

Tax Refunds for Purchases in France

We had a pleasant surprise during a recent day trip to Calais.

On completing our purchases at Auchan in Calais, we saw a notice advising us that, for purchases over €100.01 (assuming we were taking the goods back to England), we could get a refund on all taxes paid.

We went to their Reception desk, presented our passport and receipt, filled in a couple of forms and were refunded all the tax paid.

ie. 5.5% on all food and other goods *and*

20% on all alcohol.

In our case, this represented a rebate of about 10% on the total bill!

We are not sure whether this facility is available everywhere in France or, indeed, the continent or whether the minimum spend limit is the same at all outlets.

However, with Christmas round the corner, this rebate (on drinks especially), together with the lower costs of wines, beers and spirits, more than covers the cost of the ferry or Shuttle fares – especially if there is more than one of you sharing the costs.

In our case, however, this benefit was lost in a fine lunch in the “Histoire Ancienne”

For more information visit - <https://airvat.com/blog/guide-to-shopping-tax-free-in-france>