and the Radio Le Mans team, so don't forget to take a small radio with you and tune in at 91.2 FM.

### Circuit shuttles and trains

There are a number of free buses/circuit trains that run around the circuit during the race. The bus to Mulsanne and Arnage runs at regular intervals from the main entrance close to the museum and from Porsche Curves roundabout from early Saturday morning until the end of the race.

There are also several circuit trains to help you get around the circuit that run on Wednesday & Thursday afternoon through to midnight and Saturday and Sunday.

**Note: they do not operate on Friday.**

The routes are Maison Blanche to the Museum; Porsche Curves to Maison Blanche; Porsche Curves to Technoparc; Antares to the Karting tunnel; and from the Karting tunnel to the Village.



# Travelling by Tram

The tram is the best way to travel in and out of the circuit it runs from 05.30hrs to 01.00hrs and takes around 20 minutes to Le Mans city centre (Republique).

The best places to catch the tram is from either Antres Sud or Guetteloup (close to Tertre Rouge) the cost is €1.50 per journey.



# Bars & Restaurants in Le Mans

Whilst there are many eating and drinking options at the circuit, at some point you may want some decent food and a change of scenery! With the ultra-efficient tram service from the track to the city centre, getting to the best bars and restaurants the city has to offer has never been easier. After many visits to Le Mans both during and outside of the events we have found a few favourite 'haunts' of our own - some have not been quite what we expected so we are only listing the most reputable!!

## City Centre Bars & Restaurants:

### Le Stan

A jazz bar/lounge that opens till late, in the city centre. 2 Place de l'Eperon.

### L'Endroit

A small, chic bar with great music and a chilled atmosphere, in the city centre. 42 Rue des Ponts Neufs.

### Taj Mahal

The best Indian restaurant in town, in the city centre, just off the Place de la Republique. 20 Rue du Cornet, Tel 02 43 24 54 87

### Le Grenier a Sel

A gastronomic restaurant in the city centre opposite Le Stan jazz bar. 26 Place de l'Eperon, Tel 02 43 23 26 30

### Pizza Mao

An excellent Italian restaurant located in the city centre opposite L'Endroit bar. (they will even bring pizza to L'Endroit if you can't tear yourself away from the bar). 45 Rue des Ponts Neufs

### La Chamade Restaurant

Traditional French cuisine located in the old town. 9 Rue Doree 72000. Le Vieux Mans, Tel 02 43 28 2 99

### La Villa

Stylish French restaurant in the Place de la Republique, Tel 0243 52 88 75

## Out Of Town Restaurants:

### Café du Tertre Rouge

A famous trackside bar located on the outside of the circuit at the corner of Tertre Rouge and beginning of the Mulsanne straight. Route de Tour.

### Auberge des Hunaudieres

A famous trackside family owned restaurant located directly on the Mulsanne straight serving regional and French cuisine. Although during the race this isn't the easiest place to get to we highly recommend it and reservations are advisable. Route de Tour 72230, Tel 02 43 84 98 14

### Restaurant du Midi

A local restaurant located close to Chateau d'Eporce serving excellent local cuisine, lunch can be recommended. Domfront-en-Champagne 72240, Tel 02 43 205 603

### Restaurant la Grange

A traditional family run French brasserie, serving excellent French classics located just on the outskirts of Arnage village. 240 Route Nationale, 72230 Arnage, Tel 02 43 21 11 93



