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Basilica of Saint Denis

Before you visit the Basilica St Denis look at the websites above and try to fill in the blanks below. This will allow you to learn a little about the basilica before you see it.

The basilica was built on the cemetery where the first bishop of Paris, was buried. As early as the 5th century it was considered a special place and people would go there on In 754 Pepin the was crowned in the abbey by the Pope, in the presence of his sons Carloman and the future It was the abbot who began rebuilding the church in 1137.

From the early Middle Ages Saint Denis was used as a royal and many kings were buried there. Several kings of the dynasty were buried there including Dagobert.

Members of the Carolingian royal family were also buried in the church, including , Pepin the Short and Charles the From Hugh Capet onwards, all the kings of France but three were buried in Saint Denis.

The basilica is famous today because of its architecture and because it is the cemetery of kings.

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Bald	gothic	St Denis	Charlemagne	necropolis