

After Spain, the second most popular country for British tourists is France. The country has everything, from its historic, exciting capital, Paris, to beautiful, peaceful villages in Provence, palaces in the Loire valley and expensive resorts along the coasts. French food is famous all over the world and, in the summer, the south coast is hot, sunny and dry.

For those who like climbing, you can go to the Alps or the Pyrenees and for swimming there are beaches on the Mediterranean, the Atlantic and the Channel.

St Malo, in Brittany, is a perfect place to spend a few relaxing days. It is close to the famous Mont St Michel, one of France's most popular tourist attractions. There are many safe and beautiful beaches, even in the town itself. The old city walls and narrow streets are perfect for sightseeing and shopping and, in the evening, there is often entertainment in the squares and streets, which you can watch while you eat.

**Ask your partner these questions about his/her text.**

- 1 What are the villages in Provence like?
- 2 Where can I see palaces in France?
- 3 Are there any places where I can go swimming or climbing in France?
- 4 What famous tourist attraction is near St Malo?
- 5 Is there anything to do in the evening in St Malo?