

'Postcard from Europe'

Pourquoi visiter la France?

France Facts

France is a country in Europe.

It has a population of over 67.6 million (2021).

The capital of France is Paris.

The currency in France is the Euro, and their official language is French.



Famous Landmarks



The Alps



Mont Saint-Michel



Pont d'Avignon



Arc de Triomphe



The Louvre



Notre Dame Cathedral



Eiffel Tower



Sacre Coeur

Vocabulary

The Northern Hemisphere is the section of the Earth that is north of the Equator.

The section of the Earth that is south of the Equator is called the Southern Hemisphere.

The Equator is an imaginary line that divides the Earth into two hemispheres.

A map - a diagram or representation of land or sea that includes physical and human features.

An atlas - is a book of maps

A globe - a spherical representation of the earth with a map on the surface

France

Population: Over 62.2 million (2018)

Capital City: Paris

Languages: French is the language spoken by 88% of the population. Other languages spoken are English, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Italian and Arabic.

Continent: Europe

Currency: Euro

Mountain Ranges: The French Alps, the Massif Central, the Jura and the Pyrenees

Major Rivers: The Loire, the Rhone and the Seine

Government: The Government of the French Republic

National Day: La Fête nationale (The National Celebration - commonly referred to as Bastille Day) 14th July

Flag:



Religion: 64% Christian (mainly Roman Catholic), others include Islam and Buddhism, with 24% being non-religious.

Famous French Men and Women: Napoleon Bonaparte, French Emperor; Andre the Giant, wrestler and actor; Zinedine Zidane, footballer; Juliette Binoche, actress; Gustave Eiffel, engineer; Claude Monet, artist; Brigitte Bardot, actress; Louis Pasteur, scientist.

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The Eiffel Tower

The Eiffel tower was designed by Gustave Eiffel and his engineering company.

It was built in 1889 for the Paris World's Fair.

The Eiffel tower was originally designed as a temporary structure but has stood for over 100 years.

It is one of the most visited sites in Paris.



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French Alps

The Alps are one of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe – in the summer people like to visit the mountains for the views. In winter, the mountains are perfect for winter sports like snowboarding and skiing.

The highest peak in the alps is Mont Blanc, which is 4810 metres high.

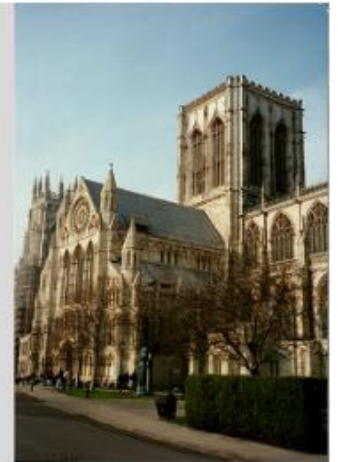
The town of Chamonix was the site of the first ever Winter Olympics in 1924.

Over 13,000 species of plant can be found in the region.



York Minster is the largest Gothic cathedral in Northern Europe.

York Minster is in the city of York, North Yorkshire, England. It is the 'seat' of the Archbishop of York who is the second-highest-ranking bishop in the Church of England.



The Seine is the second longest river in France. About halfway along its course it passes through the capital city of Paris. Many of the city's most famous monuments are located along the banks of the river.



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The Louvre

The Louvre is the world's biggest museum in the world.

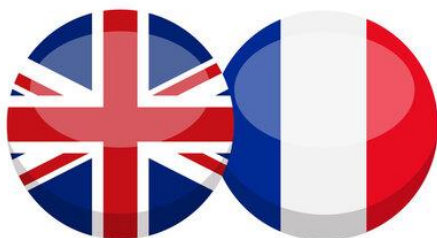
It is home to 35,000 priceless artefacts and paintings including Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa.

The building was originally built as a fortress in 1190. It was then turned into a palace in the 16th Century before being opened to the public as a museum in 1793.

The glass pyramid was built in 1989 and is 21 metres tall.



The river Ouse flows through North Yorkshire and directly through the centre of York and flows past many areas that people live in. It also regularly floods!



The Water Cycle

The water cycle is the process by which the world's water moves between lakes, rivers, the atmosphere, oceans and land. As it moves through this system it can be liquid (water), gas (vapour), or solid (ice).

The main stages of the Water cycle are...

1. Evaporation
2. Condensation
3. Precipitation
4. Accumulation
5. Transpiration

