GPS failure leaves Belgian woman in Zagreb two days later

A 67-year-old Belgian woman set out to drive 38 miles to Brussels under the guidance of her GPS navigation system but arrived in Zagreb two days and 901 miles 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.”
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.

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 she 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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