



Lille in 150 words:

Situated in the North of France, Lille is a mere 80 minutes from London, 60 minutes from Paris, and 38 minutes from Brussels by train. Both culturally and geographically speaking, the city is located at a veritable crossroads. Reaching Lille is easy, thanks to two nearby airports: Lille-Lesquin (20 minutes from the city center) and Paris' Charles de Gaulle, which is located only 50 minutes away by train.

Lille is the youngest city in France—36% of its population is under 25 years old—and demonstrates its youthfulness through innovation and a dynamic energy. Business and economic development aside, Lille also is a city rich in art and history. In 2004, Lille was named European capital of culture.

Ecologically speaking, the city's carbon footprint is the smallest in Europe. And Lille is proud to be the first European city with a convention bureau accredited DMAI.