

## Amiens



**What is on the logo: the 13<sup>th</sup> century Amiens Cathedral, the most recognizable visual symbol of the city.**

Trivia time! Can you name France's largest church? No, it's not Notre Dame in Paris, but rather the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Amiens Cathedral, nestled on the Somme River in northern France. In none other than Amiens, Tulsa's sister city since 2005. A UNESCO world heritage site, this grand cathedral was left mostly unharmed during both world wars, despite heavy fighting in the surrounding lowlands.

Lower your eyes from the spires, flying buttresses and lacelike detailing of Amiens' Gothic masterpiece, and you'll see scenes that would make Monet's heart skip a beat. It is the leisurely flow of the Somme and the floating gardens: a cluster of small cultivated islets surrounded by water, accessible only by boat on a network of waterways. For centuries, local growers supplied people with fruit and vegetables from these gardens. And they still do!

Given Amiens' major green thumb and an air of rejuvenation, no wonder the logo is grass-green!

Click on the photo or logo to see the Amiens Cathedral and surrounding areas on a map.