



Moving to France



Burke Bros Moving Group is widely recognised as a market leader for moving to and from France.

We carry out hundreds of moves on behalf of families and individuals moving to, from and within France every year.





We operate services to and from all regions and departments of France on a weekly basis.

Whether you require a full household removal, a part load or simply one item moving, we offer a high quality professional removal service.

Our experience in moving to France

Since 1982, Burke Bros Moving Group have moved thousands of people and have set a high standard in a demanding industry. We have always specialised in removals to and from France and are well known throughout the UK as the number one mover to France. We have detailed knowledge of local conditions.

As the market leader in removals to France, we attend, and exhibit at, many of the highest profile France related exhibitions and shows all across the UK. We are a mainstay at the Annual and French Property shows in Olympia.

We also have a long standing association with all the Archant publications. We are regularly featured in, and are frequently asked to contribute expert advice and articles to their leading magazines: Living France and French Property News.



"Burke Bros do a fantastic removals job. Thanks again for a good job well done."
Dick Schrader (Founder of French Property News Magazine and Exhibitions)

Packing

Burke Bros Moving Group have trained packing crews who use the **best packing materials** to make sure items are packed safely for the move.

Fragile items are packed using packing paper, tissue, bubble wrap or polychips. Export-strength cartons in various sizes are used to accommodate books and heavy items. Special linen cartons as well as hanging garment carriers are used. Furniture is wrapped with padding and transit blankets.

On some occasions, export wrapping material is used to protect polished or antique items of furniture. Items can also be crated.

One of our estimators will discuss packing with you. If you choose to pack yourself give yourself adequate time. Burke Bros Moving Group can supply packing cartons and materials for clients to pack belongings themselves. Owner-packed goods are not fully insured, whereas those packed by the mover are.





Your removal to France

Our Door to Door Procedure:

As you would expect from an international business, we have all of the professional hands you need for a smooth relocation overseas.

We have global knowledge, contacts, affiliations and practical skills to take care of you all the way to your new life and for your further peace of mind, we offer full financial protection door to door.

One of our experienced estimators will visit you in your home so we can accurately calculate the volume you wish to take and any of your packing requirements. We give our professional guidance on how your entire move could be planned right from the collection stage in the UK to delivery to your new residence in France, without any obligation. We will give you a realistic quotation, which will include full removal insurance, based on a first class, high quality service.

All of our removal operatives are trained to ensure that all of your personal effects make their continental journey in complete safety. All specialist items or items needing extra care, be these; paintings, mirrors, musical instruments etc will be packed in special cartons and with protective materials which have been approved by the British Association of Removers, for maximum protection.

We can offer storage for intermediate periods before your move takes place. No matter whether you are moving to or from France, our storage facilities are a safe and highly secure option.

Delivery at the new premises includes full unwrapping of all furniture items and reassembly of items that require non-specialist attention such as beds, dressers and wardrobes etc if agreed.



"Never forget the fun plus efficiency of my move from Rennes. And the sheer joy of the familiar, reassuring accents of the boys in the midst of French panic!"

Ms Copplestone



Crossing the Channel

Of course, unlike a move within the UK, the Channel is going to have to be negotiated.

We commonly use the ports of Dover and Portsmouth in the UK and Le Harve, Caen and Calais in France.

It is important to have keys to the new property prior to the delivery day. Always discuss the access at the French property as sometimes a shuttle service from the vehicle to the new home will need to be arranged.

Part loads

Many clients do not need the use of a full-sized furniture van, so Burke Bros Moving Group can offer **prices for 'part loads'**.

This means that you can send a small consignment of belongings over to France on a shared vehicle with other customers. The cost will then involve the space pre-booked in the van rather than having to pay for the cost of a sole-use vehicle.

Delivery dates will need to be flexible as our van will have several deliveries to make. Normally part loads can be collected and delivered within two to three weeks depending on traffic.

We run services on a regular basis to all regions of France.

"Please pass on our thanks to the lads that conducted themselves impeccably and worked hard to make sure we had no issues at all. I know we paid for the complete service, but we got exactly that and were extremely pleased...Once again thanks"

Ms Rodgers(France to Suffolk)

Movement of motor vehicles

We can also arrange collection and delivery of motor vehicles and motorbikes which can be transferred in road trains (a vehicle with a boxed trailer).





Professionalism guaranteed

Burke Bros Moving Group work to recognised quality standards through our membership with the **British Association of Removers Overseas Group**.

As only the most professional and experienced removals companies hold memberships you can be safe in the knowledge your move to France from the UK will be handled efficiently and with the utmost care.

"...thanks for a courteous and very professional move of the furniture from just outside Paris to Surrey. The crew arrived right on time both ends; their efforts were greatly appreciated. Moving isn't something I'd like to do too often, but if the need arises again I'd be sure to give you a call"

Mr Morrison (Paris to Surrey)



Storage

If your home has to come into store for weeks or months, Burke Bros Moving Group have **50,000 sq. ft. of storage facilities** and offer two options:

Containerised storage

Containers will arrive at your UK home on the furniture multi-purpose vehicles and an inventory will be made as each item is carefully loaded into containers and transported to the storage facility. The furniture stays in your own containers until ready for coming out of storage. Containers rarely travel to France as they take up much space, so normally the furniture is transferred directly into a furniture van the day before departure.

Self-access storage

Our self-storage rooms benefit from 24 hr security, CCTV monitoring, strong perimeter fencing and secure gates. The site houses storage rooms of a variety of sizes, within a brightly lit, clean, safe, secure and dry environment.



Moving with Children

During our many years of conducting removals to France we have found that it is **important to involve your children in the process** of moving home as early and as much as possible, giving them more time to adjust to the idea and become eager to move.

Involve your children by getting them to plan what they want to take. If they want to take more things than you would like, let them, it will help them feel settled in their new home. It will also be cheaper to ship items than have to replace them in the long run. If you have more than one child then give them a set number of boxes, so it gives them a challenge when deciding what to take.

For safety though, it is better to keep children away from packing crews on the day of the move.

"I just wanted to drop you a line to let you know how hard your guys worked. They hardly stopped from the moment they arrived and really impressed us, as well as being really obliging. We would definitely recommend you to our friends because of the way they conducted themselves."

Mr White (Bristol to France)

Financial Guarantee

Our **membership** with the **BAR** and **FIDI** (the global alliance of professional international moving and relocation companies) organisations **guarantees your money and move are thoroughly protected**.

It offers our customers financial security, operational competence, worldwide support and redress facilities that give you total satisfaction that your possessions are being thoroughly cared for. It provides a scheme of pre-payment protection. As payments are made prior to moving, it is more reassuring to use a financially bonded mover who belongs to the BAR Overseas Moving Group or FIDI. The BAR Overseas Moving Group comprises movers that offer an international guarantee that customers advanced payments are protected should the company cease to trade.

All of this means that if you have paid prior for your move and that company ceased to trade before your move, your payment is protected. It is a similar concept to ABTA when booking flights and holidays. Most BAR movers will arrange insurance to your home contents value.





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