



FRANCE

SELF-DRIVE CHAMPAGNE AND BURGUNDY (TOUR CODE: 11825)

STARTS AND ENDS

Reims to
Dijon

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Apr 24 - 31 Oct 24

EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine
Self-Drive

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

This self-drive journey will take you to Champagne, with its UNESCO listed cellars, domains & vineyards, and Burgundy Region.

Highlights

- Iconic Tour of Grand Maison of Veuve Clicquot
- Scenic drive through the beautiful villages of Côte de Beaune: Pommard, Volnay, and Meursault, and through the **Grands Crus** roads, via Puligny-Montrachet and Chassagne-Montrachet
- Enjoy a Guided tour of 13th century **Notre-Dame de Reims Cathedral**, listed in the UNESCO World Heritage and one of Europe's most important Gothic structures.
- Sample some "terroir" wines at a local domain in **Nuits Saint Georges**

Drive through the bustling streets of **Reims**, wonder at some famous Champagne Houses, the beautiful City Centre and its imposing Cathedral, and check out places like the Royal Square, the majestic City Hall, Roman Oratory Ruins and the widest standing Roman Arch in the world! On the UNESCO World Heritage List, the 13th-Century **Notre-Dame de Reims** is one of Europe's most important Gothic structures - and is where most of the Kings of France were coronated through the ages.

As you drive to **Beaune**, take in a picturesque view, while driving along the Côte de Nuits through the villages of Nuits-Saint-Georges, Vosne-Romanée and Vougeot. Discover why they call it the "*Champs-Élysées*" of Burgundy. Last day is at leisure before dropping off your car.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Reims at Hotel De La Paix - 4* or similar
- 2 nights in Beaune at Hotel Henry II - 4* or similar
- Car Hire Credit of \$500 (5 Days rental)
- Daily Breakfast
- Small Group (max 8 pax) Tour Reims Cathedral, Veuve Clicquot, Tour & tasting at a family domain
- Entry tickets and tastings at Veuve Clicquot and at a family estate
- Small group Day Tour (max 8 pax) Grands Crus route, tasting 10 wines in family domains, expert wine g
- Wine tasting at a local domain in Nuits Saint Georges

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Day 1

Reims

Pick up your car at the depot in Reims and drive to your hotel.

We suggest you stroll through the storied streets of Reims: many sites, monuments and museums evidence the rich history here, from the Gallo-Roman to modern times, including the fabulous Art Deco period.

Overnight stay in Reims at the **Hotel de la Paix**.

Parking is available upon request.



Reims Champagne Houses Reims

After breakfast, pick-up is at 9:20AM outside the forecourt of the Reims Train Station, facing the park.

Your Guide will have the Gray Mercedes minivan parked in front of the Tourist Office.

Sightseeing in the City Centre

Begin your day by exploring the vibrant City Centre of Reims, a place brimming with charm, layers of unique history, and regional culinary delights.

***** Guided Tour and Tasting at Veuve Clicquot**

Embark on a journey through time with a guided tour and tasting at the world-famous Grande Maison de Champagne Veuve Clicquot. Founded in 1772, this house gained renown through the visionary Madam Barbe Nicole Clicquot Ponsardin. Dive into the heart of the house, exploring its heritage, savoir-faire, and unique chalk cellars while savoring four glasses of Champagne. Note that if unforeseen circumstances affect Veuve Clicquot, an alternative visit may take place at the House of Mumm or Veuve Clicquot.

Guided Tour of the Cathedral of Reims

Discover the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the 13th-century Notre-Dame de Reims Cathedral. Marvel at its Gothic architecture, hypnotic stained glass windows, and rich statuary. Learn about its historical significance, where King Clovis was baptized, giving birth to the Kingdom of the Franks.

Lunch at Leisure in Reims

Take a break for lunch at your leisure in the charming city of Reims.

