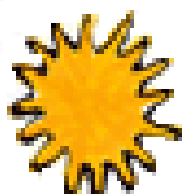


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Les Baux-de-Provence



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LES BAUX-DE-PROVENCE

Welcome to Les Baux-de-Provence !

My name is 'Star', the little sheep, and I'm delighted to help you discover my village and its secrets.

During your visit, you'll discover a village listed as one of the 'Most Beautiful Villages in France', with its historic monuments and above all, its imposing medieval fortress.

In the heart of the Alpilles mountain range, Les Baux de Provence is a village perched on a rocky spur.



Before you start the game, don't forget to pick up your map! The Tourist Office is at number 1

The Santons Museum



A santon is a small figurine made of clay.

The Shepherding Ceremony takes place at Christmas during the midnight mass. It represents the offering of the last lamb born, by the shepherds.

We're going to start our tour in the Santons Museum. Move towards the large display case showing the Shepherding Ceremony.

Look for the unusual animal that you can't find in France.



The Constable's House



The constable's role was to lead the army and settle problems between knights or nobles.

On leaving the museum, find the Constable's House. This is the house with the basket of flowers above the door.

Link the image to the corresponding word.



Knight



Noble



Farmer

Eyguières Gate



In days gone by, the villagers would go down through this gate to the Vallon de la Fontaine, in search of "... " ?



For a long time, the Eyguières Gate was the main entrance to the village.

If you go down the Rue de la Calade, you will find the entrance to the village, the Eyguières Gate or 'water gate'.

But why is it called this ?



Troglodyte dwellings

If you exit through this gate, you can see the remains of ancient troglodyte dwellings at the entrance to the village.

But what is a troglodyte dwelling?

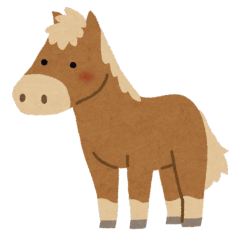
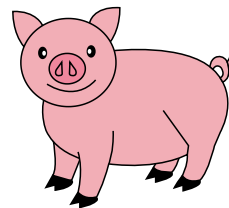
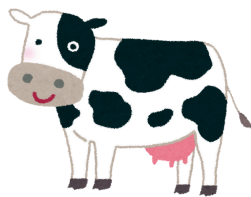
- ☐ A house carved into the rock
- ☐ A house that's too big
- ☐ A house for trolls

Hôtel de Porcelet

You can then walk up the Rue de la Calade towards Place de l'Eglise Saint Vincent. Just before the church, it is the Hôtel de Porcelet (now home to the Yves Brayer Museum).

There is a wash-house opposite. Look carefully and find the snout that serves as a tap.

Circle the animal to which it belongs.



The legend of the Hotel de Porcelet :

One day a proud lady turned away a beggar woman and her children. The beggar was actually a fairy who replied, 'You see, noble lady, this sow is expecting babies. You will have as many children as the sow has piglets'.

The sow gave birth to nine piglets and the lady gave birth to as many children, who were called 'Piglets'.

Saint-Vincent's Church



Hush! Don't make any noise when you enter the church.



Lamb is a very young male sheep

Now enter the church and look for the little cart, the one where the lamb^{*} is placed during the Pastrage's ceremony at midnight mass.

Draw me a sheep.

Chapel of the White Penitents



The fresco depicts the Shepherds' Christmas. It was painted by Yves Brayer.

Then you can exit and walk across the square to the Chapel of the white Penitents.

Look at the photo below and try to find the missing element: what are the shepherds looking at?



Do you remember my name ?



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Vallon de la Fontaine



Be careful! Don't bend over! Ask your parents to look out for you!



7 sheep are hiding in the Vallon de la Fontaine

Once outside, head towards the low wall and admire the beautiful view over the Vallon de la Fontaine.

And if you look to your left in the rock, you'll see the ancient cistern of Les Baux.

Count 'Star' the sheep and his friends hiding in the landscape



Entrance to the Château



140 million years ago, Provence was covered by a warm tropical sea.

Go back the way you came and take the rue des Fours, which runs alongside the Yves Brayer museum. Head towards the entrance to the château and take a good look at the walls of the passageway cut into the rock.

You'll see something you'd normally find by the sea.

What is it?

Draw the missing part of this :



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Esplanade du Château



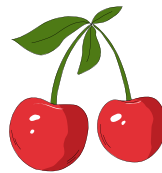
The olive has a small pit inside, and is formed by a flower. That's why, in botanical terms, the olive is a fruit!

Walk up to the Esplanade du Château and admire the beautiful panorama! From Sainte-Victoire to the Camargue.

Do you know what fruits are produced by the trees that you see in the distance ?



olives



cherries



apricots

Windmills

Can you see the two windmills?

One is in a perfect state of conservation, very visible, and all that's left of the other is the foundation. There was also a third windmill, which has now disappeared.

Find its trace on the ground.

Place Prince Rainier III de Monaco



The dove is the symbol of peace, hope and lover

Go back down the rue du Trencat. On your left is the entrance to the courtyard where you can see the work of the stonemasons (Place Prince Rainier III de Monaco).

Look for the two little doves engraved in the stone.

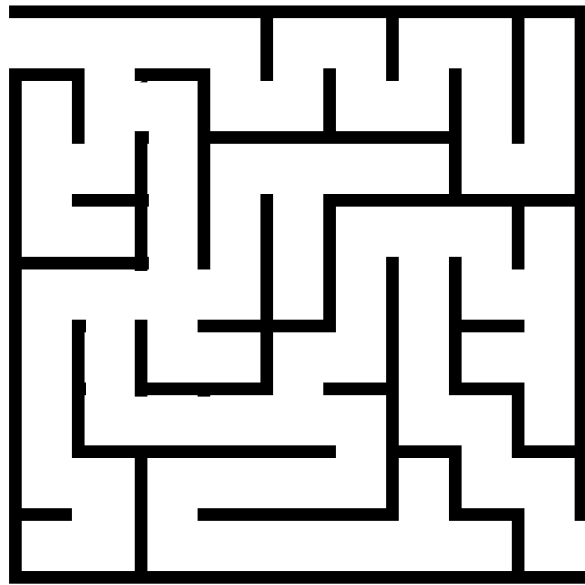
Connect the dots.



Hôtel de Manville

Now, come and stand in front of the Hôtel de Manville (the town hall). Can you see the 4 flags hanging from the façade?

Help 'Etoile' find the Baux-de-Provence flag.



Tourist Office



This rock is called "bauxite". It's named after the village of Les Baux-de-Provence, where the rock was first discovered in 1821.

You can now go back down to the Tourist Office. In front of the entrance is a rock used to make aluminium.

What colour is it?



On leaving the village



Do you see anything unexpected on the wall of the Office building?

I can keep you warm, but I'm not a scarf
I'm often made of brick or stone, but I'm not a wall
I contain logs, but I'm not a forest
I'm found beneath a chimney, but I'm not Santa

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Now you know the village down to the last detail. I hope you enjoyed this little tour and that you'll come back soon to visit me in Les Baux-de-Provence.

Find me and my shepherd Tistet in the book "Une étoile aux Baux-de-Provence" by Jean-Marc Rossi, my creator. This book is on sale at the Tourist Office.





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