



## FRANCE

**KIR ROYAL - A CHAMPAGNE VOYAGE** (TOUR CODE: 13835)

## STARTS AND ENDS

Champagne to  
Paris

## TRAVEL PERIODS

30 May 25 - 26 Oct 25

## EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine  
Cultural

## TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Kir Royale will sail the River Marne in elegance, with a six-night all-inclusive itinerary featuring excursions to prestigious champagne houses like Moët & Chandon.

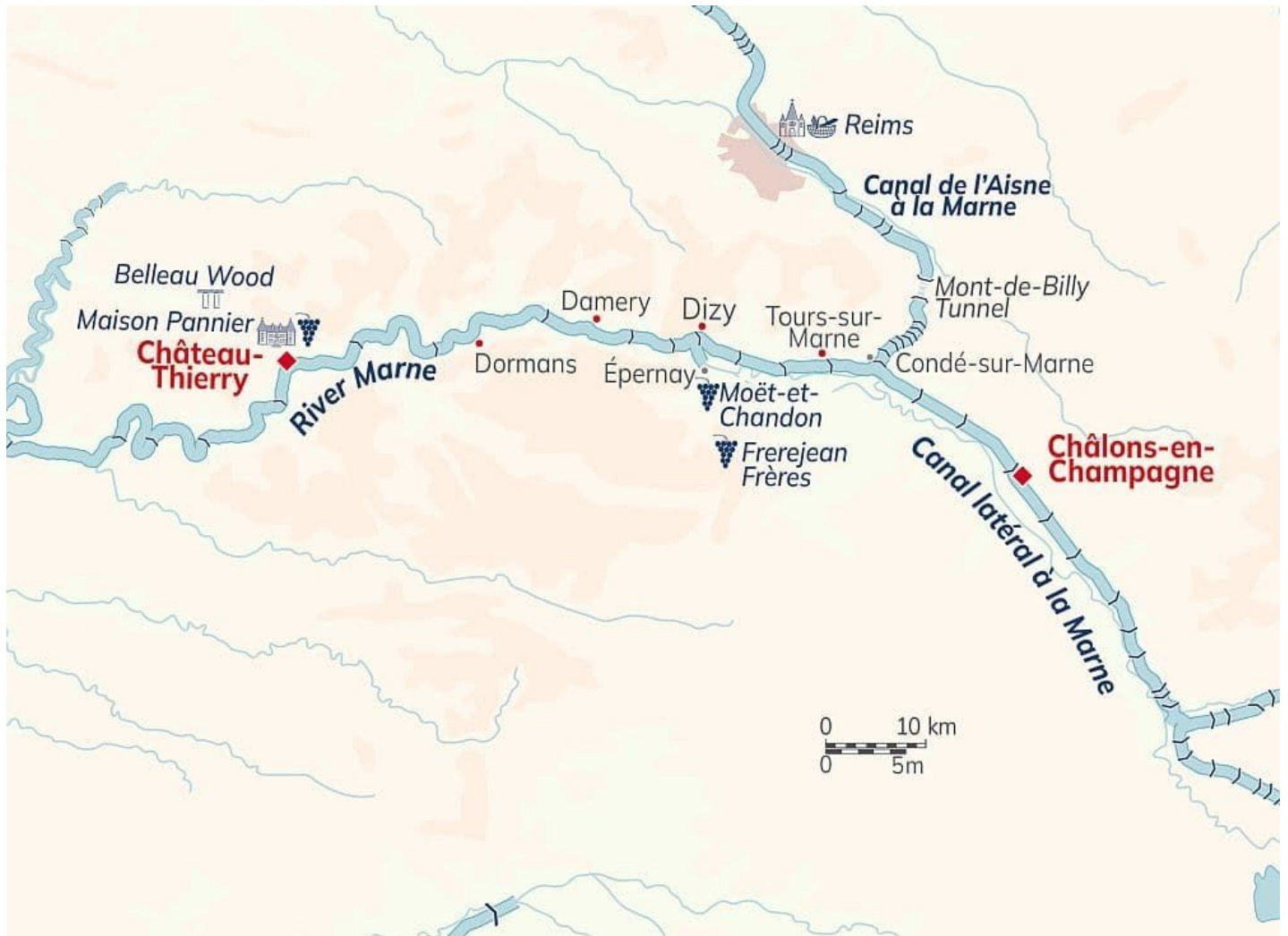
## Highlights

- Private tour and tasting at Maison Boizel on the iconic **Avenue de Champagne**
- Tour the majestic **cathedral in Reims**, where the Kings of France were once crowned
- Visit the **boutique Champagne house of Frerejean Frères** and enjoy lunch in the family domaine
- Enjoy a private **winery tour** and tasting at La Maison Ayala
- Visit **Château-Thierry**, the scene of fierce battles in World War One, and Belleau Wood

**Kir Royale**, the most recent addition to our fleet, has a fascinating history. Originally converted to a beach landing craft in World War Two, she was sunk but later refloated and transformed into a hotel barge. Currently, she cruises the stunning region of **Champagne**, known for its countless vineyards that stretch across the rolling hillsides as far as the eye can see. Guests will have ample opportunities to taste the renowned sparkling wine for which the region is famous, with private tastings at well-known champagne houses.

The saloon is spacious and bright, recently refurbished with custom-made furniture, a bar, piano, and separate dining area. The four generously sized suites, *each individually decorated and over 200 sq ft in size*, have also been updated. They feature modern en suite bathrooms with his and hers sinks, as well as luxurious oversized rainforest showers.

On the exterior, guests can enjoy a small forward sun deck for observing the barge's progress, a large and sheltered aft sun deck with a covered dining area, sun loungers, and a heated spa pool. Additionally, there is an upper observation deck with a panoramic view. With its blend of style and elegance, Kir Royale is an excellent choice for exploring Champagne - be it cruising past the vineyards or embarking on a private tour to experience the wines, history, and culture of this renowned region.



## INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge Kir Royale in a Suite
- Crew of 5 (Captain, tour guide, chef and 2 hostesses)
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Captains farewell dinner on your last night
