

# tourist information

<p><b>Learn online</b></p> <p><b>French Steps</b></p> <p><b>Stage 4: Getting your bearings</b></p> <p>Watch Hakim as he gets his bearings and asks the gîte owner for local information. Do the activities – having a go yourself at finding out what the nearest village has to offer – then go to the Stage 4 <i>Fact file</i> where you'll find all sorts of useful and interesting information for visitors to France.</p> <p><b>French Experience</b></p> <p><b>Culture: Asking for museum information</b></p> <p>Find out which museums you can visit in Le Marais, a district of Paris. Listen to the TV extracts – the transcript is there in both French and English to help you – then try the activities.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french</a></p>
<p><b>Learning hint</b></p> <p>Make a list of the shops and amenities you'd expect to find in a town, e.g. baker's, restaurants, library, swimming pool, cinemas.</p> <p>Imagine you're a tourist in the town where you live or one you know well and, using <b>Est-ce qu'il y a?</b> and <b>Où se trouve?</b>, practise asking questions to find out what exists. Then imagine you've been asked those questions by a French speaker and try to answer in as much detail as you can.</p>	
<p><b>Key language</b></p> <p><b>Je voudrais visiter...</b> I'd like to visit...</p> <p><b>Est-ce qu'il y a</b> Is there/ Are there</p> <p>...<b>une boulangerie près d'ici?</b> a bakery near here?</p> <p>...<b>de belles balades?</b> ...any nice walks?</p> <p>...<b>des musées intéressants?</b> ...any interesting museums?</p> <p>...<b>d'autres magasins?</b> ... other shops?</p> <p><b>Vous connaissez</b> Do you know</p> <p>...<b>les horaires d'ouverture?</b> ...the opening times?</p> <p>...<b>les sentiers?</b> ... the paths?</p>	<p><b>l'office de tourisme</b> tourist information centre</p> <p><b>des renseignements</b> information</p> <p><b>C'est</b> It's</p> <p>...<b>balisé</b> ...marked out</p> <p>...<b>ouvert</b> ...open</p> <p><b>à partir de...jusqu'à...</b> from...until...</p>
<p><b>Quiz</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You hear someone explaining to a tourist <b>Oui, c'est ouvert à partir de 10h jusqu'à 16h.</b> What do you think the question was?</li> <li>2. What is <b>un village voisin?</b></li> <li>3. To find out if there are any shops in the village, what would you ask?</li> <li>4. What word is missing from <b>Il n'y a pas __ magasins ouverts aujourd'hui?</b></li> <li>5. If you're told <b>Vous suivez la route là-bas</b>, what do you do?</li> <li>6. How would you ask someone if they know of any nice walks nearby?</li> </ol>	<p>Answers on <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/answers.shtml">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/answers.shtml</a></p>