Bars & Restaurants in  
Le Mans



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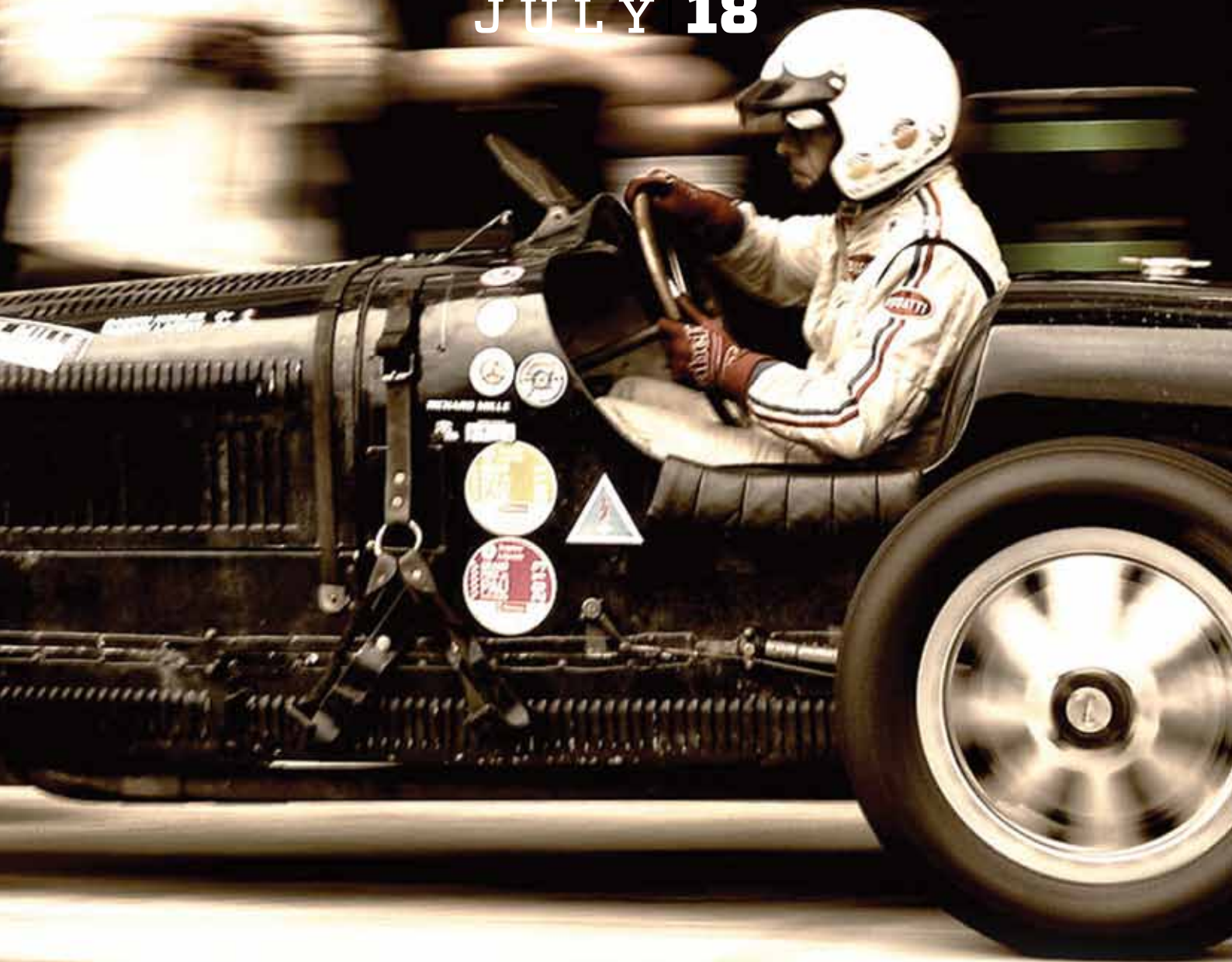
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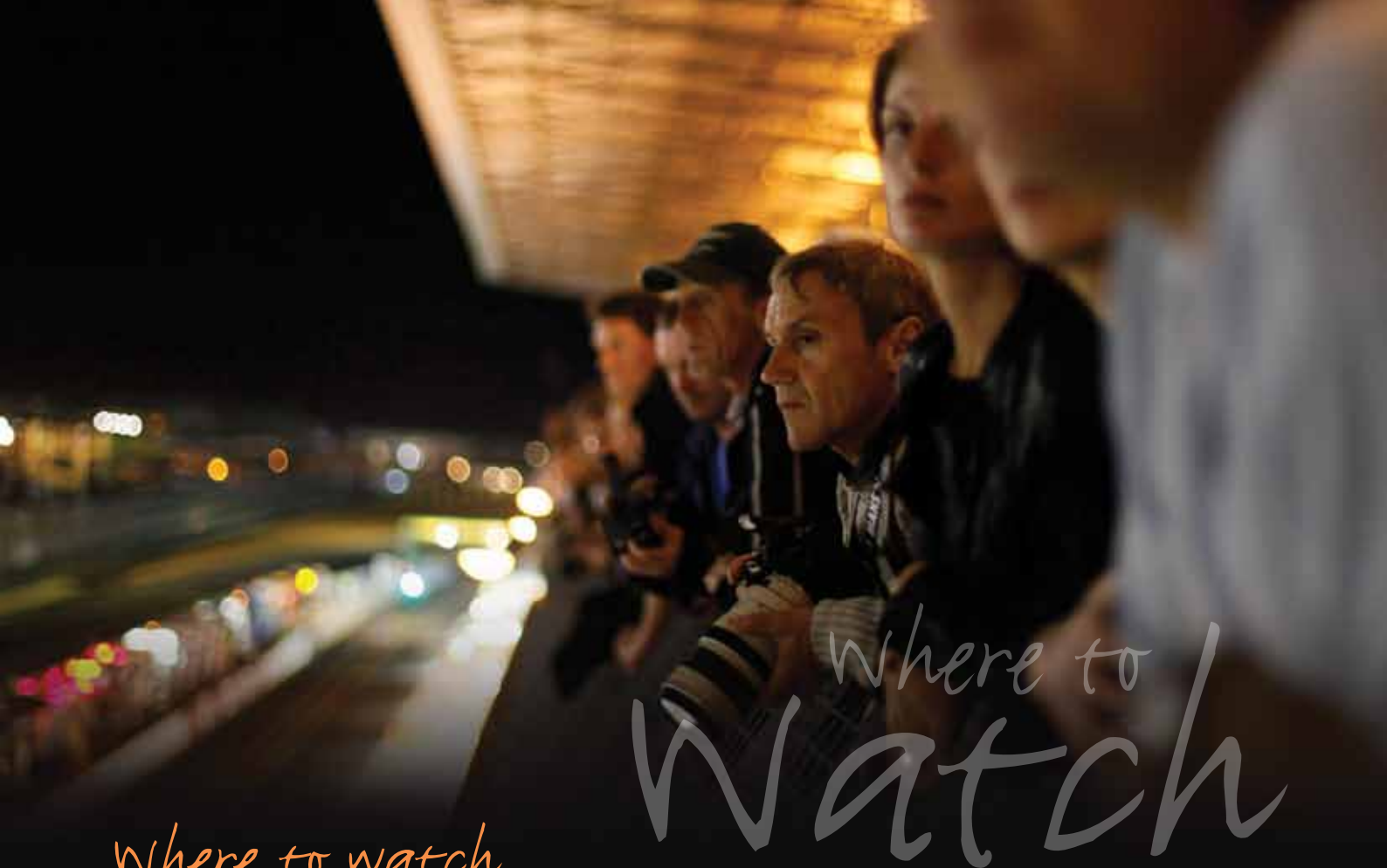
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## Where to watch

