

## Grenoble

Grenoble is a centre of science and industry located at the base of the French Alps, surrounded by mountains.

Founded more than 2000 years ago, it was first a village inhabited by Gallic natives. After the Roman Emperor Gratian visited in the year 381, he made the village an official Roman town, and it was renamed as Gratianopolis. Over the years this has turned into the name Grenoble.

Grenoble was celebrated for its resistance of Italian and German occupation during the Second World War. Despite executions and threats, the people of Grenoble destroyed German artillery on several occasions, and frustrated German efforts until they retreated from the approaching Allied armies in 1944.

Grenoble hosted the tenth Winter Olympics in 1968. It has been known for its glove-making industry, and for developing hydro-electric power.



Population: 156,659

1902 kilometres to Paris!