







#### **FRANCE**

## ESSENTIAL CHAMPAGNE REGION (TOUR CODE: 11980)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
in Reims	01 March 25 - 27 Oct 25	Food & Wine	Independent Holiday Packages

With this Champagne Experience from Reims, you will enjoy a day exploring the Champagne Houses and tasting some of the most famous bubbles in the world!

## Highlights

- Iconic Tour of Grand Maison of Veuve Clicquot
- Be welcomed at a beautiful Champagne Grower's Family Estate. More that 4000 family winemakers contribute to the prestige of Champagne!
- Enjoy a Guided tour of 13th century Notre-Dame de Reims Cathedral, listed in the UNESCO World Heritage and one of Europe's
  most important Gothic structures.

Conducted by local guides, experts in Champagne wines, spend a full day around Reims and take part in commented tastings of the best Champagnes of the region including world-famous Grand Maison of **Veuve Clicquot**. Visit the old town as well as the **Reims Cathedral**.



- ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ENTIRE Australian Owned

## **INCLUSIONS**

- 2 nights in Reims at Hotel De La Paix 4\* or similar
- 2 breakfasts
- Small Group (max 8 pax) Tour Reims Cathedral, Veuve Clicquot, Tour & tasting at a family domain
- · Entry tickets and tastings at Veuve Clicquot and at a family estate

## **ITINERARY**

## ₹1 Reims

Welcome to Reims! Check in your hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Reims at the Hotel De La Paix or similar.



## Reims Champagne Houses Reims

After breakfast, pick-up is at 9:20AM outside the forecourt of the Reims Train Station, facing the park. Your Guide will have the Gray Mercedes minivan parked in front of the Tourist Office.

## Sightseeing in the City Centre

Begin your day by exploring the vibrant City Centre of Reims, a place brimming with charm, layers of unique history, and regional culinary delights.

## \*\*\* Guided Tour and Tasting at Veuve Clicquot

Embark on a journey through time with a guided tour and tasting at the world-famous Grande Maison de Champagne Veuve Clicquot. Founded in 1772, this house gained renown through the visionary Madam Barbe Nicole Clicquot Ponsardin. Dive into the heart of the house, exploring its heritage, savoir-faire, and unique chalk cellars while savoring four glasses of Champagne. Note that if unforeseen circumstances affect Veuve Clicquot, an alternative visit may take place at the House of Mumm or Veuve Clicquot.

#### **Guided Tour of the Cathedral of Reims**

Discover the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the 13th-century Notre-Dame de Reims Cathedral. Marvel at its Gothic

architecture, hypnotic stained glass windows, and rich statuary. Learn about its historical significance, where King Clovis was baptized, giving birth to the Kingdom of the Franks.

#### Lunch at Leisure in Reims

Take a break for lunch at your leisure in the charming city of Reims.

#### Reims Mountain Grand Cru Vineyards

Continue on a scenic drive through the Grand Cru vineyards on the Mountain of Reims. Traverse the Scenic Route of Champagne, winding between fields of barley, vineyards, and picturesque villages like Verzy, Verzenay, and Mailly. Explore the realm of the Pinot Noir varietal and experience the unique "terroir" that gives Champagne its power and character.

#### Champagne Tasting & Cellar Tours at a Champagne Grower's Family Domain

Visit a beautiful Champagne Grower's Family Estate nestled in the heart of Champagne's Vineyards. Witness the dedication of over 4000 family winemakers preserving the tradition from generation to generation. Conclude your afternoon with another tasting of different Champagne wines.

The tour concludes at 5:30 PM at the Reims Centre Train Station forecourt.

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\*\*\* If an unforeseen circumstance arises affecting <u>Veuve Clicquot tour</u>, it may be replaced by one at the House of Mumm, <u>Pommery or Taittinger</u>.

#### Breakfast



## ₹3 Reims

After a delicious breakfast, check out of your hotel and end of services.

Breakfast

## **OPTIONAL EXTRAS**

## TGV train tickets from Paris to Reims round trip

TGV train tickets from Paris to Reims and return

Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to Book Now or Contact Us for details.

## Private transfers from train station to hotel in Reims

From Champagne-Ardenne or Reims train station to Hotel in Reims (maximum of 2 people, each with 1 luggage)

Please note that a 25% supplement will be applied for night transfers (from 7.00pm to 7.00am) and Sundays and bank holidays

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# Day 3: Private Champagne Day Tour from Reims, Hautvillers, Moet & Chandon, family winery, tour guide, with transportation.

Private Champagne Day Tour from Reims, Hautvillers, Moet & Chandon, family winery, tour guide, with transportation.

Pick up is at 9.00AM at your hotel in Reims or Epernay - or at the Reims train station.

#### Scenic Route du Champagne:

 Explore the Mountain of Reims, visiting renowned Grandes Maisons de Champagne such as Bollinger, Gosset, Deutz. Enjoy the charming landscape of Grand Cru villages like Ay, Hautvillers, Bouzy, Le Mesnil, Vernezay, etc.

### Avenue de Champagne in Epernay:

 Sightseeing of the Avenue de Champagne in Epernay, the "Capital of Champagne." Marvel at opulent mansions housing illustrious Maisons de Champagne like Moët & Chandon, Perrier-Jouët, Mercier, etc. Discover the 100km of tunnels under the pavement.

#### Guided Tour and Tasting at Moët et Chandon:

 Visit the historic Moët et Chandon, founded in 1743 by Claude Möet. Learn about its rich history connected to figures like The Marquise de Pompadour and Napoleon 1st. Enjoy a guided tour and Champagne tasting.

#### LUNCH not included.

#### Guided Tour of Hautvillers:

Visit the Marne Valley, specifically Hautvillers. Explore the vineyards and the church where Dom Pérignon, a key figure in Champagne history, is buried. Guided tour of Hautvillers with Dom Pérignon's tomb.

## Tour and Champagne Tasting at a Local Domain in Damery:

- Visit the Champagne House J. de Telmont in Damery, a familial Champagne House since 1912.
- Explore the 36 hectares of vineyards growing the three Champagne grape varieties.
- · Enjoy a guided tour and Champagne tasting.

Drop-off: 05:00 PM at your hotel in the Reims or Epernay area or at the Reims train station.

8 hours

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## **ACCOMMODATION**

## Hotel De La Paix

#### Reims

Right in the heart of Reims, magical capital of the Champagne region, you'll find the Best Western Hôtel de la Paix. This island of calm is located just a stone's throw from the shops and the Cathedral. Between old stones & and new design, the Best Western Hotel de la Paix welcomes you with 169 fully equipped and air-conditioned modern bedrooms full of charm.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
French	EUR

- The order of tours may be adjusted based on travel days. The small group shared day tour included in the package, which features Veuve Clicquot and a family-owned estate, is available from Wednesday to Sunday between March 12 and April 27. While, it is available from Tuesday to Sunday from April 29 to October 26.
- If an unforeseen circumstance arises affecting Veuve Clicquot tour, it may be replaced by one at the House of Mumm, Pommery or Taittinger.
- · Adult tour only, no children accepted under the age of 18
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- · Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package