

## Strasbourg

Strasbourg, a city more than 2000 years old and founded by the Romans, is one of the biggest cities on the Rhine River, which marks part of the French-German border.

It is one of the most important cities in the history of western Europe. In the year 842, Strasbourg was the site of the official splitting of the Frankish empire into the areas that became France and Germany.

The cathedral in Strasbourg, finished in 1439, was the tallest building in the world, and it was at Strasbourg that the world's first printing press was created.

In the year 1518, Strasbourg was inflicted by something called the Dancing Plague. Over 400 people danced day and night for weeks, until some of them died of exhaustion. It was never explained.

Today Strasbourg is a symbol of European unity, and of the peace between France and Germany. The city is home to the European Parliament and the Council of Europe.



Population: 759,868

2543 kilometres to Paris!