Even if you have a grandstand seat for the weekend we always recommend that you move around and view the racing from different areas around the circuit. This will enable you to get some great photos and experience the racing at its best. Below is a guide to some of the best viewing points around the circuit (clockwise from the start line):

### **The Start/Finish Straight:**

Although this area is dominated by the grandstands, if you don't have a seat, it is still possible to view the race from the concrete steps in front of the stands. The steps act as free seating throughout the race, but expect this area to be very crowded both for the start and the chequered flag. Once the race has finished there is access on to the circuit here for the trophy presentations.

### **The Dunlop Bridge:**

Always a favourite for photographers as the Esses here usually provides some good race action. The most popular areas are either in front of the grandstand on the outside of the track or on the opposite side at the bottom of the hill.

### **Tertre Rouge:**

This area has been altered a lot in recent years and is now much more spectator friendly. Large grass slopes now provide good track views both at the Esses and the corner itself. This viewpoint marks the end of the areas accessible with a General Enclosure race ticket but it is well worth the walk. There is now a large screen that you can also watch the action on from this corner.

### **Mulsanne Straight:**

Viewing along the Mulsanne Straight is now prohibited; however it is possible to get close to the action at the Auberge des Hunaudieres and Shanghai des 24 Heures restaurants or the Hotel Arbor near the 1st and 2nd chicanes. Access to these areas is only by car and expect to pay for parking and to have a restricted view usually through high fencing.

### **Mulsanne Corner:**

At the bottom of the straight the braking zone at the Mulsanne Corner never fails to provide some great race action, particularly at night. Expect to pay for parking here now, or alternatively catch the free bus from either the main entrance or from the Porsche Curves roundabout.

### **Arnage Corner:**

If you only get to one corner of the circuit then make sure it is here, as the 90 degree right hander almost guarantees action. There is a short walk to a new viewing bank at Indianapolis. Much like the Mulsanne corner there is now a charge for parking, so it is worth using the free bus transfer from the main entrance or from the Porsche Curves roundabout.

### **Porsche Curves:**

Always referred to as the drivers' favourite part of the circuit due to the speed and accuracy required to negotiate the Porsche Curves. The public viewing area inside the Curves is accessed through the Beausejour campsite, it gives excellent views of the sweeping curves.

### **Ford Chicane:**

Close up views are possible from this complex as the cars accelerate towards the Start/Finish Straight. If you don't have a stand ticket then the best views are obtained either from in front of the stand or from the grass banking near the Maison Blanche campsite.

## Teams and cars entry list

LMP1	Country	Team	Car
1	DEU	PORSCHE LMP TEAM	PORSCHE 919 HYBRID
2	DEU	PORSCHE LMP TEAM	PORSCHE 919 HYBRID
4	AUT	BYKOLLES RACING TEAM	ENSO CLM P1/01 - NISMO
7	JPN	TOYOTA GAZOO RACING	TOYOTA TS050 - HYBRID
8	JPN	TOYOTA GAZOO RACING	TOYOTA TS050 - HYBRID
9	JPN	TOYOTA GAZOO RACING	TOYOTA TS050 - HYBRID



