



French Culture

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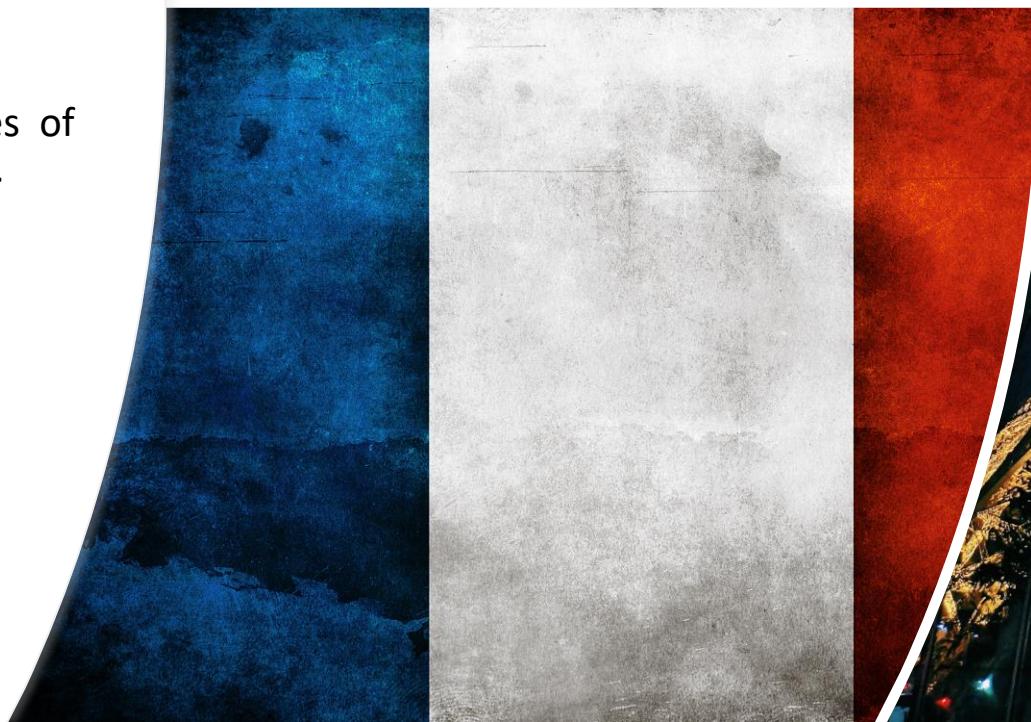
Interesting facts about France

- According to Expatica, “France is the largest country in the region” or “largest country in the European Union”.
- Covering a “total area of 551,695 square kilometers”.
- France is also considered “the most popular tourist destination”.
- Drawing in a whopping “89.3 million” visitors in 2018 alone.