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Excursions as per itinerary

## ITINERARY

### Deck Hotel Barge Kir Royale

Ultra Deluxe | 8 Passengers | 5 Crew

- 127 Feet Long
- 4 Twin/Double Suites (190-230sq ft incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned / Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool

- Semi Open Gallery
- TV / DVD Player in Saloon
- Piano



Day **1** Paris Château-Thierry

Guests are met early afternoon in Paris\*\* and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to the hotel barge moored in Château-Thierry – an historic, strategically situated town overlooking the river, surrounded by vineyards that produce some of the region’s famous sparkling wine. The town is also the site of an iconic battle for American Marines in World War One. Enjoy a champagne welcome while your Captain introduces you to the crew. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Kir Royale** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Dinner



## Château-Thierry Dormans

Set off on our first voyage along the meandering River Marne and cruise to the pretty riverside town of **Dormans**, the site of a chateau, water mill and World War One memorial.

After lunch on board, enjoy a **visit to La Maison Ayala**, a renowned champagne house situated in Aÿ, one of the 17 rare villages classified as Grand Cru in the Champagne region. You will take a tour of the historic cellars to learn about the house's history and understand the philosophy behind Champagne Ayala before a private tasting. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Kir Royale** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## Dormans Damery

After breakfast, embark on a **guided visit** to pay our respects at the 42-acre battlefield and monument at **Château-Thierry** and the **American cemetery at Belleau Wood**, where US forces fought one of the bloodiest battles of World War One.

After returning to the barge and lunch on board, enjoy a relaxing afternoon cruise along the River Marne to our mooring at Damery. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Kir Royale** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



MOËT & CHANDON

Day **4**

## Damery Dizy

After a leisurely breakfast, head off for a **private champagne tour and tasting** at the boutique grand cru winery of Frerejean Frères, located in the Côtes des Blancs village of Avize, in the middle of the Champagne countryside. En route, make a stop at a picturesque hillside vineyard to learn some of the key attributes of champagne grape growing.

