



INTRODUCTION TO FRANCE & ITS SYMBOLS





FRANCE – L'HEXAGONE

- The country is also called as “L'Hexagone” because it is roughly hexagonal in shape.



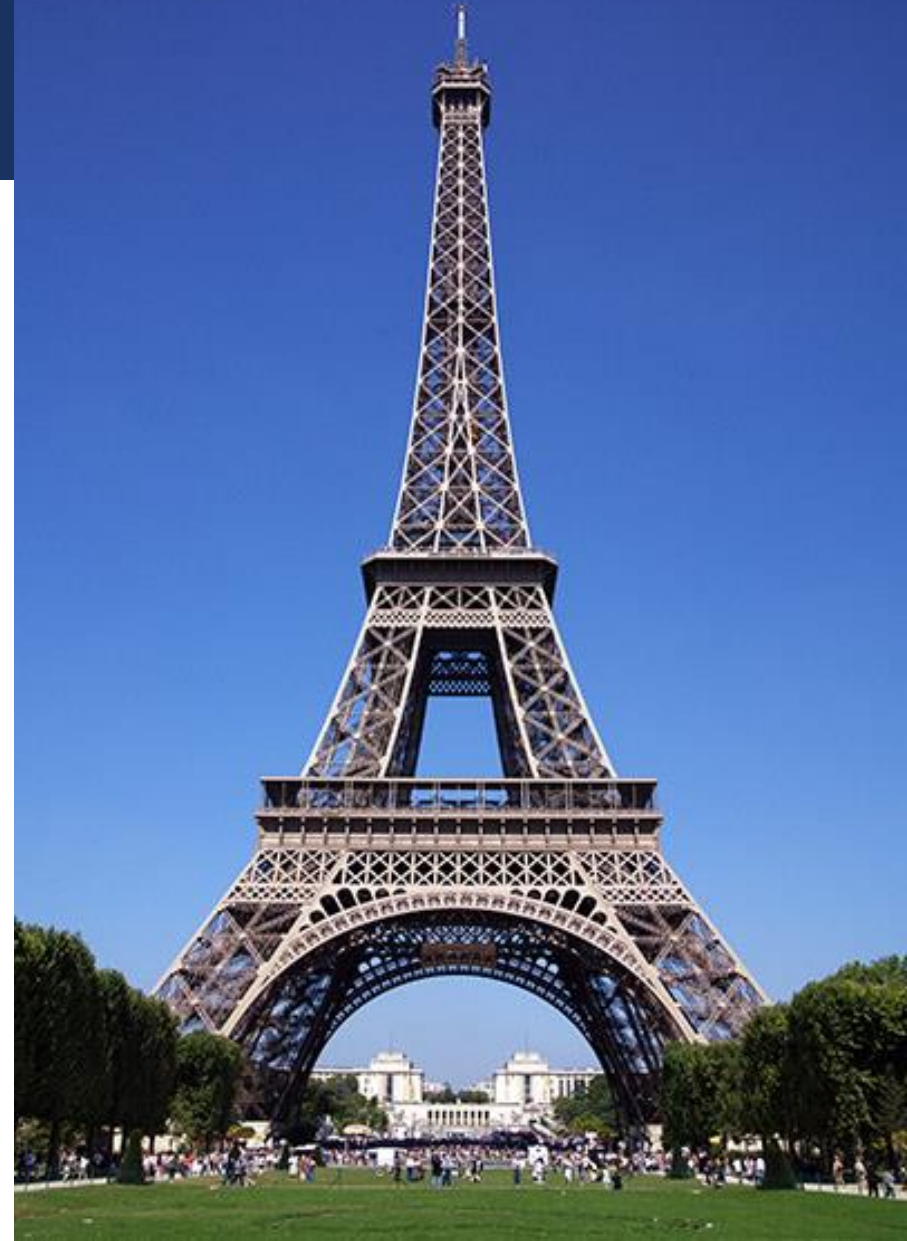
GEOGRAPHY OF FRANCE

- 547,030 km²
- Border countries : Andorra, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Spain & Switzerland
- 66 million people



