Capital of the department of the Oise, in the Picardy region, Compiègne is located on the Oise River and is part of one of the largest forested areas in all of France. A municipality with a population of 45,000 spread out over 53.1 km², Compiègne is 90 km from Paris and 230 km from Brussels, at the communications crossroads of the BENELUX countries, England and Germany.

Its geographic location has conferred an important military and strategic role upon Compiègne, making it the stage for some of history’s most famous moments: the capture and imprisonment of Joan of Arc by the English in the 15th century, the location of the hospital and Chief Headquarters of Allied troops in WWI, and the spot where the World War I (1918) and the Franco-German (1940) Armistices were signed. Compiègne today is a municipality of science and technology, thanks to its industrial dynamism, the Technological University and Research Centre it possesses. As for the economy, the manufacturing sector predominates; however, the primary sector also represents a strong component.
**Lugares de interesse**
- Floresta (circundada por uma pista de cicloturismo)
- Clareira do Armisticio
- Museu "Vagão do Armisticio"
- Palácio e Museu de Compiègne
- Museu Antoine Vivenel
- Museu da "Figura Histórica"
- Biblioteca Municipal
- Teatro Imperial
- Câmara Municipal
- Haras Nacional
- Parque de Sonegos
- Igrejas
- Claustros de Saint-Corneille
- Centro Cultural Jean le Legendre
- Memorial de L’Anternement et de l’a dépotation

**Places of Interest**
- Oise Forest (with cycling track)
- Armistice Clearing
- Armistice Railway Car Museum
- Compiègne Palace and Museum
- Antoine Vivenel Museum
- Museum of Historical Figures
- Municipal Library
- Imperial Theatre
- Town Hall Building
- National Stud Farm
- Parque de Sonegos
- Churches
- Cloisters of Saint-Corneille
- “Espace Jean Legendre” Cultural Centre
- Memorial de L’Anternement et de l’a dépotation

**Festas e Tradições**
- Festas em Honra de Joana D’arc (Maio)
- Festas da Rainha do Muguet (Maio)
- Comemorações do Armistício (Novembro)
- Festival do Filme Histórico de Compiègne (Novembro)

**Festivals and Traditions**
- Festivities in honour of Joan of Arc (May)
- Pageant naming “Lily of the Valley Queen” (May)
- Armistice Commemorations (November)
- Compiègne Historical Film Festival (November)

A nível de actividades de geminación, destacam-se as abaixo indicadas, distribuídas pelas seguintes áreas:
- Cultural (realização de exposições; intercâmbio de artistas e de escolas)
- Social (visitas oficiais)

To cite some of town twinning activities in which both cities have joined together, the following is a list, divided into specific areas:
- Cultural (exhibits; exchange amongst artists and schools)
- Social (official visits)

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