



## Day 1: Reims

- Arrival at Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport and transfer by private, air-conditioned coach to (3-Star) **Campanile Reims Centre-Cathedrale in Reims**. This modern hotel, with a restaurant and bilingual staff, is located on the banks of the Marne Canal, near the center of the city, and is within walking distance to many of the sights in Reims, particularly the Cathedral.
- Some independent leisure time to view sights in the City of Reims. Aside from the beautiful Cathedral, there are many other sights to enjoy:
  - **Palais du Tau:** The former palace of the Bishops of Reims has been closely linked to the History of France over the centuries. Monarchs resided in the Palais of Tau prior to their coronation and returned here after the ceremony for the traditional feast and celebrations in the vast banqueting hall. Designated world heritage site by UNESCO.
  - **Basilique Saint-Remi:** This cathedral is a UNESCO World Heritage site. As with many cathedrals in France, it is visually stunning and has a lot of ornate detailing inside and out. Located very close to the champagne tours.
  - **Villa Demoiselle:** The architectural symbol of the town of Reims. Step back in time and come to discover the champagne house in conjunction with a visit or reception and admire its decor that boasts a unique sophistication.
  - **Musee des Beaux-Arts** Founded in 1794 The City acquired the abandoned seminary housed in the buildings of the former Abbey of Saint-Denis, to transfer to the museum in 1913.
- **Welcome introductory dinner** at the prestigious Champagne house **Fresne-Ducret**. A four course menu will be prepared from seasonal produce, fresh from the market. Each course will be accompanied by a different champagne from Fresne-Ducret. This 7<sup>th</sup>-generation Champagne House is located in the charming town of **Villedommage** near Reims. It has the distinction of being one of a very few champagne houses whose vines are all situated in the one place, rather than being scattered far and wide throughout the Champagne region.

## Day 2: Visiting Champagne Houses and Tour of Reims Cathedral

- **Breakfast at hotel.**
- **Champagne J. Lassalle:** A family-owned Champagne house, J. Lassalle, established in 1942, is now run by three generations of women. A master of his craft, when he passed away in 1982 his wife, Olga, and their daughter, Chantal Decelle-Lassalle, stepped in and took over the estate. The grapes are grown on eleven hectares of vineyards, all of them *premier cru*.
- **Independent lunch in town.**
- **Moët & Chandon** (or simply “Moët”) is a winery and co-owner of the luxury goods company Moët-Hennessy Louis Vuitton. Moët is one of the world's largest champagne producers and holds a Royal Warrant to supply champagne to Elizabeth II. The legendary Moët & Chandon is celebrating 270 years as the world’s most loved champagne. *Home to Dom Perignon!*



- **Visit to Reims Cathedral:** Notre-Dame de Reims (Our Lady of Reims) is the seat of the Archdiocese of Reims, where the kings of France were crowned. The cathedral replaces an older church, destroyed by fire in 1211, which was built on the site of the basilica where Clovis was baptized by Saint Remi, bishop of Reims, in AD 496.
- **Independent Leisure Time** to explore the historic city of Reims. While we are in Reims, we will enjoy a walking tour of the City. The tour will concentrate on the art and architecture of the City. We will have a local expert guide us during this portion of the tour!
- **Independent dinner in town**

## Day 3: Travel to Beaune and lunch at Olivier Leflaive, Puligny-Montrachet

- **Breakfast at the hotel**
- **Depart the hotel and travel to Beaune:** Stay in the (3-Star) **Hotel Henry II Beaune Centre**. This modern hotel with historic section dating from the 16th century is situated in the town center and is a quick walk from many sights in Beaune. Hotel Henry II is the first hotel to receive the European Eco-label certification in this region.
- **Wine tasting lunch at Olivier Leflaive in Puligny-Montrachet:** The quiet, unassuming village of Puligny-Montrachet is the **world capital of white Burgundy**. The Leflaive family is an important producer here. Olivier himself is often there to talk to guests over lunch, along with his team of sommeliers who explain the wines in detail. We will be tasting six (6) wines:
  - **Bourgogne “Les Sétilles”**
  - **Auxey-Duresses Puligny-Montrachet**
  - **Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru**
  - **Volnay**
  - **Corton-Charlemagne Premier Cru**

The lunch menu generally consists of simpler items so as to concentrate on the wines we will be served. Such items can include: **Goujons (local specialty appetizer/nibblers), Tuna & Smoked Salmon with Parsley & Chardonnay Sauce, Chicken Fricasée, Vegetable au Gratin, Cheese Plate, and Chocolate Mousse** as dessert. You can expect something similar at this lunch.

