



## *My Holiday in France*

In July my husband and I went on holiday to France for ten days. It was our first time there. We spent 3 days in Paris and loved it immensely. We visited the Eiffel Tower, the Sacre Coeur Basilica and the Notre Dame Cathedral.



We also walked along the Seine, which is a river flowing across Paris like the Thames in London.



We stayed in a bed and breakfast near Champs Elysees and the accommodation was very comfortable. From our window, we could see the Arc de Triumph and the Metro station Charles de Gaulle. We travelled by Metro (the underground train) which is extremely clean and faster than in London.



We also walked a lot and admired the beautiful architecture of the old buildings, as well as the modern ones, such as the two towers in the Hermitage Plaza.



We went to a few restaurants and the food was fresh, plentiful and delicious. French people are hospitable and helpful.



We lost our way as we came out of the Louvre Museum and a taxi driver gave us directions in English. We speak very little French and sometimes it was difficult to understand the written signs. However, the majority of tourist attractions have the signs translated in English and other languages. Occasionally we used our mobiles to translate.



On the fourth day we flew to Provence, a wonderful region in the south east of France. We hired a car and travelled around, stopped frequently to admire the scenery and to take pictures.



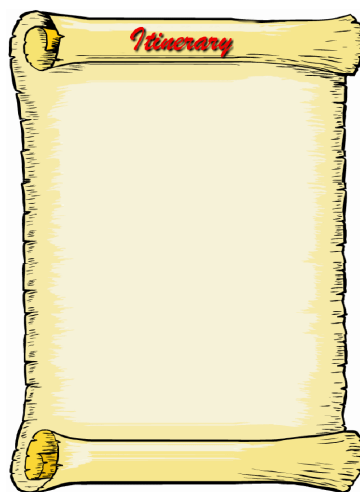
My favourite place was Camargue, Western Europe largest delta, which is home to 400 species of birds, such as the greater flamingo. There are also a lot of horses and cattle in this area.



My husband loved the Popes' Palace and Marseille. The latter is the second largest city in France (after Paris) and it is a port city. We relaxed in the sun as the weather was warm and pleasant.



It was a fantastic holiday and we hope to travel there again in the future. I recommend it to everybody. A word of advice though: wear comfy shoes and have a flexible itinerary. You'll have a great time!



1) Use the dictionary to find the meaning of the following words:

latter =

itinerary =

scenery =

delta =

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2) Read the statements and tick (✓) True or False:

	True	False
a) Our holiday was in Europe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) We visited only one city	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Marseille isn't a port	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) French people are friendly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) We didn't take pictures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) The greater flamingo is a bird	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Our accommodation was uncomfortable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3) Answer the following questions. Give your answers in sentences.

a) How long was our holiday?

b) Where did we stay in Paris?

c) How does the Metro compare to the underground in London?

d) How was the food in France?

e) How did we travel from Paris to Provence?

f) Where is Provence situated?

g) What is Camargue famous for?

h) Which places did my husband prefer?

4) Write 3 sentences about a place you would like to visit in the future and give a reason for your choice.

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