



## Champagne, Alsace & Burgundy

Come and discover three fascinating wine regions of France through one of our exclusive regional wine tours. Commence your tour with the world famous Champagne region celebrated around the world for the sparkling wines that have been produced here since the days of Dom Pérignon. Guests will discover the best terroirs from the chalky slopes of the Montagne de Reims and the Côte des Blancs south of Epernay.

Then, continue to Alsace. There, you will taste some of the most significant wines crafted by passionate wine makers. All day tours & tastings have been carefully selected so that you may experience the best Rieslings, Gewürztraminers, Sylvaners, Pinots or Muscats. Even better, we will introduce you to some of the most fascinating Grand Cru Alsace wines giving you the possibility of understanding the differences between the Alsace wines, the grape varieties and terroir.

Finally, head towards the Burgundy wine region. The most famous wines produced here are dry red wines made from Pinot noir grapes and white wines made from Chardonnay grapes. Our tour will take you to the most famous appellations of the Burgundy wine region notably in the Côte de Nuits and Côte de Beaune wine regions where you will cross world renowned appellations such as Gevrey Chambertin, Vosne Romanée, Meursault or Chassagne Montrachet to wine taste some of the most fabulous nectars the wine region has to offer.

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Departure transfer from Beaune

## ARRIVAL TRANSFER IN REIMS

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### **Arrival transfer in Reims**

Pick up in Reims train station and private transfer to your centrally located hotel. Check in at your hotel and night in Reims.

One transfer is included for the group. Separate transfer available on request, with supplement.

## GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF REIMS / MONTAGNE DE REIMS CHAMPAGNE REGION

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### **Guided Walking tour of Reims**

Breakfast at your hotel.

**9.30am** pick up at your hotel.

This morning, follow your guide to discover the coronation city of Reims. First admire the Cathedral. Recently restored for its 800th birthday, this magnificent Gothic cathedral provided the setting for the coronations of French kings.

The great historical saga began with Clovis, king of the Franks, who was baptized in an early structure on this site at the end of the fifth century; Joan of Arc led her recalcitrant Dauphin here to be crowned King Charles VII; Charles X's coronation, in 1825, was the last.

After the visit of the cathedral, your tour will take you to the Basilica. This 11th-century Romanesque-Gothic basilica honors the fifth-century saint who gave his name to the city and baptized Clovis (the first king of France) in 498.

After some free time for lunch and personal discovery, head towards the Montagne de Reims region of Champagne.



### **Montagne de Reims Champagne wine region**

Located directly south of Reims, the vineyards here are planted overwhelmingly with pinot noir, which produce some of the most precise and intensely structured wines in Champagne.

Although a significant number of vineyards in this district face north, the free-standing Montagne de Reims (really more a series of hills) allows for the cooler air to "slide" and settle down in the plain, while warmer air rises above it, permitting the grapes to ripen sufficiently. During the day, you will participate in 2 visits of Champagne wineries followed by Champagne tasting sessions.

**5.30pm** return to Reims and night at your hotel.

## ÉPERNAY / CÔTE DE BLANCS CHAMPAGNE REGION

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### Épernay visit & Champagne tasting

Breakfast at your hotel.

**9.30am** pick up at your hotel.

Épernay and the Côte de Blancs Champagne producing region are on your program today. Épernay—set on the south bank of the Marne—is without a doubt the center of the bubbly drink's spirit. It was here in 1741 that the first full-blown Champagne house, Moët (now Moët et Chandon), took the lifetime passion of Dom Pérignon and turned it into an industry.

Here, large Classical and Renaissance-style private mansions can be found along the Avenue de Champagne that today house prestigious Champagne Houses. Beneath these very same houses can be found 100km of underground passages, reserved solely for storing Champagne! After a small walking tour to discover the town, you will participate in the visit and tasting in a prestigious Champagne house of Épernay.



### Côte de Blancs Champagne wine region

After the visit and tasting you will have some free time for personal discovery and lunch. Then depart for the Côte de Blancs region. It lies south of Épernay, stretches for about 20 km, and has a vineyard area of 3,313 hectares (8,190 acres).

The Côte des Blancs is a mostly eastern-facing slope that owes its name to the color of the grape that is planted: 95% Chardonnay. Champagnes in this area include the term "blanc de blancs".

Your afternoon will be dedicated to the visit of Champagne wineries in the Côte de Blancs producing region.

**5.30pm** return to Reims and night at your hotel.

## TRANSFER TO THE ALSACE REGION / STRASBOURG GUIDED WALKING TOUR

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### **Transfer from Champagne to Alsace**

Breakfast at your hotel and check out.

**9.30am** pick up at your hotel.

Transfer to Strasbourg in the Alsace region. On your way to Strasbourg stop for lunch at leisure in a local restaurant.



