



France : Lyon, cross-over of Europe



France's second city, Lyon, has more than two thousand years of recorded history, and is situated in an exceptional location, at the crossroads of the major road networks of the Rhone and Soane valleys.

In the 16th century, the silk industry transformed Lyon into a major industrial city.

The old town of Lyon is an exceptional example of gothic and renaissance architecture, second only in reputation to Venice.

Threading through the old town are the 'traboules', internal passageways, running through the buildings, creating shortcuts from one street to the next.

A walk through these passageways reveals a number of hidden architectural wonders.

As for the locals, the Lyonnais like to go for walks in the Parc de la Tête d'or, designed in the English garden style.

And if haute cuisine is considered to be a French art, it finds its full expression in the city of Lyon, with its markets, world renowned kitchens, and its many culinary traditions such as the « bouchons », traditional bistros where they serve the famous « tablier de sapeur ».

In the « Halle », stalls offer the best of local products, especially the hundreds of local cheese varieties, including the Saint Marcellin, as well as the famous quenelle dumplings.

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