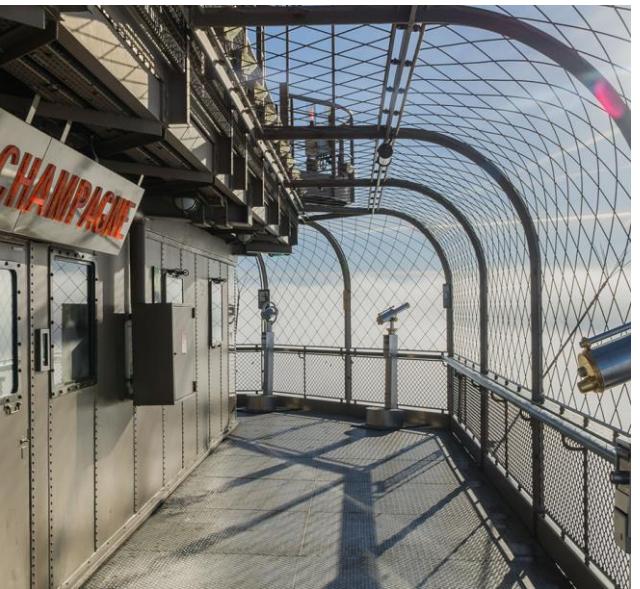
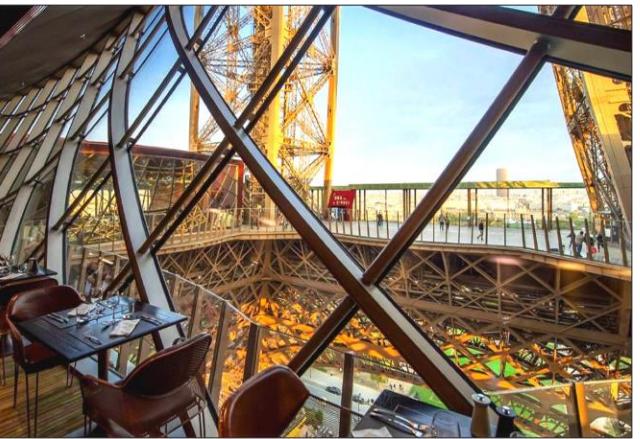
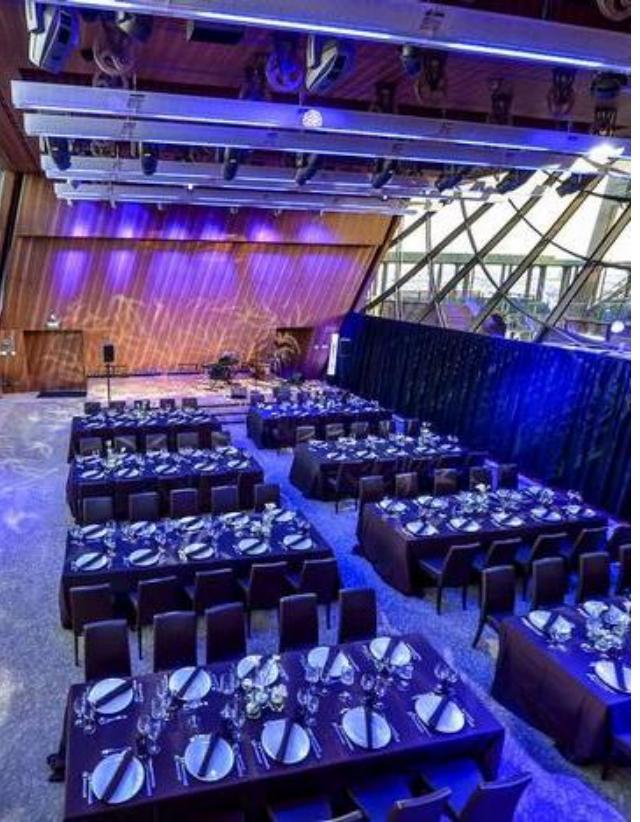


The Eiffel Tower

- Interesting facts about the Eiffel tower according to Live Science...
 - Nicknamed “La Dame de Fer” or “the iron lady”.
 - Composed of “18,000” pieces of iron with “2.5” million rivets.
 - “1,063 feet” in height.
 - Consist of “108 stories”
 - Weighs in at “10,000 tons”
 - Or 22,045,855.38 lbs



Inside the Eiffel Tower



- “The Gustave Eiffel Salon”
 - This is an event and ceremony center that is located on the first floor.
- “58 Tour Eiffel” on the first floor
 - Shown in the center right column.
- A mockup apartment for travelers on the first floor
- “Le Jules Verne” on the second floor
- On the third and highest level there is also a champagne bar that is only accessible by elevator

