

GREAT GOTHIC CATHEDRALS
OF FRANCE



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- An informative, intelligent, and visually stunning exploration of some of France's astonishing gothic cathedrals
- Influenced by both art historical and architectural approaches
- Intended as a visitor's guide, this book is both accessible and in-depth, providing the reader with niche skills, such as how to 'read' a stained-glass window

Great Gothic Cathedrals of France guides readers on a tour of twelve French cathedrals that best exemplify one of the greatest glories of Western civilisation. From the beautiful facade of Notre-Dame in Paris to the transcendent beauty of the stained glass at Chartres, this book clarifies the significant elements of their architecture by means of its text and images. The cathedrals of Amiens, Paris, Saint Denis, Chartres, Reims, Laon, Noyon, Soissons, Sens, Beauvais, Bourges and Troyes as well as Sainte-Chapelle are all presented to give the reader and visitor to France a clear understanding of these extraordinary buildings. This publication also provides the reader with a chapter on how to "read" a stained glass window.

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