

Notre-Dame – Cathedral of Our Lady

The Notre-Dame took 182 years to build. The cathedral was commissioned by King Louis VII, and the first stone is believed to have been laid by Pope Alexander III in 1163

1180s: High altar consecrated

1250: South tower completed

1431: King Henry VI of England is crowned King of France

1537: King James V of Scotland marries Madeleine of France

1730: Great Organ installed

1804: Napoleon Bonaparte is crowned emperor

1909: Joan of Arc is beatified by Pope Pius X

Spire and medieval wooden roof collapsed

Choir

South rose window

13m-wide, made up of 84 panels

North Tower

South Tower

Three rose windows, on west facade and north and south transepts, date from 13th century

Portal of the Virgin

Portal of Judgement

Portal of Sainte-Anne

1790s: Cathedral damaged and neglected during French Revolution

1831: Victor Hugo's novel **Notre-Dame of Paris** (better known as *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*) spurs restoration by architects Jean-Baptiste-Antoine Lassus and Eugène-Emmanuel Viollet-le-Duc



Passion of Christ
Relics described as piece of cross, nail and Holy Crown of Thorns (above).
Crown rescued from fire