



Grands Crus of
CHAMPAGNE
AND
BURGUNDY

6 DAYS, 5 NIGHTS | PRIVATE TOUR
AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND

Travel to Champagne for **VIP tastings at exclusive Champagne houses**, including special **private tours and tastings of Grand Crus**. Travel to Burgundy with a stop in iconic Chablis. Enjoy private tastings at some of the most prestigious estates of **Burgundy's Côte d'Or**, including **Premier and Grand Crus** in legendary appellations like Vosne Romanée, Chambertin, and Meursault. Discover Burgundy's rich cultural heritage in the medieval city of Beaune with its beautiful Renaissance architecture and famous **Hotel Dieu** (famous for the Hospices de Beaune), and at the historic **Chateau de Clos de Vougeot**, where winemaking began in this region. This luxurious voyage includes exceptional dining and beautiful, first-class accommodations. An unforgettable wine and food vacation for the discriminating wine lover!

DAY 1*

REIMS

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Arrive in the morning on your own in Reims, the “capital” of the Champagne region, where you’ll visit the spectacular Reims Cathedral, where the Kings of France were crowned for 800 years. Visit one of the best major Champagne houses in Reims such as Lanson or Ruinart. You’ll visit their majestic cellars, most dating back to Roman times with huge chalk pits and miles of galleries; then enjoy a tasting of their fine champagnes and some time for shopping in their boutique. Enjoy a lovely lunch at a casual local bistro in the heart of Reims. This afternoon, you’ll travel into the beautiful champagne vineyards to visit one of the top boutique Champagne houses. Check-in late afternoon to your luxury 5* hotel La Caserne de Chanzy conveniently located in Reims. Upgrade to Hotel Royal Champagne in the countryside available. Evening on own.

DAY 2

GRAND CRUS OF THE CÔTES DES BLANCS

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Today you’ll explore the finest (and loveliest) wine-growing region of Champagne, the Côte des Blancs (“hillsides of the whites”), which are covered with Chardonnay grapes. Visit and taste at two of the finest boutique producers of the Côtes des Blancs, like Champagne Gimmonet or Varnier-Fanniere. Enjoy lunch (additional) along the way. Explore the charming hilltop village of Hautvillers. Visit the abbey and tomb of Dom Perignon, the famous monk so well known for his contributions to the development of champagne as we know it today. End the afternoon in Epernay with a Grand Cru producer tasting. Return to your hotel late afternoon, evening on own

DAY 3

REIMS, CHABLIS, AND BURGUNDY

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The morning is yours to discover Reims or simply relax and enjoy the views and amenities of your hotel. Morning or early afternoon, check out and head towards Burgundy. We’ll stop along the way in Chablis. Known for its dry white wines made from 100% Chardonnay grapes, these wines are among the most elegant and sought-after in France. Continue to Beaune in the heart of Burgundy. Check into your 5* hotel ideally located in the very center of Beaune, just around the corner from the Hôtel Dieu (Hospices). You have the evening free tonight to enjoy this charming town and discover its great restaurants, with our suggestions.

DAY 4

CÔTE DE NUITS

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Your exploration of Burgundy starts in the place where winemaking first began in this region, the historic Clos de Vougeot. This beautiful 13th-century monastery is now owned by the famous wine brotherhood of Burgundy, the Confrérie du Tastevin. During a fascinating guided tour of the Clos, learn how wine was made in the Middle Ages and see their massive 13th-century wine presses that still work to this day! Afterward, you’ll taste Premier and Grand Cru wines at one of the best producers of Grand Cru appellation Clos de Vougeot. Lunch will be at a charming country inn (wines included). This afternoon includes tastings at one or two-star producers of the Côtes de Nuits. Following your tastings, enjoy a stop along the vineyards of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti to view the iconic plots of La Tache and Romanée-Conti. You have the evening free to enjoy this charming town and discover its great restaurants, with our suggestions.

DAY 5

CÔTE DE BEAUNE

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Explore the Côte de Beaune today, home to the greatest Grand Cru white wine vineyards like the legendary Montrachet, as well as the famous appellations of Meursault, Puligny-Montrachet, and Volnay. The Côte de Beaune is best known for its great white wines made from 100% Chardonnay grapes, perfectly suited to the limestone soils. The whites of the Côte de Beaune are full-bodied, with tremendous elegance, complexity, and minerality. The reds are generally more feminine and lighter-bodied than in the Côte de Nuits with softer tannins. Enjoy a fun and informative wine-tasting lunch of delicious local specialties at a local domaine or restaurant, with wines beautifully paired with your meal. This afternoon you will have your choice of one or two more tastings in the Côte de Beaune’s most famous appellations. Return to your hotel for an evening on your own.

DAY 6

AU REVOIR

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Continue your journeys with fond memories of Champagne and Burgundy and all their splendor.

LEGEND FOR MEALS INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

**Itinerary subject to change: every effort will be made to keep the itinerary as close as possible to what appears here; however, the final itinerary may vary due to wine producer schedules, availability, and factors beyond our control.*

Had some of the best meals of our lives . . . the wine tastings were superb, all the grand crus – wonderful. The (tour) hosts were wonderful: extremely knowledgeable, very accommodating and friendly, delightful. Mark and Marilyn H.

WINE CHATEAUX AND ESTATES

We include only top-quality wine chateaux and estates in our programs. Chateau visits are scheduled by special arrangement, and some chateaux or estates, including any mentioned in the Itinerary, may not be available on your dates. Once you book your program with us, we will contact the estates to determine which are available. If there are specific chateaux or estates you would like to visit, please let us know, and we will contact your preferences first when arranging visits and tastings for you.

YOUR PRIVATE LUXURY TOUR OF CHAMPAGNE AND BURGUNDY INCLUDES:

- A customized itinerary featuring the best hotel, estate, and touring elements tailored to your preferences
- The services of an English-speaking wine expert guide throughout the tour
- 2 nights at 5-Star hotel La Caserne de Chanzy
- 3 nights at 5-Star Luxury Hotel in Beaune
- Buffet breakfast each day
- 3 Wine tasting lunches with premium wines
- Admission and guided tour at the Clos de Vougeot
- All VIP tours and tastings at the best estates of these regions
- A full packet of information on the region and wine tasting, all local taxes

Price based on 2 guests, double occupancy: US \$6900.00 per person

Price based on 4-6 guests, double occupancy: US \$5900.00 per person

*(Monday through Friday tour dates are preferable, as more wine estates are open. Saturday is also possible if necessary.) Subject to availability.
For groups of 7 or more guests: please contact us for a price quote. Not included: any personal expenses, or any services not specifically mentioned above as included in the price of your tour.*

To reserve this program: contact us at info@wine-tours-france.com

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We look forward to planning this special tour for you!

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