• **Independent Leisure time to explore the beautiful town of Beaune**, which is famous for being Burgundy's fun-loving wine capital. You may wish to check out these amazing sights and experiences:



- **Collégiale Notre-Dame:** A series of tapestries relating the life of the Virgin hangs in Beaune's main church, the 12th-century Romanesque Collégiale Notre-Dame.
- **Boat Rides Vagabondo:** Take a lunch, dinner, or moonlight river cruise aboard the Vagabondo.
- **Restaurants:** Beaune is not only famous for its wines but also for its food and restaurants. The town counts over a hundred restaurants offering pleasant moments for your taste buds. This delightful diversity of restaurants provides something for everyone.
- **Shopping:** Beaune and its 500 shops will satisfy all your needs whether you are looking for fashion, souvenirs, gifts or even a supermarket. Stroll along the pedestrian shopping streets, admire the colorful shop windows and enjoy the warm welcome and professional advice given by the shopkeepers.

• **Independent dinner in town**

#### **Day 4: Tasting Lunch at Pierre Bourée Fils, Gevrey-Chambertin and Visiting the Hotel Dieu in Beaune.**

- Breakfast in the hotel.
- **Wine Tasting and lunch at Pierre Bourée Fils, Gevrey-Chambertin.** In the 19th century Pierre Bourée took over a wine business founded in 1864 in Gevrey-Chambertin and gave his name to it. He acquired a vineyard clos, in 1903, surrounded by walls. Pierre planted vines. The Pierre Bourée Fils house harvests and produces wine and also buys grapes and musts to make their fine wines. In addition to being an owner, wine merchant and producer, Pierre Bourée Fils also offers guided wine tastings, carried out in unique and entertaining style, called *La Table de Pierre Bourée*.



- **Visit the Hôtel Dieu.** The Hospices de Beaune or Hôtel-Dieu de Beaune is a former charitable almshouse in Beaune, France. It was founded in 1443 by Nicolas Rolin, chancellor of Burgundy, as a hospital for the poor and needy. The original hospital building, the Hôtel-Dieu, one of the finest examples of French fifteenth-century architecture, is now a museum.



- **Independent Leisure time** to explore the town and enjoy the museum.

- **Independent dinner**

- **Day 5: Tastings in Vosne-Romanée and Clos-Vougeot and an exclusive dinner at 'Le P'titParadis', one of the finest small restaurants in Beaune**

- **Breakfast in the hotel.**



- Travel to Vosne-Romanée, the ***most famous village for producing the most expensive Pinot Noir wines in the world***, for wine tasting. Vosne-Romanée is a commune in the Côte-de Nuits department in Burgundy in eastern France. It produces the region's most celebrated wines, all made entirely from the Pinot noir grape: "There can be little doubt that in the firmament of the Cote de Nuits, Vosne-Romanée is the brightest star." We will taste a number of different wines from the region.

- Travel to Clos-Vougeot, the ***largest single vineyard in Côte de Nuits entitled to the grand cru designation*** for a wine tasting, which is a wall-enclosed vineyard, *a clos*, in the Burgundy wine region, and Appellation d'origine contrôlée (AOC) for red wine from this vineyard. At 50.6 hectares (125 acres).

- **Independent lunch in Beaune**

- **Dinner with Wine at 'Le P'tit Paradis', one of the finest small restaurants in Beaune.** Le P'tit Paradis is a small gem of a family restaurant hidden in the backstreets of Beaune. The cuisine is a fresh look at the classics, based on produce from that day's market. We will taste some of the best local (and famous!) Burgundy wines with our dinner.



## Day 6. Travel to Paris

- **Breakfast in the hotel.**

- **Depart for Paris,** staying at the superbly located (3-star) **Hotel de l'Alma**. This hotel is a typical Parisian style hotel with small winter garden, very quiet in a residential district - Central Paris, near the Eiffel Tower.

