

# Speaking Card 36

## Around Town

**Language:** Giving Directions, Recommending Sights to See.

### GIVING DIRECTIONS

**Tourist:** Excuse me. Can you tell me the way to Charles Bridge?

**Teen:** Sure. The best way to get there is to go straight down Celetná Street.

**Tourist:** Okay. The street opposite us?

**Teen:** Yes. Then you'll get to Old Town Square. It's a big square – you can't miss it.

**Tourist:** That's where the big clock is, right?

**Teen:** Yes. Go straight across the square. You'll get to Karlova Street. Follow that street.

**Tourist:** Okay.

**Teen:** After Karlova Street take the first right onto Husova Street. Then turn left onto Karlova Street again.

**Tourist:** And then I'll be at the bridge?

**Teen:** That's right. When you get to the end of Karlova Street, you'll see the bridge in front of you.

**Tourist:** Thank you so much for the directions.

**Teen:** No problem. Enjoy your stay in Prague.

### GIVING RECOMMENDATIONS

**Tourist:** Before I visit the bridge, can you give me some recommendations of other sights to see in Prague?

**Teen:** Certainly. I'm from Prague. Let me give you some tips.

**Tourist:** Fantastic. This is my first trip here so I'm not sure where to go.

**Teen:** Okay. Of course, you have to see Prague Castle. After you cross the bridge you can visit the castle. It's beautiful.

**Tourist:** That sounds great.

**Teen:** Also, one of my favourite places in Prague is Vyšehrad. In my opinion, it's a must-see. The view from there is amazing.

**Tourist:** This is so helpful. Do you have any other recommendations?

**Teen:** You should check out Náplavka. It's by the river and it's a great place to relax.

**Tourist:** Thank you so much. I'm glad I met you.

**Teen:** You're welcome. Have a great day.

### HANDY PHRASES

#### How to Ask for Directions

Can you tell me the way to ...?

How do I get to...?

Is that the street...?

And then I'll be at the bridge / street / river?

#### How to Give Directions

The best way to get there is to turn right / go straight ahead.

You'll get to the bridge / bank / street.

You can't miss it.

Go straight across the street / square / bridge.

You'll get to Brown Street / the Vltava River / Charles Bridge.

Follow that street / path / avenue.

Take the first / second right / left onto Oxford Street / Wall Street.

Turn left / right onto Karlova street / Fifth Avenue.

When you get to the end of the street / path / road...

You'll see the bridge / castle / bank in front of you.

#### How to Ask for Recommendations

Can you give me / Do you have any recommendations?

#### How to Give Recommendations

Let me give you some tips / recommendations.

You have to see the castle / museum / art gallery.

One of my favourite places is the bridge / park / castle.

It's a must-see.

You should check out the park / restaurant / theatre.



**Task 1** Role-play a dialogue with your partner. Use the map in picture 2. Choose a place to give directions to.

- A** You are at Wenceslas Square. Ask Student B for directions to the place.
- B** Give the first direction.
- A** Ask a question to check.
- B** Reply, then give the next direction.
- A** Thank student B and ask another question to check.
- B** Respond politely and give the next direction.
- A** Thank student B again and say goodbye.
- B** Respond politely and say goodbye.

**Task 2**

- A** Can you give a tourist directions to the nearest cash machine / pharmacy / post office?
- B** Choose two pictures of famous Czech places. How would you recommend these places to a tourist? What phrases can you use?