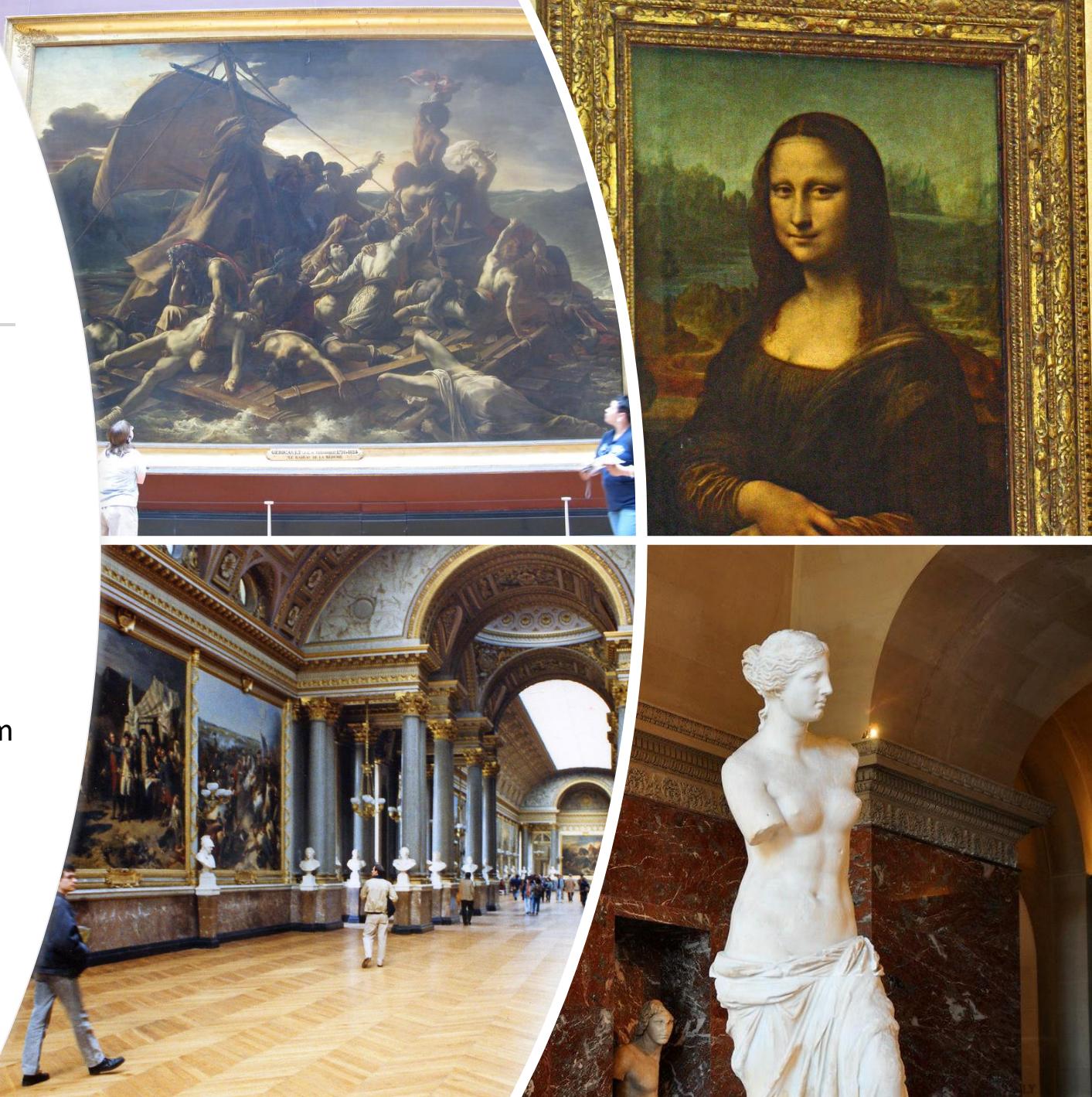
Louvre Museum

- This Museum is according to Expatica “The worlds Most Visited Museum” with “9.6 million visitors in 2019” alone.
- They first mention that Louvre was “Originally built as a fortress in 1190”.
- According to the European museums network people come to view one of the “380,000” objects, or one of the “35,000” different works of art that are housed here.



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- Notable pieces of the Louvre Museum
 - Mona Lisa by Leonardo Vinci (**19th Century**)
 - According to World By Isa this is “Considered to be the most famous painting in the world”.
 - The Raft of Medusa By Theodore Gericault (**1818-1819**)
 - This painting “Depicts survivors and causalities from the Medusa shipwreck calling for help when they see” a passing by ship.
 - Venus de Milo (**Discovered in 1820 and given to King Louis XIII**)
 - This source also mentions that this statue in the bottom right Represents “The goddess Venus”, or “Aphrodite to the Greeks”.



Cooking Methods That Originate in France

- Mise en place
 - “Everything in Place” or organizing your workstation before cooking.
- Sautéing
 - Derived from Sauter, which is French for “Jump” and is accomplished by cooking something in a thin coating of olive oil or butter.
- Poaching
 - Involves submerging food in liquid, typically without the use of fat.







The End!