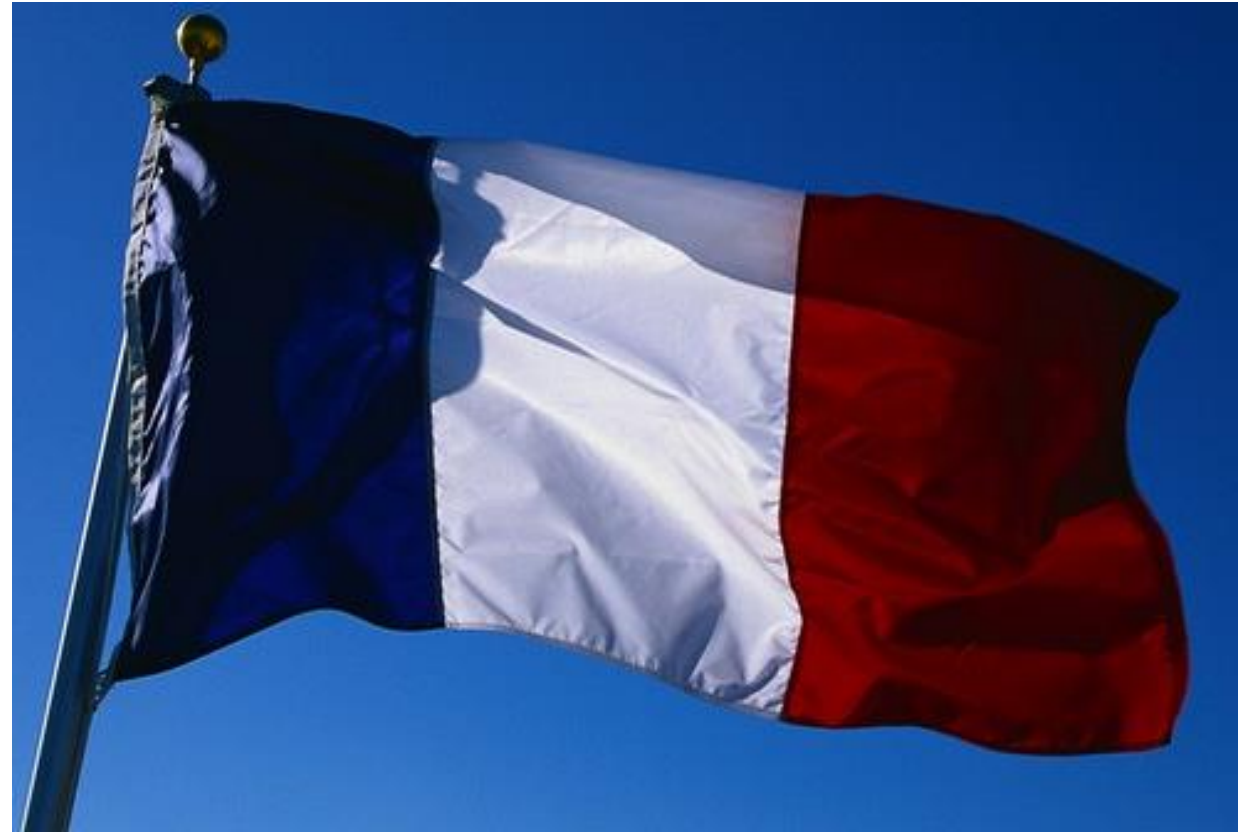
IEFFEL TOWER – LA TOUR IEFTEL

- It was built by bridge engineer Gustave Eiffel in 1889
- It is 300m tall
- It is the tallest building in the world till 1930



FRENCH TRICOLOUR FLAG – LE DRAPEAU TRICOLORE

- A vertical tricolour flag of blue (bleu), white (blanc) and red (rouge)
- These colours date from the Revolution
- Blue and red are the traditional colours of Paris while white is the ancient French colour that represents the King and the royalty



THE MOTTO – LIBERTÉ, ÉGALITÉ, FRATERNITÉ

- The national motto of France
- Dates from the Revolution
- Symbolizes the values of French Republic
- Liberté (Liberty)
- Égalité (Equality)
- Fraternité (Brotherhood)



Liberté • Égalité • Fraternité

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

MARIANNE

- An allegorical women named Marianne was chosen in 1792 during the First Republic to represent France
- A personification of liberty and reason, and a portrayal of Goddess of Liberty
- Her face was on French stamps and coins, and the sculpted head of Marianne is on display in the office of every French mayor





THE GALLIC ROOSTER – LE COQ GAULOIS

- Unofficial national symbol of France but has become a popular emblem of the republic
- Today, it is often used as a national mascot in sporting events such as football and rugby



NATIONAL ANTHEM – LA MARSEILLAISE

- Was written by Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle in 1792
- As a war song to motivate the troops from Marseille, on their way to Paris and the north eastern border of France where the new Republic was attacked by neighbouring countries

Musée 3 septembre 1904

J. H. B. Bouteux, Paris. — DÉPÔSÉ

LA MARSEILLAISE

PAROLES ET MUSIQUE DE ROUGET DE LISLE

Allegro moderato
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COUPLET

Allons! en, fants de la Pa - tri - e! Le jour de gloire est ar - ri -

vé; Contre nous de la ty - ran - ni - e L'éten - dard sanglant est le - ve, L'éten -

dard sanglant est le - ve! Enten - dez - vous dans les cam - pagnes Mu -

gir ces fé - ro - ces sol - dats? Ils viennent jusque dans nos bras Egor -

ger nos fils nos com - pagnes! Aux ar - mes ci - toy - ens for - mez vos batail -

lons! Marchons! marchons! Qu'un sang im - pur a - breu - ve nos sil - lons!

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Que veut cette horde d'esclaves, De traîtres, de rois conjurés? Pour qui ces ignobles entraves, Ces fers dès longtemps préparés Français, pour nous, ah! quel outrage, Quels transports il doit exciter! C'est nous qu'on ose méditer De rendre à l'antique esclavage!	Tremblez, tyrans, et vous, perfides, L'opprobre de tous les partis! Tremblez, vos projets parricides Vont enfin recevoir leur prix! Tout est soldat pour vous combattre; S'ils tombent, nos jeunes héros, La terre en produit de nouveaux Contre vous, tout prêts à se battre!	AMOUR SACRÉ de la Patrie Conduis, soutiens nos bras vengeurs Liberté, liberté chérie, Combats avec tes défenseurs! Sous nos drapeaux que la victoire Accoure à tes mâles accents: Que tes ennemis expirants Voient ton triomphe et notre gloire!
Aux armes, &c	Aux armes, &c	Aux armes, &c

BASTILLE DAY – LA FÊTE NATIONALE

- Celebrated on 14th of July each year
- Was first celebrated on 14th of July 1789
- Grand celebrations are held throughout France