LMP1 Porsche Team



LMP2 Signatech Alpine Matmut

LMP2	Country	Team	Car
13	CHE	VAILLANTE REBELLION	ORECA 07 - GIBSON
17	FRA	IDEC SPORT RACING	LIGIER JSP217 - GIBSON
21	USA	DRAGONSPEED - 10 STAR	ORECA 07 - GIBSON
22	RUS	G-DRIVE RACING	ORECA 07 - GIBSON
23	FRA	PANIS BARTHEZ COMPETITION	LIGIER JSP217 - GIBSON
24	CHN	CEFC MANOR TRS RACING	ORECA 07 - GIBSON
25	CHN	CEFC MANOR TRS RACING	ORECA 07 - GIBSON
26	RUS	G-DRIVE RACING	ORECA 07 - GIBSON
27	RUS	SMP RACING	DALLARA P217 - GIBSON
28	FRA	TDS RACING	ORECA 07 - GIBSON
29	NLD	RACING TEAM NEDERLAND	DALLARA P217 - GIBSON
31	CHE	VAILLANTE REBELLION	ORECA 07 - GIBSON
32	USA	UNITED AUTOSPORTS	LIGIER JSP217 - GIBSON
33	PHL	EURASIA MOTORSPORT	LIGIER JSP217 - GIBSON
34	GBR	TOCKWITH MOTORSPORTS	LIGIER JSP217 - GIBSON
35	FRA	SIGNATECH ALPINE MATMUT	ALPINE A470 - GIBSON
36	FRA	SIGNATECH ALPINE MATMUT	ALPINE A470 - GIBSON
37	CHN	JACKIE CHAN DC RACING	ORECA 07 - GIBSON
38	CHN	JACKIE CHAN DC RACING	ORECA 07 - GIBSON
39	FRA	GRAFF	ORECA 07 - GIBSON
40	FRA	GRAFF	ORECA 07 - GIBSON
43	USA	KEATING MOTORSPORTS	RILEY MK30 - GIBSON
45	PRT	ALGARVE PRO RACING	LIGIER JSP217 - GIBSON
47	ITA	CETILAR VILLORBA CORSE	DALLARA P217 - GIBSON
49	SVK	ARC BRATISLAVA	ORECA 07 - GIBSON

Teams and cars  
entry list

LMGTE Pro	Country	Team	Car
51	ITA	AF CORSE	FERRARI 488 GTE
63	USA	CORVETTE RACING - GM	CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R
64	USA	CORVETTE RACING - GM	CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R
66	USA	FORD CHIP GANASSI TEAM UK	FORD GT
67	USA	FORD CHIP GANASSI TEAM UK	FORD GT
68	USA	FORD CHIP GANASSI TEAM USA	FORD GT
69	USA	FORD CHIP GANASSI TEAM USA	FORD GT
71	ITA	AF CORSE	FERRARI 488 GTE
82	USA	RISI COMPETIZIONE	FERRARI 488 GTE
91	DEU	PORSCHE GT TEAM	PORSCHE 911 RSR
92	DEU	PORSCHE GT TEAM	PORSCHE 911 RSR
95	GBR	ASTON MARTIN RACING	ASTON MARTIN VANTAGE
97	GBR	ASTON MARTIN RACING	ASTON MARTIN VANTAGE



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LMGTE AM Dempsey-Proton Racing

LMGTE Am	Country	Team	Car
50	FRA	LARBRE COMPETITION	CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7-Z06
54	CHE	SPIRIT OF RACE	FERRARI 488 GTE
55	CHE	SPIRIT OF RACE	FERRARI 488 GTE
60	SGP	CLEARWATER RACING	FERRARI 488 GTE
61	SGP	CLEARWATER RACING	FERRARI 488 GTE
62	USA	SCUDERIA CORSA	FERRARI 488 GTE
65	USA	SCUDERIA CORSA	FERRARI 488 GTE
77	DEU	DEMPSEY-PROTON RACING	PORSCHE 911 RSR (991)
83	HKG	DH RACING	FERRARI 488 GTE
84	GBR	JMW MOTORSPORT	FERRARI 458 ITALIA
86	GBR	GULF RACING	PORSCHE 911 RSR (991)
88	DEU	PROTON COMPETITION	PORSCHE 911 RSR (991)
90	GBR	TF SPORT	ASTON MARTIN VANTAGE
93	DEU	PROTON COMPETITION	PORSCHE 911 RSR (991)
98	GBR	ASTON MARTIN RACING	ASTON MARTIN V8 VANTAGE
99	GBR	BEECHDEAN AMR	ASTON MARTIN VANTAGE



# Le Mans 2017 Challengers

Every year we take a look at some of the teams in this year's race and try and predict a little of what might happen at Le Mans. Each year it seems to get harder and this year is no exception. Overall that is probably a good thing.

2017 marks a new era at Le Mans in many different ways. The most notable will probably be the absence of Audi. For more than a decade the 4 rings have dominated both on track and the advertising boards around it.

Of course, Porsche are also part of the Volkswagen group, so the Germans are still well represented in LMP1. Porsche are also the defending champions and started the season strongly on their Le Mans aero package, so they arrive at La Sarthe confident and ready to go.

Toyota will have a numeric advantage by fielding 3 of their TS050 hybrids. In the tactical battle, that is a 24 hour race, this could prove crucial. Even the hardest of Porsche fans must have felt for the Toyota team at the end of the 2016 race so Toyota will certainly have the neutral fans behind them.

We are in their camp too. Porsche may well have the fastest car at Le Mans but Toyota have already been on the top step of the podium in 2017 and we think they may just make it back there.



LMP1 Toyota TS050-Hybrid

# Le Mans 2017 Challengers

It is all change in in the LMP2 class for 2017, where new regulations mean that all cars will be powered by Gibson engines. The evidence is that the new look LMP2 will be quicker than previous incarnations but all cars having the same power unit, may make overtaking a more complicated exercise.

Picking a likely winner here is pretty much impossible, but a quick look down the entrants list does give some likely suspects. Vaillante Rebellion is the result of the metamorphosis from Rebellions privateer LMP1 campaign. They have an experienced team with proven drivers so have to be taken seriously.

