

France

By Emma Borra and her family



France is situated in the North-West of Europe, its western side facing the Atlantic ocean and its southern side bordering the north of Spain.

Its hexagonal shape is easily recognisable and the French sometimes refer to their country as: “L’Hexagone”, meaning, “the hexagon”





France's origins can be traced to the Franks, one of the Germanic tribes that took over Western Europe, after the fall of the Roman Empire.

Its History is long and eventful, with countless numbers of wars, famous Kings and Emperors and conquests.

France started off as a monarchy (a country governed by King.), but that all changed on the morning of the 14th of July, 1789, when the people of France swarmed into the Bastille prison, destroying the fortress. They fought for freedom, and won. Henceforth, came France's motto: "Liberté, égalité, fraternité" or, in English, liberty, equality and brotherhood.



France and England have a long, shared History.

They are similar to two sisters because they have lots in common, but argued and fought against each other several times (notably, the 100 years war, the Napoleonic wars, etc.) but still battled together in the World Wars against Germany.

This shows that although they “disagreed” with each other on many occasions, they can work together in the end.



Some interesting facts...

- Capital City: Paris, France
- Population of France: 68 million people
- The French Flag is Blue White and Red. Le Drapeau Tricolore is translated to The Three-Coloured Flag. (How appropriate)
- French is the official language of 29 countries in the world. (Canada being one of them)
- In Fact, French was once the official language of England! From 1066 to 1362 after the Norman Conquest.

If you are interested in cycling, you may know about an event called the “Tour de France”, which is taking place at the moment. Its is the most prestigious cycling competition in the world.

It is a great event to follow on television because you could get to know all of the beautiful landmarks France has to offer. Here are some examples...



Here are a few of the most iconic and
touristic places to visit in France:

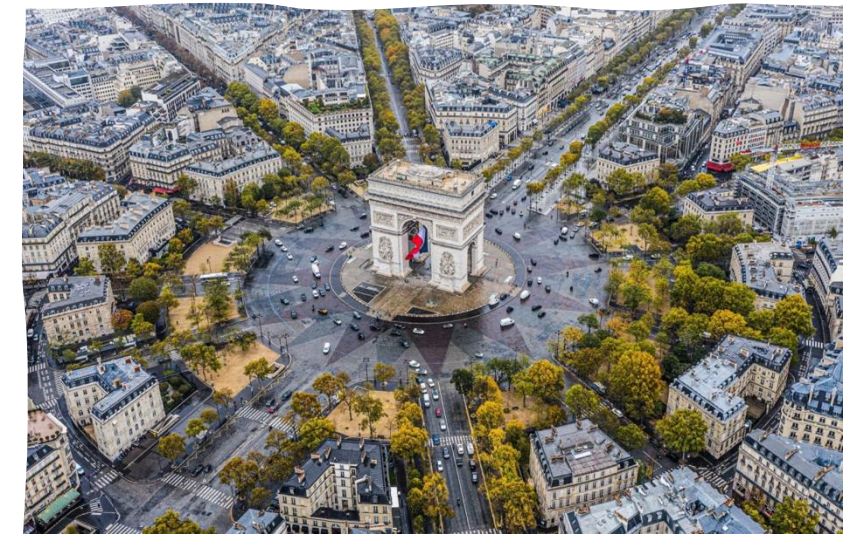
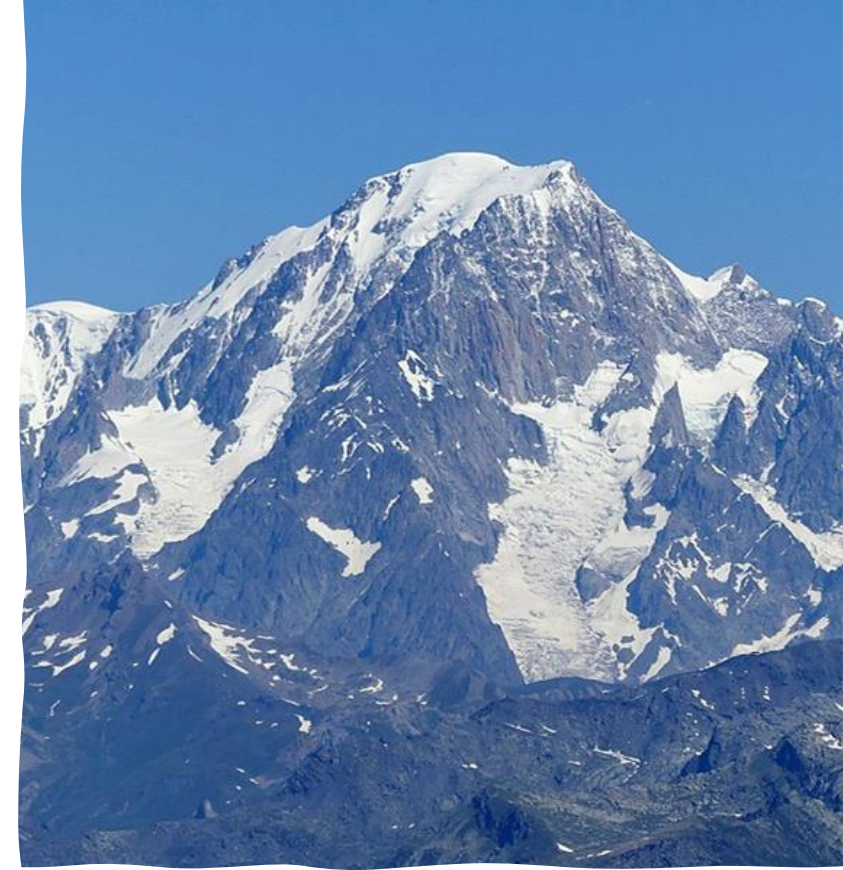
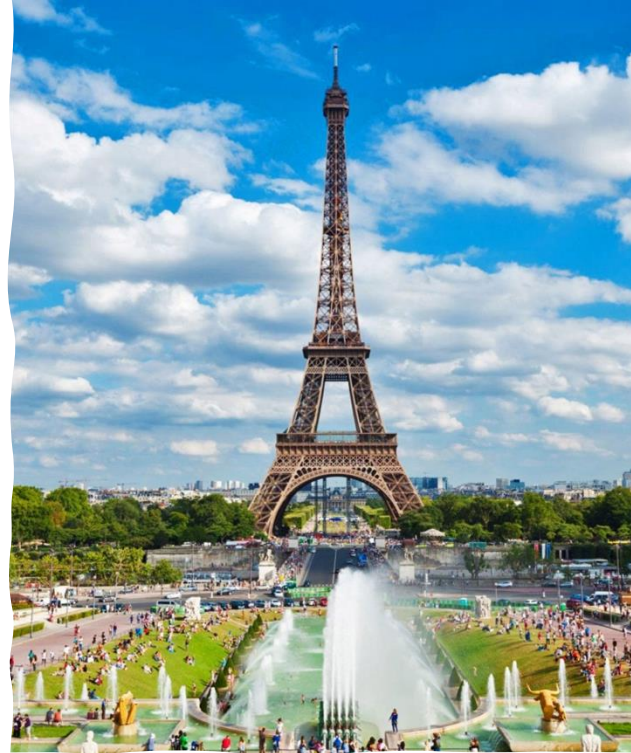
-Le Mont Saint Michel

