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GPS failure leaves Belgian woman in Zagreb two days later

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After being reported missing to police by her son last week, Sabine Moreau claimed that she had "distractedly" driven to Croatia after entering a Brussels address into her Satnav.

She had intended to travel from her home town of Solre-sur-Sambre to pick up a friend in Belgium's capital and absent-mindedly noticed that her GPS was sending her on a strange route

"I saw all kinds of traffic pass. First in French, then in Germany - Cologne, Aachen, Frankfurt ... But I asked myself no questions," she said.

"I was just distracted, so I kept my foot down."

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Mrs Moreau refuelled twice on her epic journey, caused a minor accident and slept a few hours behind the wheel on the side of the road.

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After her son reported her missing, Belgian police searched her home and were about to launch a full scale manhunt when she phoned home to say she was in Zagreb.

The woman told relatives and police that she did not notice anything wrong "until I suddenly arrived in Zagreb and realised that I was no longer in Belgium."

"Weird? Maybe, but I was just distracted and preoccupied," Mrs Moreau said.

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