Reims Mountain Grand Cru Vineyards

Continue on a scenic drive through the Grand Cru vineyards on the Mountain of Reims. Traverse the Scenic Route of Champagne, winding between fields of barley, vineyards, and picturesque villages like Verzy, Verzenay, and Mailly. Explore the realm of the Pinot Noir varietal and experience the unique "terroir" that gives Champagne its power and character.

Champagne Tasting & Cellar Tours at a Champagne Grower's Family Domain

Visit a beautiful Champagne Grower's Family Estate nestled in the heart of Champagne's Vineyards. Witness the dedication of over 4000 family winemakers preserving the tradition from generation to generation. Conclude your afternoon with another tasting of different Champagne wines.

The tour concludes at 5:30 PM at the Reims Centre Train Station forecourt.

Overnight stay in Reims at the **Hotel De La Paix** or similar.

Parking is available upon request.

**** If an unforeseen circumstance arises affecting Veuve Clicquot tour, it may be replaced by one at the House of Mumm, Pommery or Taittinger.*

Breakfast, Lunch



VEUVE CLICQUOT

Day 3 Reims Beaune

After breakfast, the day is at leisure to enjoy.

Overnight stay in Beaune at the **Hotel Henri II** or similar.

Parking available upon request.

Breakfast



Day 4 Beaune Grands Crus route & Château du Clos de Vougeot Beaune

Pick up is at 9:30 AM at the Beaune Tourist Office. Commence your day at the Beaune Tourist Office, embarking on a journey into **Burgundy's wine heritage**.

Tour and Tasting in a Local Domain in Beaune

Explore a charming estate in the heart of Beaune. The owner guides you through tastings of exquisite white wines like Saint-

Aubin, Meursault 1er cru "les Charmes," and the renowned Grand cru Corton–Charlemagne.

Lunch at Leisure (Not included)

Route des Grands Crus

Embark on the scenic Grands Crus road, with a stop at the prestigious Romanée-Conti. Marvel at the 1.8-hectare plot, producing the world's most expensive wine. Journey through Côte de Nuits villages—Nuits-Saint-Georges, Vosne-Romanée, and Vougeot—revealing the essence of Burgundy's "Champs-Élysées."

Château du Clos de Vougeot

Visit the historic Château du Clos de Vougeot, founded in 1098. Its vineyard, over 50 hectares, produces some of Burgundy's most famous Grands crus. Delve into the castle's significance, hosting dinners for the Brotherhood of the Knights of Tastevin.

Tour and Tasting in a Local Domain around Nuits-Saint-Georges

Discover a new estate in the heart of Nuits-Saint-Georges. Gain insights into winemaking techniques that contribute to the exceptional quality of the wines.

5:45 PM - Drop-off

Conclude your wine odyssey with a drop-off at the Beaune Tourist Office, around 5:45 PM.

Overnight stay in Beaune at the **Hotel Henri II** or similar.

Parking available upon request.

** Providers are subject to change according to their availability upon reservation. Should this occur you'll be offered an alternative of parallel quality.*

Breakfast



Day **5**

Beaune Dijon

After breakfast, check out and drive towards Dijon to drop off the car.

Breakfast



ACCOMMODATION

Hotel De La Paix

Reims

Right in the heart of Reims, magical capital of the Champagne region, you'll find the Best Western Hôtel de la Paix. This island of calm is located just a stone's throw from the shops and the Cathedral. Between old stones & and new design, the Best Western Hotel de la Paix welcomes you with 169 fully equipped and air-conditioned modern bedrooms full of charm.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

- FLEXI CAR HIRE CREDIT: This self-drive package includes a \$500 (\$100/day) Flexi Car Hire Credit. This provides the flexibility of selecting a vehicle based on your own preferences and requirements. As each location has vehicle limitations, please speak to our team for options.
- Order of Tours can be modified depending on days of travel. *If an unforeseen circumstance arises affecting Veuve Clicquot tour, it may be replaced by one at the House of Mumm, Pommery or Taittinger.*
- Adult tour only, no children accepted under the age of 18
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package