

FRANCE



Total area: 674,843 km²

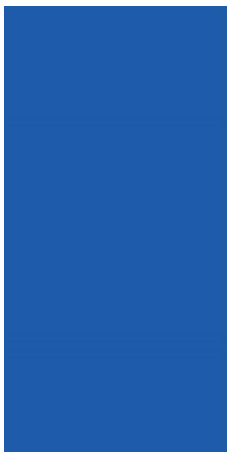
Population: 66,616,416

Currency: Euro

Capital: Paris

Other cities: Marseilles,
Lyon, Toulouse, Nice,
Strasbourg, Montpellier.

Religion: Roman Catholics 85%,
Muslims 10%



The French Flag

Rivers

The 5 main rivers of France are:

- ✚ The Loire (It is the longest river in France)
- ✚ The Rhine (the Franco German border)
- ✚ The Rhone (coming from Switzerland through the lake of Geneva)
- ✚ The Seine (It crosses Paris)
- ✚ The Garonne in the south -west

Mountains: The Alps , The Pyrenees, The Massif Central, the Jura Mountains.

Lakes: Annecy, Bourget , Geneva

Islands: Corsica (in the Mediterranean Sea), Martinique (in the Caribbean Sea) and others.

Traditions

On Christmas Eve the whole family gather around the table to have a Christmas dinner. Pere Noel , the French Santa Claus , gives his presents to the children at midnight

One of the Easter Customs in France is the oddest one. In the streets of Haux , a French town , they use more than 4.500 eggs in order to make an omelet that will feed more than 1000 people.

People

The French are polite to strangers but not very warm hearted.

Stereotypes

- ✚ The men in France are super romantic.
- ✚ French people are lazy workers.
- ✚ The French are famous for their perfumes. There is a legend that they didn't use to wash themselves and they used perfume instead.
- ✚ French people love drinking lots of wine and eating a lot of cheese.
- ✚ Their language sounds well, but it is a little strange for us.

Food

Food is one of the greatest passions of the French people.

The most important meal for the French is dinner. It usually consists of four dishes: The appetizers or some soup, the main dish which is usually meat, the cheese, fruit, and sometimes dessert.

They usually drink wine.

The most characteristic dishes of the French cuisine are: the onion soup, steak Tartare, Cassoulet, Bouillabaisse, Ratatouille, Coq au vin, Quiche Lorraine, Boeuf Bourguignon, Escargots.

French dishes



Escargots



Bouillabaisse



Cassoulet (a dish made with beans, sausages and preserved duck or goose)



Coq au vin

Landmarks

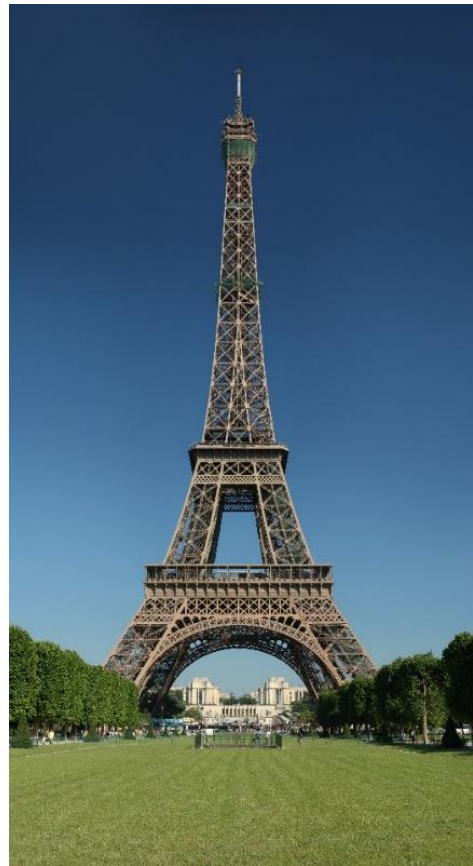
Eiffel Tower

The Eiffel Tower was built in 1889 by Gustave Eiffel.

Its height is 350 metres.

It is placed in the centre of Paris.

It is made of green iron.



Disneyland

The Disneyland was built in April 1992 and it was created by Walt Disney. It is in a suburb of Paris, in Marne-La-Vallee. The Disneyland is a very big park with a lot of playgrounds. It is very beautiful.

More Landmarks

The Louvre, in Paris, France. It is 60,000 square meters. It is one of the world's most visited art museums and a national symbol.



Arc de Triomphe. It honours the soldiers who fought for France.

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