

# Bienvenue a France!

Welcome to France, a country found in the continent of Europe with a mild climate and a vast array of landscapes – a priority destination for anyone exploring this part of the northern hemisphere. With a plethora of places to adventure and a never-ending list of landmarks to see, there is something here for everyone!



## Soaring High!

Experience the exhilarating sights of France from atop one of its several mountain ranges! The Alps (including France's highest mountain peak *Mont Blanc*) host a wealth of activities from hiking to Nordic skiing, whilst the Pyrenees – which separate France from Spain – are home to many spa resorts. Many rivers flow from these mountains into the seas, including the Rhone and the Seine.

## Agriculture

Impressively, France is the world's leading country in the production of dairy products: it is estimated there are over 60 000 dairy farms across the nation that produce a varied selection of specialty cheeses. Additionally, France is infamous for its wine production. Vineyards are special farms that grow and process grapes, which are the key ingredient for this alcoholic drink.



## Jolly Holiday

There are two coastal borders in France. The coastal region to the north is rich in history due to its role in bombings and invasions during the Second World War, such as Normandy, overlooking the English Channel. Alternatively, the southern coast boasts warmer weather: known as the French Riviera, it is a highly rated destination for holiday makers due to its close proximity to the Mediterranean Sea. However, if you'd prefer to keep your feet dry, France neighbours Spain to the west and Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland and Italy to the east.

## See the Sights

Right across France, there are so many infamous sights for any avid explorer to visit. *The Eiffel Tower*, situated in the capital city of Paris, was built in 1889 as a 'modern, artistic construction' to put this destination in the world map. Paris is also the home of *Notre Dame*, a Catholic (Christian) cathedral first built in 1163. For those wanting to reconnect with nature, *the Forest of Orleans* – situated in central France – is one of the biggest forests. Due to its very flat landscape there are no rivers flowing through it but an abundance of ponds.

