



# World's Favourite Bubbly

By Longitude 180

Reims – Epernay

**DETAILS** 03 Days / 02 Nights

**START**

Reims

**FINISH**

Reims

**PRICE:**

**January 1, 2010 thru October 31, 2010**

\$ 2105 per person double occupancy

*Holiday Supplement may apply*

**2011 Prices: to be advised**

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

**This price includes:**

- One night, in a shared double room, 4 stars
- One breakfast,
- Private car and guide for 2 days
- Entrance fees, visits and wine tastings as per programme,

**WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED**

International air travel  
Travel insurance  
Airport departure taxes  
Personal items and alcoholic beverages  
Gratuities to escort, guides, drivers, hotel services



**C**hampagne is synonymous with celebration and the good life, and a trip to Champagne is a non-stop celebration of great wine and food. Only 1 1/2 hours from Paris, Champagne is a fabulous destination for a long weekend, or it can be combined easily with Burgundy for a superb and varied wine touring experience.

**Day One Reims - Epernay**

Meeting in the lobby of your hotel with the English-speaking driver / guide. Arrival **in Epernay** around 10am.

We propose to start the day with a visit of **Chateau de Pierry**.

Come and discover the charm and the class of this 18th Century castle.

Jean-Paul Gobillard, the owner, will share his fifty years of experience as "négociant éleveur" in the Champagne region during different and interesting wine-tasting sessions (from the first extra dry "maison" to the old vintage wines of well-known brands) in the shade and the welcoming coolness of the store room-press house.

After lunch, you will continue with the visit of **Moët & Chandon cellars**.

*Discover more than 250 years of history and 'savoir-faire'*

The soul of champagne reveals itself in the perfect peace of the Moët & Chandon cellars. The wines mature slowly in near darkness and in a cool, constant temperature. Each visitor will discover an incredible underground network of chalk cellars 30m below Epernay, the largest in the Champagne region. The bottles are aged horizontally and then carefully turned in racks, before being disgorged to reveal the magic of their creation. Year after year, these exceptional champagnes reveal the quality and tradition of the House.

After the visit, departure to Reims, where you will visit the **famous house of Ruinart**.

Founded in 1729, 60 years before the French Revolution, the House of Ruinart is one of the oldest champagne houses in France. The company slogan "Wines of power and finesse" sums up the house style which is both elegant and majestic. Sourcing their Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes from the best villages in Champagne (grands crus and premier crus), makes Ruinart champagne an art form. Mature, rich and full-bodied, "Dom Ruinart" is sublime and "Exclusive" beyond belief! Ruinart is owned by Moët Hennessy, WINE and CO's shareholder.

Back to your Hotel: Chateau Boyer Les Crayeres or La Villa Eugene.

## Hotel:

### Chateau Boyer Les Crayeres – Reims

Gérard and Elyane Boyer welcome you to an elegant turn-of-the-century residence set in English-style parkland. Blending tradition, comfort and refinement, the Boyers have created a luxurious gourmet retreat, where guests can relax in sumptuous rooms and savor superb cuisine. The «filets de rouget de roche grillés, sauce au thym, petite galette de pommes de terre dorées et ail doux caramélisé» is simply sublime.

Each of the 19 rooms is individually decorated to an historic theme. Not only beautiful, they are extremely comfortable with every luxury available.

Boyer les Crayeres is located in the middle of the biggest champagne makers, just five minutes from the center of Reims.



## Day Two Dijon B

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Meeting in the lobby of your hotel with the English-speaking driver / guide and departure for a morning walking tour of the old **Reims and its Cathédral.**

This ancient university town lying on the banks of the river Vesle is famous for its magnificent cathedral, where French kings were traditionally crowned, as well as the Basilica St Remy, Reims is also, together with Epernay, the Capital of Champagne and most cellars are open to public. The Cathedral Notre Dame: owing to its homogenous architectural style, its superb sculptures and its spiritual role over more than a 1 000 French and European history, the Cathedral Notre Dame, undoubtedly deserves to be considered as one of the finest cathedral in Christendom.



After lunch, you will enjoy a visit of the **Pommery House.**



Louise Pommery was always determined to give personality to the house through its architecture.

As she wish to illustrate the style of her wines by that of their buildings, she paid little attention to the region's established norms and conventions of the day and decided to build an Elizabethan edifice.

Work then began on construction of a surprising English style estate, which was out of keeping with the regional architectural customs.

Right from the outset, the Estate was designed to receive guests. And today, it is still open to the town of Reims and to the world.

## **Transfer to Reims' train station.**

There is a train leaving at 4:30 pm

□ **End of our services** □

Programme subjected to availability upon confirmation