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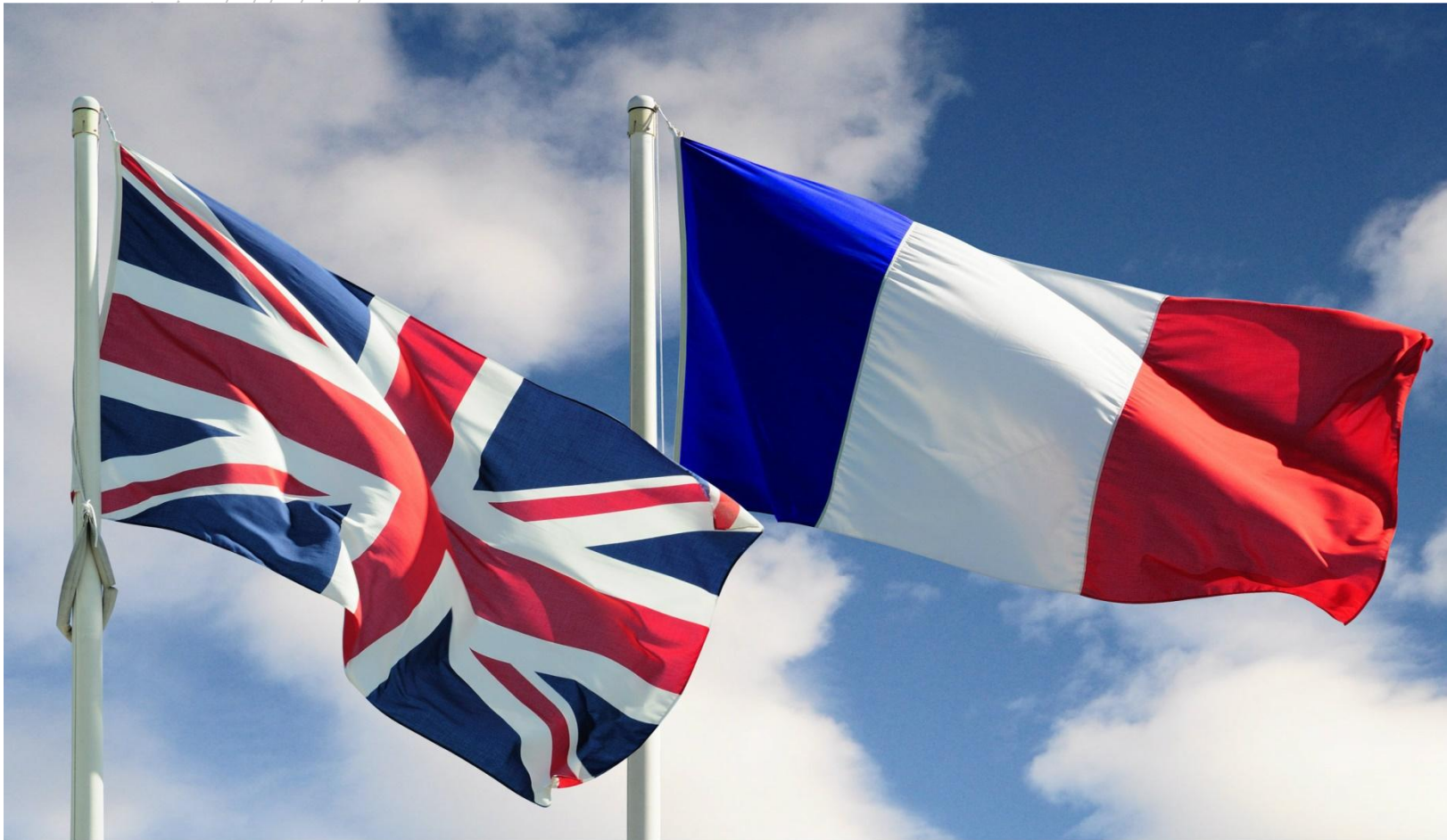
Ottawa is the capital of Canada. The city is situated along the Ontario side of the Ottawa River, opposite Gatineau, Quebec.



The metropolitan population of Ottawa is 1.1 million and is currently the fourth largest city in Canada, and the second largest in Ontario after Toronto.



Unique as a North American capital, the city is bilingual. English is the first language of a majority of the population, but French is the first language of a significant number.



Lieutenant-Colonel John By (7 August 1779 – 1 February 1836) was an English military engineer, best remembered for supervising the construction of the Rideau Canal and founding Bytown in the process, which would become the Canadian capital, Ottawa



Colonel By oversaw the construction of the Rideau Canal, now a UNESCO World Heritage site, much of which was done by hand, between 1826 and 1832.



In 1857, Queen Victoria chose Ottawa as the capital of Canada.



Ottawa is a pleasant town that is known for its festivals (particularly its Tulip Festival), Winterlude (billed as "America's greatest winter festival"), numerous museums and overall pleasantness.



Winterlude

Winterlude is Ottawa's unique winter festival that takes place every year in the month of February.

People from all over the world come to Ottawa to take part in this amazing event.



Here are some of the activities that have taken place in previous years:

Skating on the Rideau Canal

Annual Bed Race

Public Ice-Carving Challenge

Capital Loggers , displays and special activities

Snowflake Kingdom

and so much more!



Gatineau National Park, just across the river in Quebec Province, is a delightful place to visit any time of the year, but in autumn the changing colors of its forests makes it one of the most beautiful places in the world.



Its Gothic revival suite of buildings serves as the home of the Parliament of Canada and contains a number of architectural elements of national symbolic importance. Parliament Hill attracts approximately 3 million visitors each year.





It is a beautiful place for life

- Ottawa is safe
- People are friendly to newcomers
- There are plenty of recreational options to enjoy all year long
- The city is very clean and developing really fast
- Has a lot of potential for personal and professional growth: reputable employers and educational institutions