We are purchasing, for each of our travelers, 2-day Paris Passes. <http://www.parispass.com/how-it-works/>. This wonderful tool is your one stop shop for everything you need for a fantastic trip to Paris. It's a specially designed sightseeing package that provides you with everything you need to discover the city. The package is a bit like an 'all you can eat' buffet - once you've bought your Paris Pass you don't have to pay to get into any of the attractions covered by the pass and the more sights you see, the more money you save.

**Included in your Paris Pass package is:**

- **Paris Museum Pass** – free entrance to over 55 of Paris' world famous museums and monuments.
- **Paris Attractions Pass** – free entry to Paris' best attractions including a Seine River Cruise, Musée Grévin, Tour Montparnasse and even a Wine Tasting experience!
- **Paris Visite Pass** – free unlimited travel on the metro, buses and RER within central Paris.
- **Paris Bus Tour** - Free Les Cars Rouge hop-on-hop-off bus tour of Paris, every Paris Pass comes with an unlimited use ticket valid for 2 consecutive days.
- **Skip The Lines** – at a selection of the busiest museums and attractions in Paris
- **120+ page Guidebook** – a detailed guide to all of the sights and landmarks in Paris including a map and directions as well as loads of helpful tips and hints.
- **Special Offers** – exclusive offers at shops and restaurants in central Paris.



- **Lunch at Brasserie Mollard in Paris.** This is the quintessential bistro experience in Paris. The bistro has been around since the 1890's. Beautiful décor and wonderful food. The wines we'll try are from all around France, as is typical for a French brasserie. The entrees will include such items as: **Skewer of prawns on salad greens with aubergine caviar; French onion soup; Duck foie gras with glaze of**

**Monbazillac (dessert wine).** Examples of main dishes include: **Entrecote (similar to sirloin), Steak tartare, and Lamb Shoulder.** Examples of Desserts include: **Crepes Flambées with Grand Marnier or Crème Brulée,** and similar dishes. These are just examples, but the menu should include similar items.

- **Leisure time in the afternoon to enjoy the city.** Enjoy the Tour d'Eiffel, the Louvre Museum, the Seine River Cruise, Place St-Michel, Rue du Chat-qui-Pêche, or any other number of wonderful sights to be seen in this "City of Lights."

- **Independent dinner in Paris.**

## **Day 7: Enjoy Paris & Farewell dinner in Paris catered by the famous 'Le Foodist'**

- **Breakfast in the hotel**
- **Independent lunch in Paris**
- **Farewell Dinner catered by "Le Foodist" at their place in the Latin Quarter:** "Tasting wine is lots of fun; but it is even better with stories and anecdotes drawn from the regions and history of France - told with a bit of humor, and a lot of knowledge, so you can remember more than just the wines." <http://www.lefoodist.com/about-the-foodist-gb/who-we-are>

The Latin Quarter is one of the oldest areas of Paris; the 5th arrondissement was the heart of Roman Paris during the Roman occupation of France (from the 1st c. B.C. to the 5th c. A.D.). It is here that you'll find the most famous branch of the Université de Paris, the Sorbonne, and the prestigious Collège de France.

## **Day 8: Depart Paris**

- **Breakfast in the hotel**
- **Depart for the airport**

### **Price:**

- **\$3,525.00 per person, based on double occupancy**
- **Add \$495 for single occupancy.**

### **Inclusions:**

- 2 nights at (3-Star) Campanile Reims Centre-Cathedrale in Reims.
- 3 nights at (3-Star) Hotel Henry II Beaune Centre in Beaune.
- 2 nights at (3-star) Hotel de l'Alma in Paris.
- 7 breakfasts
- Private transfers and excursions by air-conditioned bus
- Private bilingual guides for the entire tour
- Welcome dinner at Fresne-Ducret, wine included
- Guided winery visits and wine tastings: J. Lasalle; Moët & Chandon; Vosne-Romanee; Clos-Vougeot
- Tasting Lunches with wines: Olivier Leflaive, Puligny-Montrachet; Pierre Bouree Fils, Gevrey-Chambertin;; Brasserie Mollard, Paris
- Dinner at 'Le P'titParadis', wine included
- Walking tour of Reims
- Visit to Notre Dame Cathedral in Reims
- Tour of the Hotel Dieu in Beaune
- Farewell Dinner catered by "Le Foodist", wine included
- 2 Day Paris Pass (1 each per adult.)
- Taxes and gratuities

**\*\*Airfare not included.\*\***