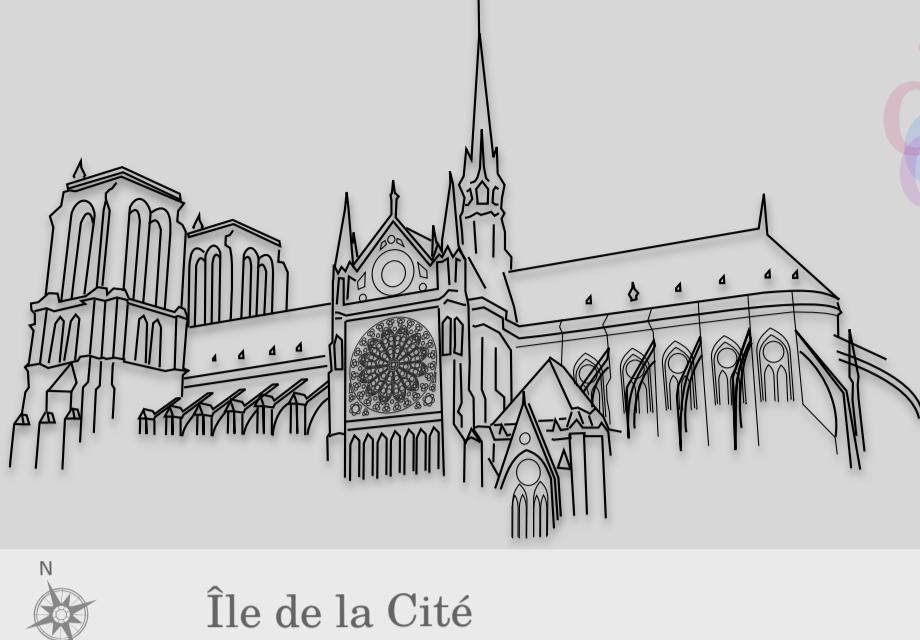
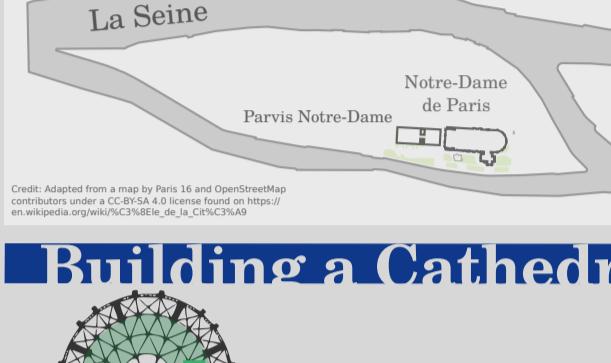


NOTRE-DAME de PARIS



Chaque face, chaque pierre du vénérable monument est une page non seulement de l'histoire du pays, mais encore de l'histoire de la science et de l'art.

- Victor Hugo

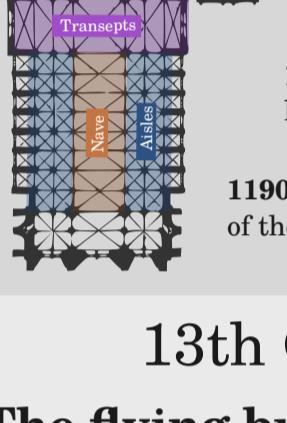


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The Heart of Paris

Located on the Île de la Cité, at the heart of the Paris, the Cathedral of Notre-Dame is one of the most iconic monuments of the city. It attracts **12 million tourists** every year: more than any other monument in Paris including the Eiffel Tower.

Building a Cathedral



1177: Choir completed

1182: Altar consecrated

1182-90: Nave and Aisles lower level completed

1190: Work starts on the bases of the facade and Transepts.



1160

1225-50:
Upper gallery
of the Nave and
two west facing
towers completed

1260

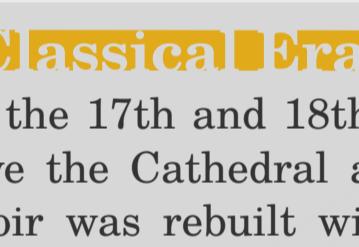
Construction

Minor alterations and damages

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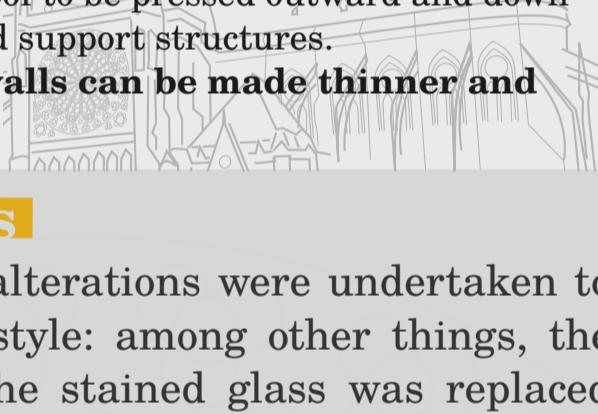
13th Century Technology

The flying buttress



was an awesome new piece of medieval technology used when building Notre-Dame. It allows the weight of the roof to be pressed outward and down to the walls and support structures.

As a result, walls can be made thinner and taller!



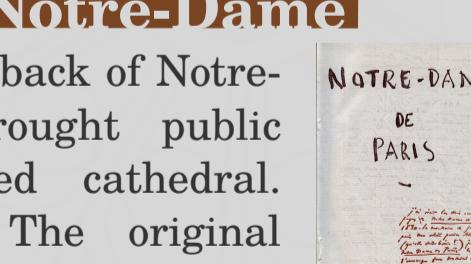
Classical Alterations

In the 17th and 18th century, major alterations were undertaken to give the Cathedral a more classical style: among other things, the choir was rebuilt with marble and the stained glass was replaced with white glass. At the end of the 18th century the weathered spire was removed.

Revolution and Napoleon

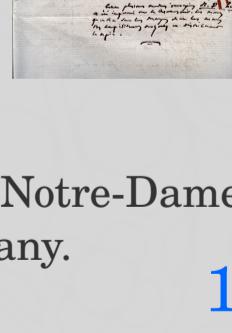
During the revolution, Notre-Dame was used for the Cult of Reason and later as a warehouse. The statues of the facade were destroyed, as were the treasures that were not plundered.

In 1801, Napoleon Bonaparte, restored the cathedral to the church. He was crowned there in 1804.



Victor Hugo Saves Notre-Dame

In 1831 the novel "The Hunchback of Notre-Dame" by Victor Hugo brought public attention to the dilapidated cathedral. Repairs started in 1844. The original decoration, glass and statues were recreated from drawings. The spire was rebuilt.



mid 17th
end 18th
Century

1790s

1804

1831

1844-62

1944

1963

1991-2000

15 April 2019

Louis XIV
Revolution
Louis XV
1st Empire

Renovations
Renovations

WWII
Renovations

The Liberation

A special mass was held on August 26 1944 in Notre-Dame to celebrate the liberation of Paris from Germany.

Modern Renovations

After the industrial revolution the stone had lost its original colour. Cleaning operations were undertaken at the end of the 20th century.

The Fire

Late on April 15th 2019, the roof of Notre-Dame de Paris was set ablaze. The flames ravaged the 800 year old oak roof, and caused the reconstructed spire to collapse. Many treasures and the body of the cathedral were saved by the Sapeurs Pompier de Paris.

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