



## France, Paris : The Sacré Cœur Basilica of Montmartre

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Montmartre has been a site of worship since the beginning of time: the Gallic druids, the Romans with their temples devoted to Mars and Mercury, Christians with the Church of St Peter, the oldest church in Paris.

The Sacré Coeur Basilica, consecrated in 1919, is one of the emblematic monuments of Paris.

In contrast with the Medieval Gothic churches like Notre-Dame de Paris, its style was influenced by churches like Hagia Sophia in Constantinople and San Marco in Venice.

The outside stones have the particular property of being very hard, finely grained and of being whitened by rainwater.

The inside architecture, also in Romano-Byzantine style, creates an atmosphere of harmony and peace.

The ceiling is adorned with the largest mosaic in France, measuring 480m<sup>2</sup>.

The stained-glass windows, destroyed by bombings in 1944, were redone in 1946. The great organ was created by Cavallé-Coll.

Located at the summit of the Montmartre hill, it has one of the most beautiful panoramic views of the capital, at an altitude of over 400m.

And for an even greater view, visitors can access the dome and enjoy a magnificent 360° view over Paris.

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