

Traveling to France



Safety advises

Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade: Exercise a high degree of caution

More details: <http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/france>

Global Affairs Canada: Exercise a high degree of caution

More details: <http://travel.gc.ca/destinations/france>



About your destination

France (French: [fs]), officially the French Republic (French: République française [epyblik fsz]), is a unitary sovereign state comprising territory in western Europe and several overseas regions and territories. The European part of France, called metropolitan France, extends from the Mediterranean Sea to the English Channel and the North Sea, and from the Rhine to the Atlantic Ocean. France spans 643,801 square kilometres (248,573 sq mi) and has a total population of 66.6 million. It is a unitary semi-presidential republic with the capital in Paris, the country's largest city and main cultural and commercial centre. The Constitution of France establishes the state as secular and democratic, with its sovereignty derived from the people.

During the Iron Age, what is now Metropolitan France was inhabited by the Gauls, a Celtic people. The Gauls were conquered in 51 BC by the Roman Empire, which held Gaul until 486. The Gallo-Romans were superseded by the Germanic Franks, who formed the medieval Kingdom of France. France emerged as a major European power in the Late Middle Ages, with its victory in the Hundred Years' War (1337 to 1453) strengthening state-building and the political centralization. During the Renaissance, France experienced a vast cultural development and established the beginning of a global colonial empire. The 16th century was dominated by religious civil wars between Catholics and Protestants (Huguenots).



Good to know







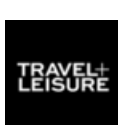



Language	French (official)				
Timezone	Europe/Paris				
Currency	Euro				
Rates	Canadian Dollar	Euro	Pound Sterling	US Dollar	Yen
	1,27	0,88	0,69	1,00	107,05
Electricity	<div><div>230 Volt 50 Herz</div><div></div><div></div></div>				



Health and risks

Water	Drinking tap water in France is safe
Vaccinations	There are no recommendations for France

What our partners recommend for your stay in France

	lonelyplanet 04.06.2016 17:07	Pack your fork and head to sunny Dordogne, #France: https://t.co/aYyiH53C5R #BestinEurope #travel #lp https://t.co/4VV1p7J2h3
	lonelyplanet 31.05.2016 04:00	Cheers RT @lptravelnews: A new theme park dedicated to wine opens this week in Bordeaux https://t.co/pvs8p58Tcq https://t.co/EtA8Dg87qQ
	lonelyplanet 30.05.2016 14:14	@janjanwuwu No worries. Have a great trip, whatever your destination! :-) You can't go wrong with Scotland, Morocco or South of France.
	lonelyplanet 30.05.2016 13:33	@janjanwuwu That's a tough choice, but Dordogne (South of France) is beautiful & it's #4 in our Best in Europe list: https://t.co/BfwcQx02RE
	lonelyplanet 30.05.2016 13:23	@bearclyff @AWOLaus Thanks for pointing out the typo. The #4 Best in Europe region is Dordogne, in the SW of France: https://t.co/7cdNZ3gnnN
	NatGeoTravel 04.06.2016 08:05	We picked out the best UNESCO World Heritage sites in France https://t.co/FRSSFe9Fo5
	NatGeoTravel 03.06.2016 04:05	What are the top World Heritage sites in France? We've got them. https://t.co/ekBsCFBcAf
	TravelLeisure 31.05.2016 11:31	How to Roadtrip Through Southern France's Languedoc-Roussillon https://t.co/VW2tAVi11a https://t.co/4FZezitk6t
	TravelLeisure 31.05.2016 00:16	Japan and France are offering fine art experiences on trains: https://t.co/vZ2TtH3fSI https://t.co/Fp1U0L5y1o
	travelchannel 04.06.2016 19:00	Tour France's UNESCO World Heritage sites - https://t.co/KvB97tDMYW https://t.co/0c0gXxnnl2