

## Dijon

Dijon (pronounced as "Dee-zhon") was founded as a Roman settlement, but did not become important until around the year 1000, when it was home to the Dukes of Burgandy. Over the next 500 years, it was a centre of art and learning, and helped bring France out of medieval times and into the modern world.

It was occupied by Nazi Germany during the Second World War, but was one of the few cities that escaped that conflict without major damage to its old buildings.

Dijon is famous for its mustard — dijon mustard was invented here in 1856 by a man named Jean Naigeon. He replaced vinegar in mustard with acidic juice from unripened grapes. In honor of this, Dijon hosts a famous international food festival every year.

Most of the mustard created in Dijon today is made from mustard seeds grown in Canada.



Population: 152,110

2209 kilometres to Paris!