### **Strasbourg guided walking tour**

Upon arrival in Strasbourg, follow your guide for a guided walking tour of the Alsatian capital. Here you will walk around the old pedestrian areas located around the Cathedral and in the Petite France neighborhood.

During the tour, your guide will certainly point out the Maison Kammerzell, Gutenberg square, St.-Thomas church, the former tanners' houses, the Covered Bridges, the Vauban dam, the former customs-house, the former town-butcher, the Palais Rohan and so much more. One of the highlights of the walking tour will certainly be the visit of the Cathedral.

After the tour, check in to your centrally located hotel and night in Strasbourg.

## ALSACE WINE ROUTE - THE NORTHERN ALSACE WINE REGION

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### **From Marlenheim to Dambach la Ville**

Breakfast at your hotel.

**9.00am** pick up at your hotel.

This morning experience your first contact with the Alsace wine region. Departing from Strasbourg, your day will be dedicated to the northern part of the Alsace wine route. From the village of Marlenheim to Dambach la ville, your tour will include the visit and wine tasting in 3 carefully selected wineries. Here, the wine maker will often be the one presenting his wines and your guide will introduce you to the complex Alsace wine classification including the Grand Cru system.

During your day, you will also stop in several charming villages such as Obernai and Barr.

**5.00pm** Return to your hotel and night in Strasbourg.

## ALSACE WINE ROUTE - THE CENTRAL ALSACE WINE REGION

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### **From Châtenois to Turckheim**

Breakfast at your hotel.

**9.00am** Pick up at your hotel.

Today, your tour will lead you to the southern part of the Alsace wine region. Between Châtenois and Turckheim you will be taken to the most significant wineries so as to experience the best varietals produced in the area. Grand Crus of the area include Brand and the most recent Kaefferkopf which will probably be on your tasting program today.

Lunch will be taken in Riquewihr, which is classified as one of the most beautiful villages of France (2 course meal, drinks not included).

Your wine tour will include the visit and wine tasting in 3 different wineries each selected for the quality of their wines.

**5.00pm** Return to your hotel and night in Strasbourg.



## ALSACE WINES AROUND COLMAR / TRANSFER TO BEAUNE

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### **Departure transfer from Strasbourg**

Breakfast at your hotel.

**9.00am** Pick up at your hotel.

This morning continue your Alsace wine tour discovery with the visit of 2 wineries where you will certainly be introduced to the Grand Crus located south of Colmar. After some free time for lunch en route, you will be transferred to the Burgundy wine region.



### **Transfer to the Burgundy wine region**

After lunch, it will be time to make our way to the Burgundy wine region of France. Settle in at your hotel in Beaune and night in Beaune.

**5.00pm** Arrive in Beaune and check in at your hotel

## CÔTE DE NUITS WINE REGION

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### **Côte de Nuits Wine Region**

Breakfast at your hotel.

**9.00am** Pick up at your hotel.

Welcome to the Burgundy vineyard. The Côte de Nuits wine region is most famous for reds made from pinot noir. The region covers fourteen communes of which six produce grand cru wines. The Grand Crus of the Cote de Nuits are some of the smallest appellations in France, less than a hectare in the case of La Romanée.

This morning, depart to discover the Chateau of the Clos Vougeot. Standing in the very heart of Burgundy's vineyards, it was originally a wine farm, built in the 12th century by monks from the nearby Abbey of Cîteaux. In the 16th century, a Renaissance style château was added to the existing buildings.

You will continue your day and visit some of the most famous Grand Crus appellations of the area including Gevrey Chambertin, Vougeot, Vosne Romanée and Nuits Saint Georges. You will participate in two wine tasting sessions to discover the famed Pinot Noir grape variety.

**5.00pm** Return to your hotel and night in Beaune.

## CÔTE DE BEAUNE WINE REGION

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### **Côte de Beaune Wine region**

Breakfast at your hotel.

**9.00am** Today the Cote de Beaune wine region is on your program.

Start your day with a guided tour of the Hospices de Beaune site in the heart of the city.

Then, continue your day between Nuits-Saint-Georges and Beaune, and extends southwards for about 25 km to the River Dheune. Here lie the great names of white Burgundy such as Meursault, Puligny-Montrachet and Chassagne-Montrachet home to the finest Chardonnays in the world. It has 7 of Burgundy's 8 white Grand Crus, along with a single red Grand Cru.

Your day will take you to some of the most famous appellations of the region and you will enjoy one wine tasting of some of these famous names. But that's not all. On this last day, we have organized for you an informative and relaxing wine tasting lunch in a pleasant environment. Here you will experience simple and fresh home-made dishes that highlight a tasting selection of 7 wines.

**5.00pm** Return to your hotel and night in Beaune.

## DEPARTURE TRANSFER

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Breakfast at your hotel and transfer to Beaune train station.

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