Likewise, Signatech Alpine Matmut & G-Drive Racing have a 2-car attack and plenty of experience behind them so are sure to have a say in the results.



LMP2 Jackie Chan DC Racing

We will be keeping a keen eye on the pair of cars from Jackie Chan DC Racing. Don't think that a celebrity endorsement means that this is just a vanity project. They have recruited the likes of ex-Audi driver Ollie Jarvis so they have speed and plenty of Le Mans experience, making them the ones to beat.

It is difficult to look further than Ford in the GTE-Pro class. With four entries, they have more cars than anyone else and in early season they look quicker too.

They will be hoping that the Porsche Team don't get in amongst them as they will be difficult to dominate, and you should never bet against Ferrari although they could be relegated to a supporting role this year.

Corvette are the dark horses as they are not in the FIA WEC and arrive with plenty of practice from the USA, whilst it has been a disappointing start to the season for Aston Martin Racing who will be relying on the ACO to give them some help with balance of performance changes in advance of the race.



GTE PRO AF Corse Ferrari



GTE AM Aston Martin Racing

Some of the closest racing could come in the GTE-Am class. Here Ferrari dominate in terms of numbers with 8 entries in total. Clearwater Racing have already had success at Silverstone so will be keen to build on that. Spirit of Race are new for this year, whilst Scuderia Corsa have plenty of experience.

Dempsey-Proton Racing are another celebrity backed team that shouldn't be underestimated. Patrick Dempsey may not be racing but his team are full of talent and the Porsche should be reliable. Gulf Racing are back again this year, and we expect another fine finish for the British team. Aston Martin Racing may fare better in GTE-Am than Pro and we would like nothing better than to see them successful in 2017.

## Le Mans 24 previous winners

2016	2	Romain Dumas (FRA) Neel Jani (SUI) Marc Lieb (GER)	Porsche 919 Hybrid
2015	19	Nico Hulkenberg (GER) Earl Bamber (NZL) Nick Tandy (GBR)	Porsche 919 Hybrid
2014	2	Marcel FÄSSLER (GER) André LOTTERER (GER) Benoît TRÉLUYER (FRA)	Audi R18 e-tron quattro
2013	2	Tom KRISTENSEN (DEN) Allan MCNISH (GBR) Loic DUVAL (FRA)	Audi R18 e-tron quattro
2012	1	Andre LOTTERER (GER) / Marcel FASSLER (GER) / Benoît TRÉLUYER (GER)	Audi R18 e-tron quattro
2011	2	Andre LOTTERER (GER) / Marcel FASSLER (GER) / Benoît TRÉLUYER (GER)	Audi R18 TDI
2010	9	Mike ROCKENFELLER (GER) / Timo BERNHARD (GER) / Romain DUMAS (FRA)	Audi R15 TDI Plus
2009	9	David BRABHAM (AUS) / Marc GENE (ESP) / Alexander WURZ (AUT)	Peugeot 908 Hdi-FAP
2008	2	Rinaldo CAPELLO (ITA) / Tom KRISTENSEN (DEN) / Allan MCNISH (GBR)	Audi R10 TDI
2007	1	Frank BIELA (GER) / Emanuele PIRRO (ITA) / Marco WERNER (GER)	Audi R10 TDI
2006	8	Frank BIELA (GER) / Emanuele PIRRO (ITA) / Marco WERNER (GER)	Audi R10 TDI
2005	3	Tom KRISTENSEN (DEN) / J.J. LEHTO (FIN) / Marco WERNER (GER)	Audi R8
2004	5	Seiji ARA (JAP) / Rinaldo CAPELLO (ITA) / Tom KRISTENSEN (DEN)	Audi R8
2003	7	Rinaldo CAPELLO (ITA) / Tom KRISTENSEN (DEN) / Guy SMITH (GBR)	Bentley EXP Speed 8
2002	1	Frank BIELA (GER) / Tom KRISTENSEN (DEN) / Emanuele PIRRO (ITA)	Audi R8
2001	1	Frank BIELA (GER) / Tom KRISTENSEN (DEN) / Emanuele PIRRO (ITA)	Audi R8
2000	8	Frank BIELA (GER) / Tom KRISTENSEN (DEN) / Emanuele PIRRO (ITA)	Audi R8
1999	15	Yannick DALMAS (FRA) / Pierluigi MARTINI (ITA) / Joachim WINKELHOCK (GER)	BMW V12 LMR
1998	26	Laurent AIELLO (FRA) / Allan MCNISH (GBR) / Stephane ORTELLI (FRA)	Porsche 911 GT1-98
1997	7	Michele ALBORETO (ITA) / Stefan JOHANSSON (SWE) / Tom KRISTENSEN (DEN)	TWR Porsche WSC95
1996	7	Davy JONES (USA) / Manuel REUTER (GER) / Alexander WURZ (AUT)	Joest Porsche WSC95
1995	59	Yannick DALMAS (FRA) / J.J. LEHTO (FIN) / Masanori SEKIYA (JAP)	McLaren F1 GTR
1994	36	Mauro BALDI (ITA) / Yannick DALMAS (FRA) / Hurley HAYWOOD (USA)	Dauer Porsche 962LM
1993	3	Christophe BOUCHUT (FRA) / Geoff BRABHAM (AUS) / Eric HELARY (FRA)	Peugeot 905B
1992	1	Mark BLUNDELL (GBR) / Yannick DALMAS (FRA) / Derek WARWICK (GBR)	Peugeot 905
1991	55	Bertrand GACHOT (BEL) / Johnny HERBERT (GBR) / Volker WEIDLER (GER)	Mazda 787B
1990	3	Martin BRUNDLE (GBR) / Price COBB (USA) / John NIELSEN (DEN)	Jaguar XJR-12
1989	63	Stanley DICKENS (SWE) / Jochen MASS (GER) / Manuel REUTER (GER)	Sauber Mercedes C9
1988	2	Johnny DUMFRIES (SCO) / Jan LAMMERS (HOL) / Andy WALLACE (GBR)	Jaguar XJR-9LM
1987	17	Derek BELL (GBR) / Al HOLBERT (USA) / Hans-Joachim STUCK (GER)	Porsche 962C
1986	1	Derek BELL (GBR) / Al HOLBERT (USA) / Hans-Joachim STUCK (GER)	Porsche 962C
1985	7	Paolo BARILLA (ITA) / Klaus LUDWIG (GER) / John "WINTER" (GER)	Porsche 956B
1984	7	Klaus LUDWIG (GER) / Henri PESCAROLO (FRA)	Porsche 956B
1983	3	Hurley HAYWOOD (USA) / Al HOLBERT (USA) / Vern SCHUPPAN (AUS)	Porsche 956
1982	1	Derek BELL (GBR) / Jacky ICKX (BEL)	Porsche 956
1981	11	Derek BELL (GBR) / Jacky ICKX (BEL)	Porsche 936/81
1980	16	Jean-Pierre JAUSSAUD (FRA) / Jean RONDEAU (FRA)	Rondeau 379B - Ford
1979	41	Klaus LUDWIG (GER) / Bill WHITTINGTON (USA) / Don WHITTINGTON (USA)	Porsche 935-K3
1978	2	Jean-Pierre JAUSSAUD (FRA) / Didier PIRONI (FRA)	Alpine A442B - Renault
1977	4	Jurgen BARTH (GER) / Hurley HAYWOOD (USA) / Jacky ICKX (BEL)	Porsche 936
1976	20	Jacky ICKX (BEL) / Gijs van LENNEP (HOL)	Porsche 936
1975	11	Derek BELL (GBR) / Jacky ICKX (BEL)	Mirage GR8 - Ford
1974	7	Gerard LARROUSSE (FRA) / Henri PESCAROLO (FRA)	Matra-Simca MS670B



