



**CHAMPAGNE TOUR WITH YOUR PRIVATE GUIDE:
MOËT, VEUVE CLICQUOT & RUINART*
Champagne, France**

Dates: From May to October

Itinerary including gastronomy options:

DAY ONE

We will arrange a driver to meet you at Reims railway station, and take you to your hotel – the new five-star Royal Champagne. This superb hotel, named on Condé Nast Traveller magazine’s hotlist of the world’s best new hotels, has panoramic views of the region’s natural beauty and an exceptional spa. That night, enjoy dinner at the hotel’s Michelin-starred restaurant, The Royal. There, chef Jean-Denis Rieubland will use local produce to whet your appetite for the days ahead.

DAY TWO

Today, you will explore Ruinart* and Veuve Clicquot. Ruinart is the oldest champagne house, founded in 1729. Here, you’ll learn how Ruinart was inspired by monk Dom Thierry Ruinart. Your host will reveal the House’s long association with the artistic world, reflected in its many works of art. Then, take a personal tour through the majestic crayères, or cellars – part of a UNESCO World Heritage site. Finally, retire to a private salon to taste two Ruinart champagnes and vintages.*

After lunch* at an excellent local brasserie, you’ll be ready to visit Veuve Clicquot – a House which still reflects the pioneering spirit of Madame Clicquot, the so-called Grande Dame of Champagne. She invented the first-known vintage champagne in 1810 and much more. Your Veuve Clicquot guide will share the House’s stories as you explore its cathedral-like cellars, created from former chalk mines, and introduce you to the secrets of the House’s most iconic vineyards. Then taste vintages, rosés (Madame Clicquot created the very first blend of rosé champagne too), and perhaps a rare Grande Dame vintage – a tribute to Madame herself. That evening, enjoy dinner at one of the most exciting Michelin-starred restaurants in the region. Over delicious dishes created by expert chefs, take a moment to swap your favourite memories of the day.

DAY THREE

After breakfast, your Moët & Chandon private guide will escort you round the historic cellars, as you explore the House’s 270 years of innovation and appreciate how Moët & Chandon has become a symbol for celebration. Then discover the unique characters of different vintages through a vertical tasting, in the very salon where Jean-Rémy Moët, the founder’s grandson, entertained Emperor Napoleon. No wonder Moët & Chandon’s signature cuvée is named Impérial.

Next, if you’d like a little time out, we recommend a massage in the hotel’s exceptional spa. Or if you love history, let us arrange a private tour of Reims cathedral’s towers and a visit of the Palais du Tau with a private guide* (additional fees apply).

Finally, enjoy lunch* at the Royal Champagne’s Brasserie Le Bellevue – French for “beautiful

view” – as you gaze over the Champagne region from your window seat, you’ll understand how it got its name.

After lunch, we can arrange your return to Reims. Or if you’d like to extend your stay to explore more of the region, we will be only too happy to help. For instance, for an additional fee, we can arrange for you to stay in nearby Reims, a city central to champagne’s story – and the splendid backdrop to the coronation of 34 French kings.

**For optional experiences, additional fees apply.*