



Guide to Paris

Main information:

Country:

the French Republic

Region - Île-de-France

Department - Paris

Mayor - Bertrand Delanoë

Land area - 105.4 km²

Population - 2,193,031



Historical events

- The original name of Paris was **Lutetia**
- The city reclaimed its original appellation of "Paris" towards the end of the Roman occupation
- The Frankish king Clovis the Frank, the first king of the Merovingian dynasty made the city his capital from 508.
- Paris's population was around 200,000 when the **Black Death** arrived in 1348, killing as many as 800 people a day, and **40,000** died from the plague, in 1466



Historical events

- ❑ **Late 15th century: The Renaissance begins in Paris, turning the city into a flourishing center of art, science, and architecture. Technological advances lead to the city's sprawl**
- ❑ **Late 16th century: Bloody religious conflicts between Protestants and Catholics lead to the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre. Over 3000 Protestant Huguenots perish in the massacre.**
- ❑ **1792: Fall of the monarchy and declaration of the first French republic.**

Historical events

- **Mid-19th century: The Paris that still largely remains today is constructed by Baron Haussmann, under the direction of Napoleon III. Wide boulevards and a sewer system replace most of the narrow, cramped medieval and Renaissance-era streets of the city.**
- **1920's and 1930's: Paris is one of the world's most important hotbeds of experimentation in art and literature.**
- **On 14 June 1940 Paris fell to German occupation forces**
- **German forces remained in Paris until the city was liberated in August 1944**

Universal Exposition in 1889



Liberation of Paris



Three of the most famous Parisian landmarks

- cathedral Notre Dame de Paris
- the Napoleonic Arc de Triomphe
- Eiffel Tower



Paris sights

- the **Louvre Museum**



The Paris City Hall

- **Disneyland Paris**



Paris sights

- The **Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Paris**



- **Moulin Rouge**



Paris sights

The Opéra Garnier



Musée d'Orsay

National Museum of the Middle Ages



Questions:

1. What is the official name of France?
2. What was the original name of Paris?
3. What was the disease that killed 40 000 residents of Paris?
4. When did the Renaissance begin?
5. What happened in St. Bartholomew's Day?
6. When did Paris fall to German occupation forces?
7. What happened in 1889?
8. What sights of Paris can you name?

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