1973	11	Gerard LARROUSSE (FRA) / Henri PESCAROLO (FRA)	Matra-Simca MS670B
1972	15	Graham HILL (GBR) / Henri PESCAROLO (FRA)	Matra-Simca MS670
1971	22	Gijs van LENNEP (HOL) / Helmut MARKO (AUT)	Porsche 917K
1970	23	Richard ATTWOOD (GBR) / Hans HERMANN (GER)	Porsche 917K
1969	6	Jacky ICKX (BEL) / Jackie OLIVER (GBR)	Ford GT40
1968	9	Lucien BIANCHI (BEL) / Pedro RODRIGUEZ (MEX)	Ford GT40
1967	1	A.J. FOYT Jr. (USA) / Dan GURNEY (USA)	Ford GT Mk4
1966	2	Chris AMON (NZL) / Bruce McLAREN (NZL)	Ford GT Mk2
1965	21	Masten GREGORY (USA) / Jochen RINDT (AUT)	Ferrari 275LM
1964	20	Jean GUICHET (FRA) / Nino VACCARELLA (ITA)	Ferrari 275P
1963	21	Lorenzo BANDINI (ITA) / Ludovico SCARFIOTTI (ITA)	Ferrari 250P
1962	6	Olivier GENDEBIEN (BEL) / Phil HILL (USA)	Ferrari 330LM
1961	10	Olivier GENDEBIEN (BEL) / Phil HILL (USA)	Ferrari 250TR 61
1960	11	Paul FRERE (BEL) / Olivier GENDEBIEN (BEL)	Ferrari 250TR 59/60
1959	5	Roy SALVADORI (GBR) / Carroll SHELBY (USA)	Aston Martin DBR1
1958	14	Olivier GENDEBIEN (BEL) / Phil HILL (USA)	Ferrari 250TR
1957	3	Ivor BUEB (GBR) / Ron FLOCKHART (GBR)	Jaguar D-type
1956	4	Ron FLOCKHART (GBR) / Ninian SANDERSON (GBR)	Jaguar D-type
1955	6	Ivor BUEB (GBR) / Mike HAWTHORN (GBR)	Jaguar D-type
1954	4	Jose Froilan GONZALEZ (ARG) / Maurice TRINTIGNANT (FRA)	Ferrari 375 Plus
1953	18	Duncan HAMILTON (GBR) / Tony ROLT (GBR)	Jaguar C-type XK120C
1952	21	Hermann LANG (GER) / Fritz RIESS (GER)	Mercedes-Benz 300SL
1951	20	Peter WALKER (GBR) / Peter WHITEHEAD (GBR)	Jaguar C-type XK120C
1950	5	Jean-Louis ROSIER (FRA) / Louis ROSIER (FRA)	Talbot-Lago T26C-GS
1949	22	Luigi CHINETTI (ITA) / Lord SELSDON (GBR)	Ferrari 166MM
1940	-	1948 No race due to WWII & rebuilding work	
1939	1	Pierre VEYRON (FRA) / Jean-Pierre WIMILLE (FRA)	Bugatti T57C
1938	15	Eugene CHABOUD (FRA) / Jean TREMOULET (FRA)	Delahaye 135 S
1937	2	Robert BENOIST (FRA) / Jean-Pierre WIMILLE (FRA)	Bugatti T57G
1936	-	Race cancelled due to strike action	
1935	4	Luis FONTES (ARG) / John HINDMARSH (GBR)	Lagonda M45R Rapide
1934	9	Luigi CHINETTI (ITA) / Philippe ETANCELIN (FRA)	Alfa Romeo 8C-2300
1933	11	Tazio NUVOLARI (ITA) / Raymond SOMMER (ITA)	Alfa Romeo 8C-2300
1932	8	Luigi CHINETTI (ITA) / Raymond SOMMER (FRA)	Alfa Romeo 8C-2300
1931	16	Tim BIRKIN (GBR) / Earl HOWE (GBR)	Alfa Romeo 8C-2300
1930	4	Woolf BARNATO (GBR) / Glen KIDSTON (GBR)	Bentley Speed 6
1929	1	Woolf BARNATO (GBR) / Tim BIRKIN (GBR)	Bentley Speed 6
1928	4	Woolf BARNATO (GBR) / Bernard RUBIN (GBR)	Bentley 4.4
1927	3	John BENJAFIELD (GBR) / Sammy DAVIS (GBR)	Bentley 3-litre Sport
1926	6	Robert BLOCH (FRA) / Andre ROSSIGNOL (FRA)	La Lorraine-Dietrich B3-6
1925	5	Gerard de COURCELLES (FRA) / Andre ROSSIGNOL (FRA)	La Lorraine-Dietrich B3-6
1924	8	Frank CLEMENT (GBR) / John DUFF (GBR)	Bentley 3-litre Sport
1923	9	Andre LAGACHE (FRA) / Rene LEONARD (FRA)	Chenard & Walcker Sport

