

Did you know?

France shares a border with 8 countries: Andorra, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Spain and Switzerland.

France's capital city is Paris. Some of the top tourist attractions include the Eiffel Tower, Louvre Museum, Montmartre and the Palace of Versailles. The main rivers in France are called Rhone, Seine, Loire, Garonne, Dordogne and Rhine.

An interesting city in southern France is Carcassonne. It is located in L'Occitane region. It is renowned for its well-preserved medieval fortress, which is an UNESCO World Heritage site.

Tourism in France, like anywhere, has both negative and positive effects. It can bring money to an area, create jobs and can promote a place—allowing it to raise its profile. On the other hand, tourism can cause environmental problems and can undermine local traditions and cultural heritage.

Map of France



Learning Enquiries

- Where is France, and its surrounding areas, located in relation to England?
- What is the physical geography of France, including its landforms and bodies of water?
- What do I know about Paris, France's capital city?
- What is Carcassonne?
- What are France's climates?
- What is the advantage of tourism in France?
- What are the disadvantages of tourism in France?

Vocabulary Dozen

Human geography	The impact and behaviour of people and how they relate to the physical world.
Physical geography	Looks at the natural processes of the Earth, such as climate.
Population	The number of people living in a certain area.
France	A country in Western Europe.
Paris	The capital city of France.
Climate	The typical weather in a place over time; France has a temperate climate with warm summers and cool winters.
Language	The words and grammar people use to communicate; French is the official language of France.
Capital city	A city where a country's government is based.
Alps	A famous mountain range in France, stretching into neighbouring countries.
Pyrenees	A mountain range forming a natural border between France and Spain.
River	A natural stream of water, such as the River Seine in Paris.
Carcassonne	A historic city in southern France.