

FRENCH TOURIST ROAD SIGNS GUIDE



Tourist road signs will usually look like the one shown above. Shades of brown can vary:



Color will usually be green for natural sights, with different shades:



If the sign has a colored background, text will be in white. Ideogram can be the same color or white.

Signs can also have a white background with a colored ideogram and black text, with or without an arrow.

MOST COMMON TOURIST ROAD SIGNS IDEOGRAMS



Historical monument
Can be a church, a castle, a tower, a bridge...



Natural reserve
protected natural area



National Park
inc. 10 national parks in France and overseas



Listed site
Can be a natural area, a remarkable natural formation or area.



Natural reserve
public reception area



Regional Park
inhabited rural area of outstanding beauty



Museum
Major museum which collections have a public interest.



Conservatory coastal area
include coast, lake sides and other stretches of water



Outstanding Gardens
Parks and gardens of botanical & historical interest

USEFUL FRENCH VOCABULARY

French :	English:	French :	English :
Abbaye :	Abbey	Halle :	Hall
Abbatiale :	Abbey church	Hôpital – hospice :	Hospital
Aqueduc :	Aqueduct	Hôtel de ville :	City hall
Arène :	Arena	Lavoir :	Washhouse
Baptistère :	Baptistery	Manoir :	Manor
Beffroi :	Bell tower - belfry	Mégalithe :	Megalith
Bergerie :	Sheepfold	Monastère :	Monastery
Bibliothèque :	Library	Monument aux morts :	war memorial
Calvaire :	Calvary	Moulin :	Mill
Cathédrale :	Cathedral	Observatoire :	Observatory
Chapelle :	Chapel	Palais :	Palace
Chartreuse :	Charterhouse	Pigeonnier :	Dovecote
Château :	Castle - palace	Pont :	Bridge
Cimetière :	Graveyard & cemetery	Presbytère :	Presbytery
Collégiale :	Collegiate church	Prieuré :	Priory
Couvent :	Convent	Puit :	Well
Eglise :	Church	Rempart :	Curtain wall
Ferme :	Farm	Site archéologique :	Archaeological site
Fontaine :	Fountain	Statue :	Statue
Funiculaire :	Funicular	Temple :	Temple
Gare :	(train) station	Vestige Romain :	Roman remains
Grotte :	Cave		

OTHER IDEOGRAMS



Camping for tents



Camping for vans



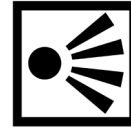
Picnic area



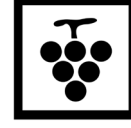
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View



Wine!