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Broadcasting to listeners around the track on 91.2FM as well as online at **www.radiolemans.com** around the world, it would be difficult to fully understand what is going on without them.

The rest of the year is just as busy for the Radio Le Mans team, under the banner of Radio Show Ltd. they are broadcasting at various sports car and endurance races around the world.

As well as the rest of the FIA World Endurance Championship, they are also covering the IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar Championship and Continental Tire Sportscar Challenge in the USA on IMSA Radio.

Add to that the 24 Hours of Dubai, the Bathurst 12 Hours, the Nurburging 24 Hours and the Spa 24 Hours, to name just a few, the number of broadcasting hours each year is huge.

You can start listening live now! The most popular programme on **www.radiolemans.com** is the weekly magazine show Midweek Motorsport, broadcast every Wednesday (8PM UK time). Available to download shortly afterwards.

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Covering everything from the FIA World Endurance Championship through to all major sportscar, GT and endurance racing across the globe at international and national levels, as well, of course, as the Le Mans 24 Hours in unrivalled depth if you love endurance racing there's a free to view daily fix online that will fit the bill.

And whilst they take their racing seriously there's always a sense of fun too, bringing the lighter side of racing to the internet as well as the hard nosed cut and thrust of professional racing.

Led by Editor in Chief Graham Goodwin, a familiar voice to viewers of FIA WEC TV and to listeners to Radio Le Mans, Dailysportscar boasts a worldwide network of reporters and photographers dedicated to bringing news of the cars, teams, personalities and racing around the world.

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# 24 things for you to see and do at the Le Mans 24 Hours

There are many different types of motorsport fan that make the pilgrimage to the Le Mans 24 Hours every year. For those wanting to get as much as possible from their French road trip, here's a list of 24 things to see and do for a more complete Le Mans experience;

