

## FRANCE

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

## STARTS AND ENDS

Champagne to  
Paris

## TRAVEL PERIODS

19 May 24- 20 Oct 24

## 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.

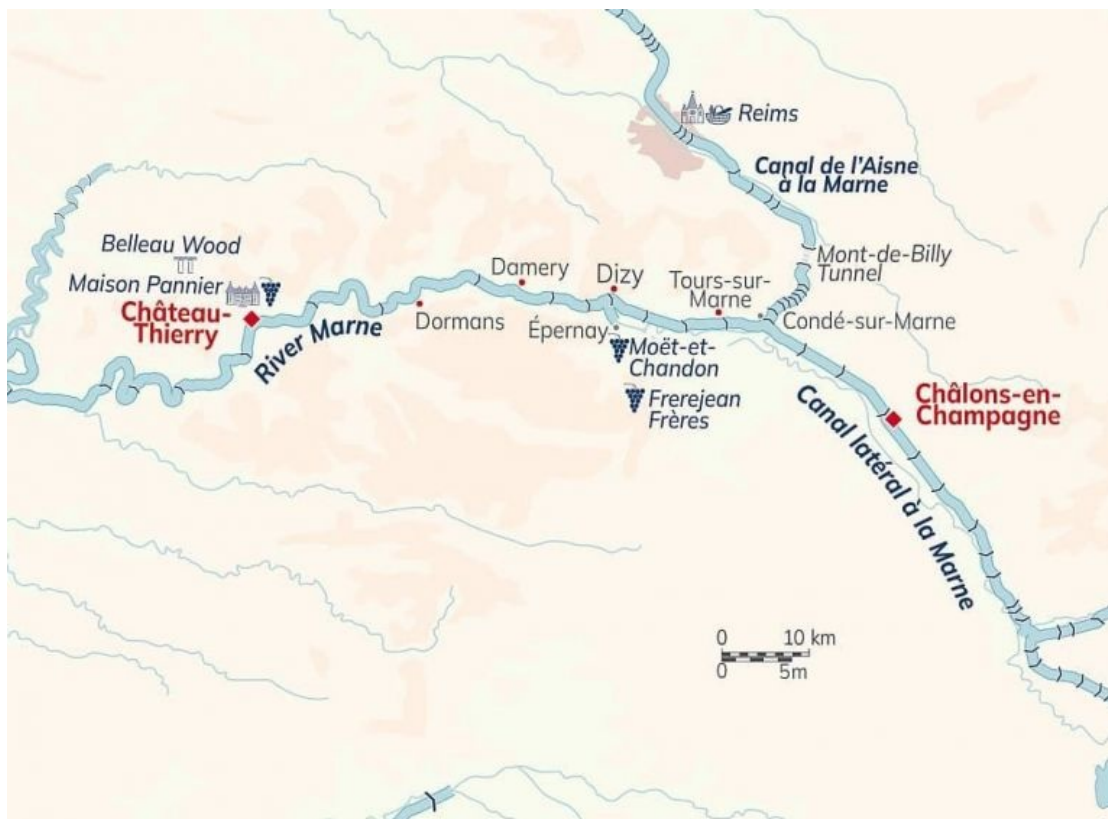
## Highlights

- **Private winery tour** and tasting at the world renowned Champagne house, **Moët & Chandon**
- 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 **Maison Pannier**, the largest Champagne house in the western Marne Valley
- 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.



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## 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

Day 1

### Paris Châlons-en-Champagne

You are met early afternoon in Paris\*\* and transferred to the hotel barge moored in Châlons-en-Champagne. 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.

*\*\*Please check out the important information of this package for more details on the Pick up and Drop off location in Paris.*

Dinner





Day **2**

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

This morning we cruise from Châlons-en-Champagne along the **Canal Lateral à la Marne** to our pretty mooring at Tours-sur-Marne.

After lunch on board, we 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. 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 **3**

## Tours-sur-Marne Dizy

This morning we visit one of the best known champagne houses in the world, **Moët & Chandon**, founded in 1743, where we are guided through their vast underground cellars, the largest in the region, which were carved out of the chalk to offer the maturing wine the perfect temperature and humidity. This is followed by a **tasting of some of Moët's renowned vintages** in an elegant private salon, hosted by an experienced cellar master.

Later we return to the barge for lunch and continue our cruise along the canal, with the opportunity to explore on foot or bicycle en route, and moor at Dizy, near Epernay. 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 **4**

## Dizy Damery

After a leisurely breakfast, we head off for a private champagne tasting and tour at the boutique **Grand Cru winery of Frerejean Frères** with a stop en route at a hillside vineyard to learn some of the key attributes of champagne grape growing.

After the tasting we enjoy a **gourmet private lunch in the salon of the family domaine**. Return to the barge to continue our cruise along the Marne to Damery. Dinner onboard.

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

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Dizy → Damery

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## Day 5 Damery Dormans

Today the hotel barge continues her cruise along the meandering Marne to moor at the pretty riverside town of Dormans, the site of a château, water mill and World War One memorial.

In the afternoon, we visit the **42-acre World War I American cemetery at Belleau Wood**, it was here that US forces fought one of their bloodiest battles during World War One. Dinner on board.

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

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Damery → Dormans

AMERICAN CEMETERY AT BELLEAU WOOD

Day **6**

## Dormans Château-Thierry

This morning, we visit **La Maison Pannier**, a select champagne house with a labyrinth of medieval underground cellars, for a tour and a private tasting.

After lunch on board, we cruise to our **final mooring at Château-Thierry**, an historic, strategically-situated town overlooking the river, surrounded by vineyards that produce some of the region's famous sparkling wine. 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

Dormans → Château-Thierry

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Day **7** Château-Thierry 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:

### 2024 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	€ 7,490	€ 8,690
Single Supplement	€ 2,800	€ 3,300
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 6 passengers	€ 50,500	€ 58,700
Charter 7 passengers	€ 52,500	€ 61,100
Charter 8 passengers	€ 54,500	€ 63,500
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
May 19, 26; Jun 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Jul 7, 14	Regular	France - Champagne
Jul 21, 28; Aug 4, 11, 18	Value	France - Champagne
Aug 25; Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct 6	Regular	France - Champagne
Oct 16, 20	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 show 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