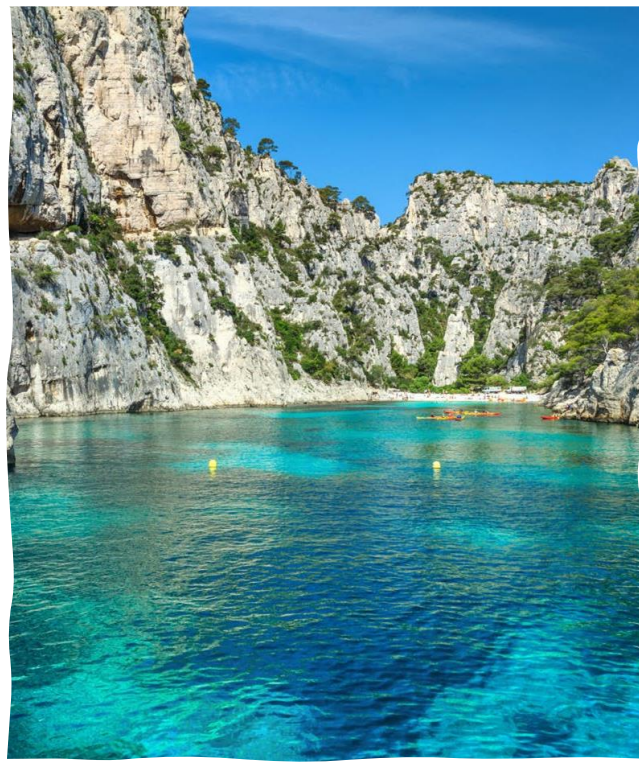
-La Tour Eiffel

-Les Alpes (Le Mont Blanc, the
highest mountain in Europe)

-L 'arc de Triomphe

Here are some more....





From Historic Landmarks to stunning cliffs, there really is a lot to see when travelling here like:

- Le Palais De Versailles
- Le Musée du Louvre (one of the most important museums in the world! This place even holds the real painting of the “Mona Lisa”, by Leonardo Da Vinci.
- Les Calanques de Marseille
- La Cathédrale Notre Dame

Sports

Next year, Paris will host the summer Olympic games. In addition, France has a great football team (and they even won two world cups!)

And another sports event that I would like to talk about is the French Open. It is one of the biggest tennis tournaments in the world and the only major to be played on a clay surface.



France is also renowned for its gastronomy. French cuisine is very popular, worldwide:

- Croissants
- Escargot
- Ratatouille
- Steak Haché
- Raclette
- éclairs
- Baguette

But my favourite French food have to be crepes, because I always ate them at the beach when I went to France on holidays when I was little. Speaking of which....





I am half French and my grandparents live in Laval. Here are some photos of me and my family:



And now some
fun facts!



France Is The Most-Visited Country In The World



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- The French Eat 25,000 Tons Of Snails Each Year



France Produces Over 1,500 Types Of Cheese

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- Camembert de Normandie
 - Brie de Meaux
 - Rebluchon
 - Fromage Blanc
 - Roquefort



Supermarkets In France Can't Throw Away Food

- Instead, they must donate the food to a charity or food bank. France passed this law in 2016 to help reduce hunger and prevent food waste!



France once had A King – That Lasted Only 20 Minutes

- Louis the XIX was King of France for 20 minutes, before he himself abdicated, due to the 1830 Revolution



Thank you so
much for
taking the time
to listen to my
assembly

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you

And thank you...



Emma and your family for a lovely assembly