CHAMPAGNE DAY (FROM PARIS)

From Paris, be relaxed at the back of your deluxe limousine with your chauufeur guide on the way to the vineyards in Champagne that dates back to the beginning of our era. The Romans were the ones to introduce grape-growing in the Champagne region. They had already identified the originality of the soil that gives Champagne its specificity, chalky subsoil and sloping landscape. Reims, first gastronomic center of France will show you the legacy of its glorious past and lead you into a prestigious realm of the most celebrated and festive of wines. Rich of traditions and centuries-old know-how, Reims and the Champagne are also a lively area with many passionate people that your driver guide will introduce you to.



DESCRIPTION



REIMS

Rich of traditions and centuries-old know-how, Reims has also become a modern and lively regional capital thanks to its location. Four sites listed as UNESCO World Heritage, the refined atmosphere of the Champagne Houses, a town centre which offers you both the elegance of its Art Deco facades and its relaxed atmosphere which prevails in the streets and on the café-terraces, a program of many and varied cultural events, a green environment where nature is queen... It owes also its fame to its cathedral that played host to the coronation of several Kings of France.

EPERNAY

Epernay was founded by tanners in the 5th century and became the fieldom of the Counts of Champagne before being annexed to the kingdom of France. Its fifteen centuries of turbulent history have left their traces on the winding streets of this flower-bedecked city. Epernay, in the heart of the Champagne vineyards, is the ideal place to start exploring the top Champagne producers: from Marne Valley to the Mountain of Reims, cellars of international renown offer you their most famous vintages.

THE CHAMPAGNE TOURIST ROAD

Just a 10 minute drive south of Reims, you'll find the vineyard covered slopes of Montagne de Reims. Once in the village of Ludes, you're in the "Grande Montagne" region, the kingdom of pinot noir.

The Champagne area visit can be an opportunity to discover more deeply the Wine and gastronomy French treasures. Deluxe drivers will advice you on the best Champagne tasting cave and on the best cooking school of the area.

What to see in **Reims**

- . Basilique Saint Remi
- . Museum Abbaye Saint Remi
- . Cathedral Notre Dame
- . Palace of Tau

WHAT TO SEE IN **EPERNAY**

- . Gabrielle Dorziat Theatre
- . The Majestic Avenue de Champagne
- . The Church of Notre Dame

CHAMPAGNE HOUSES

- . Roederer
- . G.H. Mumm
- . Taittinger
- . Veuve Cliquot Ponsardin

RECOMMENDATIONS

GASTRONOMIC RESTAURANT

Château les Crayères in Reims

With his special menu around the Champagne, with main course with veal, this delight address surrounded by an English style park, will serve you the best food of the area "Notre Dame"...

BEST QUALITY/PRICE RATIO RESTAURANT

Royal Champagne near Epernay

With its special dish of confit de foi gras de canard, this old post office is a great place to eat with a view on the Champagne wineyard.

SUGGESTION

THE TOWN HALL IN EPERNAY

Originally the personal residence of Monsieur AUBAN-MOET, built in 1858 and turned over to the town in 1919, it preserves the charm of a private mansion in the centre of a lovely park. In front of the building, a terrace has been skilfully used to buttress the War Memorial Monument, the work of M. GIRAUD, architect. The Town Hall stands in a magnificent park designed in the last century.