Following the tasting, indulge in a gourmet, private lunch in the salon of the family domaine. After lunch, you will rejoin the barge and set off on our afternoon cruise, leaving River Marne behind and making our way onto the peaceful Canal lateral à la Marne, to your mooring in **Dizy**. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Kir Royale** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



HOTEL BARGE KIR ROYALE

Day **5**

## Dizy Tours-sur-Marne

This morning, you will visit **La Maison Boizel**, a prestigious champagne house situated on the iconic Avenue de Champagne. Explore the underground cellars, a UNESCO World Heritage site, which includes the “family treasure” featuring bottles dating back to 1834. Dwell into the history and know-how that has been passed down through six generations to when the house was built in 1834.

After, enjoy a **private tasting of two exclusive Boizel champagnes**. On the way back there’s an optional visit to the Musée du Champagne, dedicated to the history and art of champagne making. Return to the barge for lunch and continue your cruise along the canal to our pretty mooring at **Tours-sur-Marne**. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Kir Royale** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **6**

## Tours-sur-Marne Châlons-en-Champagne

This morning, you will visit the magnificent 800-year-old **Reims cathedral**, a Gothic masterpiece where the Kings of France were crowned, before some free time perhaps to wander around this delightful city with its grand squares and elegant shopping arcades. After lunch on board, cruise to our final mooring at Châlons-en-Champagne. **Captain’s Farewell Dinner** on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Kir Royale** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



**Day 7** Châlons-en-Champagne Paris

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Paris.

Breakfast

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

French

**LOCAL CURRENCY**

EUR

**Departure dates and Pricing:**

### 2025 Cruise Rates

Rates are for 6 nights either: per person based on double occupancy per cabin or on a whole barge charter basis. Prices below are in Euros.

Accommodation	Value	Regular
Suite	€7,990	€9,290
Single Supplement	€3,000	€3,500
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 6 passengers	€54,500	€63,700
Charter 7 passengers	€56,500	€66,100
Charter 8 passengers	€58,500	€68,500
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
Mar 30; Apr 6, 13, 20	Value	France -Champagne
Apr 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Jul 6, 13	Regular	France -Champagne
Jul 20, 27; Aug 3, 10, 17	Value	France -Champagne
Aug 24, 31; Sep 7, 14, 21, 28; Oct 5, 12	Regular	France -Champagne
Oct 19 & 26	Value	France -Champagne

- This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise will be in the reverse direction.
- Approximate transfer duration from Paris to Champagne 1.5 to 2.5 hours.
- This barge is available for charter bookings and theme cruises. Contact us for more details.

#### **Pick-up Point**

- Cabin bookings - The Hotel Westminster, Paris at 1:45pm
- Charter bookings - One location of the groups' choice in Paris at 1:45pm

#### **Drop-off Point**

- Cabin bookings - The Hotel Westminster, Paris by 12 noon.
- Charter bookings - One location of the groups' choice in Paris by 12 noon.

#### **Booking / Payment Process**

- On our website the Barge Cruise prices are shown in Euros
- All payments will be made to us in Australian Dollars
- The current exchange rate will be used at the time of deposit and balance
- Our invoice will make this clear and our team is here to assist you

#### **Supplier Booking Conditions Apply**

Due to the boutique nature and limited capacity of this travel experience, under our Bookings Conditions this package classifies as "Booking Type 2 – Travel Experience where we act as agent only". Your contract for the delivery of travel arrangements will be with the principal supplier and will be subject to their Booking Conditions. We will advise you prior to confirming your booking the full details and Booking Conditions of the principal supplier. Our responsibility to you where we sell travel arrangements as agent for the supplier is specified in the 'Responsibility' section of our Booking Conditions.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

#### **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