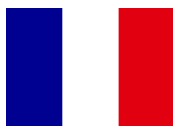


 **Capital:** Paris

 **Flag:**



 **Language:** French

 **Geography:** France includes mainland France in Western Europe and overseas territories around the world. Mainland France borders eight countries, one ocean and three seas, making it an important crossroads for trade.

 **Population:** 69 082 000 habitants (1st January 2026)

 **Outline Map of France**



 **Key Cultural Symbols:** The Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, Mont Saint-Michel, Cannes' festival and the Tour de France are well-known. French cuisine is also famous, especially cheeses, pastries, "baguettes" and croissants.

 **Traditional Music and Dances:** Each region has its own traditions, including the French Cancan and Breton "fest-noz".

 **Important National Celebration:** 14 July marks the storming of the Bastille, a key event in the founding of the French Republic.

 **Popular Greeting:** "Salut!" means "Hi!", while "Bonjour!" is used to say "Good morning!" or "Good afternoon!"

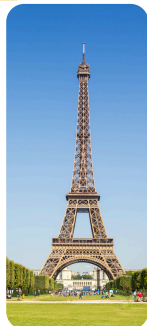
 **Popular Food:** France is famous for its cuisine, especially its hundreds of different cheeses.

 **Easy Recipe:** la "quiche lorraine" is a savoury tart made with pastry, eggs, cream and bacon bits.

Fun Facts

The Eiffel Tower grows! On hot days, it can become a few centimetres taller because metal expands with heat. Snails are on the menu! "Escargots" (snails) are a traditional French dish.

Pictures of Key Cultural Elements



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