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Bubbly Champagne!

Full-day excursion to Reims and the Champagne Region

After a less than 2-hour drive, visit Reims, the capital of Champagne and one of its most famous Champagne Houses. After lunch in Reims, drive to the outskirts of Epernay to enjoy a visit and wine tasting at a fabulous chateau!

Make it Palace!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an exclusive optional venue: Follow your guide for a visit to the Palais du Tau.

Please see the last page for more information.

Make it Cooking class!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue: Enjoy a hands-on cooking class at a Michelin-starred restaurant near Châlons en Champagne.

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From Paris to Reims and Champagne

7:00 am: Meet your guide-driver in the lobby of your hotel in Paris.

Morning drive towards **Reims (2 hour drive)**, often considered the **capital of Champagne**, an old French province made world-famous by its sparkling champagne.

You may wish to **visit the Cathedral** classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a 13th-century masterpiece, with 2,500 statues of great interest and quality, including the famous smiling angel.

Continue and visit the **Ruinart Champagne House**. An impressive staircase leads you 30 meters below ground into the network of cellars.

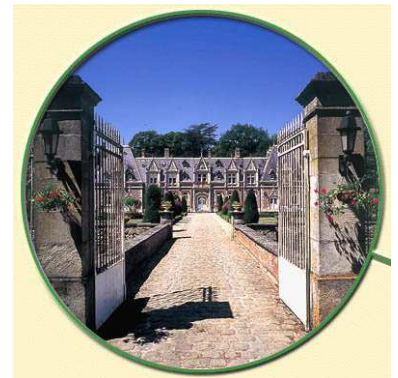
The cellars include chalk pits that are listed as historic monuments. **The Ruinart cellars are often compared to underground cathedrals**, lit by a pale shaft of light. They have a constant temperature of 11°C/50°F. End the visit with a **Champagne tasting**. (Price is not included in this itinerary.)

We suggest **lunch at La Vigneraie**, a charming restaurant with a glass façade and a stylish, contemporary dining room, decorated in sunny colors.

Drive to the outskirts of Epernay and visit **Champagne Launois**, a family-owned vineyard. It was founded in 1872 by the Launois family and is located **in the heart of the prestigious Côte des Blancs section** (a hill south of Epernay that produces Champagne's finest Chardonnays).

The wine is dry with finer bubbles, apple and pear aromas and a crisp acidity on the palate. During your visit, you will **discover the museum's caves** and will learn about all the different stages of winemaking. End the visit by a **champagne tasting of three different vintages**. (Price is not included in this itinerary.)

Return to Paris at the end of the day.





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NB: Please note that some sites mentioned in the itinerary might not be available every day or at certain times of the year. We suggest that you check with our Production Managers

This package includes

- Deluxe minivan carrying up to 6 passengers.
- Professional English speaking guide-driver who will chauffeur you on your sightseeing tour. He is also licensed to guide and accompany you on walking tours, as well as in museums and monuments.
- Découvertes' fees.
- 24-hour assistance available during your stay.
- All taxes.

This package does not include

- Entrance fees
- Champagne tasting
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

Découvertes can also provide:

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites
- Lunch reservations



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Make it Optional

Make it Palace!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue

The episcopal palace of Reims owes its name to the fact that it is shaped in the form of a T ("Tau" in Greek). The first documented use of this name dates from 1131.

Enjoy a guided visit of the Palais that houses the Musée de l'Oeuvre, whose collections contain decorative sculptures from the cathedral. You will view Flemish tapestries representing the history of Clovis, as well as the treasury with coronation items and precious works of art offered by the kings and queens of France



Please contact us for more information as to availability and price.

Make it Cooking Class!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue

Enjoy a hands-on cooking class in a Michelin-starred restaurant l'Epine, located opposite the flamboyant, gothic-style Notre Dame de l'Epine. The chef and his dedicated team will share their "savoir faire" with you. What about a *filet mignon de veau roti, emulsion au Chaource et legumes du moment* (filet of roasted veal with seasonal vegetables) or a chocolate-walnut cake?

You will sample your creations at the end of the visit.



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