

Lyon

Lyon (pronounced "Lee-yon") is a crossroad city in France, and is ranked as the 8th most innovative city in the world.

The Roman Empire made Lyon the capital of the entire region, and built their famous Roman roads through ancient France with Lyon as the central hub. After the fall of the Roman Empire, Lyon did not join France until the 14th century.

The city of Lyon rebelled against the French Revolution in 1793, but was defeated. During the Second World War, Lyon was a centre for the French Resistance. Underground tunnels connected homes and let people avoid Nazi soldiers.

It was in Lyon that the first cinema was created, along with the world's first proper large scale movie projector in 1894. It was the birth of cinematic movies.

Lyon hosts a four-day Festival of Lights every December, and is known as the City of Lights.



Population: 1,551,228

2013 kilometres to Paris!