1. Radio Le Mans – although you probably already listen to this at home it just feels different and so much better listening to RLM live at the track, especially this one. Really the only way to stay informed, with the usual mix of commentary and features – essential.
2. Fan Village – the majority of bars, food stands and merchandise outlets are found here. As you might expect the area becomes busier as the race gets nearer (especially in the evenings), but on the whole prices are reasonable and the quality of food is good.
3. Le Mans Museum – located just behind the Dunlop grandstand and next to the main (North) entrance. Well worth the very reasonable admission and features many Le Mans favourites and winners within literal touching distance – it also has a separate section devoted to Le Mans icons and innovators with memorabilia. Good merchandise shop too.
4. Autograph sessions/Appearances – the main official autograph session takes place on Tuesday before most people have arrived. However there are other events (often in the Fan Village) where you can meet past and present drivers.
5. Pit Walk – there's an open pit-lane on Friday which can get very busy but it's free and you get to see the cars up close, often without major components like bodywork, wings or engines. Who would want to miss the chance to walk up and down the hallowed pit-lane and see the podium up close? – essential.
6. Support Races – for 2017 the support races will include a round of the Michelin GT3 Le Mans Cup including LMP3 class cars from the European Le Mans series & Porsche Carrera Cup.
7. Driver's Parade – on Friday evening each of the driver crews is driven around Le Mans town centre in a vintage car, giving fans a chance to see them up close. Unsurprisingly this is very popular and attracts huge crowds. Well worth the effort though as long as you travel into Le Mans via the tram from Antares to Republique (for the Place de Republique).
8. Town Centre Monument and Plaques – the Place St Nicolas is home to the 'handprint' plaques of the winning drivers and the monument to legends Derek Bell, Jacky Ickx and Henri Pescarolo. Plenty of history is on display just a short walk from the Republique tram stop and the area only seems to get busy during Friday afternoon and evening.
9. Trams – now the best way to get between the track and the town centre, they're cheap and smart offering a frequent and reliable service. It's also only five minutes from the track to a large supermarket which is right next to the tram stop. Essential for Friday's Parade when it gets very busy, although extra trams are in service to cope with the increased demand.
10. Mulsanne/Arnage/Indianapolis – getting to these corners requires extra effort due to their distance and accessibility, but it is well worth it and highly recommended. Crowds are lighter on Wednesday and some great close-up viewing is the reward. There's a large car park at Mulsanne Corner but why move your car when you can use a taxi?
11. Taxis – local firms provide a friendly, reliable and quick service but don't expect your driver to speak a lot of English. With a couple of phone calls (en Francais) you could start watching afternoon practice at Mulsanne Corner, end it watching from Arnage and then travel to Porsche Curves for the next practice. Great stuff – recommended.
12. Navettes – these are little trains that shuttle back and forth on a handful of routes between Tertre Rouge, Technopark and Porsche Curves. Their frequent service makes getting around so much quicker and easier and best of all they're free. They can get very busy but some of the routes run non-stop during the race.

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13. Tertre Rouge at night – a great place to watch the action after dark. An excellent opportunity to see glowing brake discs and brake lights before the cars set off at full throttle past the trees and football stadium (MM Arena) and then head out onto the Hunaudieres.
  14. Ford Chicane at night – another great place to watch after dark, especially Thursday night for final qualifying. You can get an excellent view of when the cars brake and change direction as they head through the last sequence of corners before crossing the start/finish line.
  15. Start of the race – if possible, try and get close to the start/finish straight just before 3pm. Fighter jets from the French air force perform a fly-past complete with tricolour coloured smoke trails, which is very impressive. They create a real sense of occasion, just before the entire field races towards the Dunlop chicane for the 1st time.
  16. Watch the sun come up on Sunday morning – not just for the romantics or photographers (or both), there's a real sense of "we've made it through the night" for competitors and spectators alike. There's also a real feeling of being present at some thing special as the darkness turns to light again. Still more than a third of the race left at this point as well!
  17. Get on to the track at the finish of the race – if you're watching from between the Ford and Dunlop chicanes at the end of the race, the marshals continue with the tradition of allowing fans to flood onto the track. Your willingness to do this will probably depend largely on whether you're going home straight after the race or waiting until Monday morning.
  18. Ferris wheel – this is Le Mans' equivalent of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. At night it provides a bright backdrop that helps to illuminate the track. During either day or night it provides great views over the circuit and campsites, allowing for some excellent photo opportunities.
  19. Funfair and Concerts – there is now a funfair that stretches down the hill from the Dunlop Bridge as well as the one near the village. There are also concerts on three nights of Le Mans week on a stage behind the Dunlop grandstand. Both can provide an alternative to the racing for those looking to boost their flagging energy levels.
  20. BBQs – the one thing that you can smell anytime, any place or anywhere around the track is a barbecue. I don't think you can say you've been to Le Mans if you haven't cooked or eaten from a barbecue at some point during your stay. Everyone else is – literally – so why not?
  21. Mad Friday – some events on Friday walk a fine line between harmless fun and outright recklessness, but judging from the attitude and reaction of the police most will remain a part of Le Mans week activities. Listen out for the sound of squealing tyres and cheering crowds before either heading away from or towards them depending on your point-of-view.
  22. The Danes – the Danish drink more than the fans of every other country put together. As well as their love of air-horns they're very passionate in their support of Danish drivers. Many have their name spray-painted onto the back of their head making them easy to identify. But Le Mans wouldn't be the same without them – legends!
  23. Get to know the Travel Destinations staff – as you've booked with Travel Destinations you'll already know that they are Le Mans fans just as much as you are. Friendly and helpful, they are on hand to share their in depth local knowledge allowing you to get the most from your visit. Feel free to share your feed back so they can make future years even better.
  24. Beer / collectible glasses – not many need even the weakest of excuses to partake and so when in Rome etc, etc. To enhance the experience still further (if that is indeed possible) the vendors supply your beer in a commemorative plastic glass. The glasses come in a range of 10 different designs – why not collect them all?

# Le Mans 24 bucket list

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