

# tourist information

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## French Steps

### Stage 4: Getting your bearings

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 *Fact file* where you'll find all sorts of useful and interesting information for visitors to France.

## French Experience

### Culture: Asking for museum information

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.

## Learning hint

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. Imagine you're a tourist in the town where you live or one you know well and, using **Est-ce qu'il y a?** and **Où se trouve?**, 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.

## Key language

**Je voudrais visiter...** I'd like to visit...

**Est-ce qu'il y a** Is there/ Are there

**...une boulangerie près d'ici?** a bakery near here?

**...de belles balades?** ...any nice walks?

**...des musées intéressants?** ...any interesting museums?

**...d'autres magasins?** ... other shops?

**Vous connaissez** Do you know

**...les horaires d'ouverture?** ...the opening times?

**...les sentiers?** ... the paths?

**l'office de tourisme** tourist information centre

**des renseignements** information

**C'est** It's

**...balisé** ...marked out

**...ouvert** ...open

**à partir de...jusqu'à...** from...until...

## Quiz

1. You hear someone explaining to a tourist **Oui, c'est ouvert à partir de 10h jusqu'à 16h.** What do you think the question was?
2. What is **un village voisin?**
3. To find out if there are any shops in the village, what would you ask?
4. What word is missing from **Il n'y a pas \_\_\_ magasins ouverts aujourd'hui?**
5. If you're told **Vous suivez la route là-bas,** what do you do?
6. How would you ask someone if they know of any nice walks nearby?

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