



ESSENCE OF CHAMPAGNE

8 PEOPLE - 7 NIGHTS

DESTINATIONS

OVERVIEW

DEDICATE AN ENTIRE WEEK TO AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF THIS AMAZING WINE THAT IS FAMOUS ALL ACROSS THE WORLD.

YOU WILL LIVE AN AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCE, STAYING IN A CHARACTERISTIC CHAMPENOISE VILLA, IMMERSING YOURSELF IN THE BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE WITH LANDSCAPES OF VINEYARDS AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE.

LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY AND TRADITIONS OF THE AREA, AND DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF THE CHAMPAGNE MAKING PROCESS WHILE VISITING THE CAVES OF A VARIETY OF PRODUCERS BOTH BIG AND SMALL.



CHAMPAGNE FRANCE



Champagne takes its name from the region where it is produced, located in the Northeastern part of France. This renowned sparkling wine is now subject to strict laws and regulations in order to proudly call itself by this name.

This area is rich in history, with scenic landscapes and quaint villages sprinkled throughout. The entire region is formed by 3 territories - the Montagne de Reims, the Vallée de la Marne and the Côte des Blancs. Champagne is a blend of the three main vines found here - Pinot Meunier, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.





THE VILLAS

Your home for the week will be a lovely villa in a charming village, nestled in the heart of the Champagne Ardenne region, located amongst endless vineyards.

Your neighbors are Champagne producers, and you will get a genuine taste of life in this French countryside.

The villa has a lovely, warm atmosphere, with cosy common areas that are perfect for spending time together, relaxing with a glass of Champagne. Each bedroom has an ensuite bathroom.





THE WEEK

Your week will be dedicated to learning about and exploring the Champagne region, but you will also have the chance to relax and enjoy quiet time in the warm atmosphere of your villa. Learn about all of the areas of the best production, from the Montagne of Reims famous for Pinot Noir, to the Cote de Blancs that is home to the Chardonnay grape. Passing through Grand Cru villages, we will stop in the Marne Valley to explore Pinot Meunier.

A private chef will prepare a delicious breakfast each morning, as well as one dinner during the week where you will sample local traditional cuisine paired perfectly with local wine...which is, of course, Champagne! A sommelier will present the wine during dinner and explain the concept for matching food with wine, helping you recognize the different flavors that play off of each other.

With transport included all week, you will have ample time to venture out into the region and explore. One full day will be spent in the Côte de Blancs and Valle de la Marne, exploring Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier. Another day will be entirely dedicated to learning about Pinot Noir, in the area of Montagne de Reims. Day excursions include a visit to the quaint village of Hautvillers to visit the Abbey of Dom Perignon, the birthplace of Champagne. Admire the beautiful cathedral while exploring Reims and enjoy free time in the city for shopping. Walk along the Avenue de Champagne in Epernay. One of your winery visits will be to Taittinger, one of the larger, more renowned Champagne houses, where you will walk in the magnificent cellars carved into the chalk. You will take part in a Prestige Workshop where you will learn all of the secrets of the Champagne making process. This week long experience will be a full immersion into the world of Champagne.



+ DAILY MAID AND BREAKFAST

Enjoy your stay with ease and comfort, with a daily maid service and a mid-week linen change.

Wake up to the tantalizing aromas with a freshly prepared breakfast each morning.



+ WINE TOURS

Learn all about the history and culture of Champagne, with visits and tastings at six different wineries throughout the week.



+ EXCURSIONS

Visits will take you to see Reims and its majestic cathedral, the Avenue de Champagne in Epernay, and the Abbey of Dom Perignon in Hautvilliers, the actual birthplace of Champagne.



+ PRESTIGE WORKSHOP

This workshop will take place in a Champagne house where you will discover how this bubbly wine is made.



+ TOUR OF TAITTINGER

Visit of the unique underground cellar, carved into the chalk, followed by a tasting of this renowned Champagne house.



+ DINNER WITH WINE PAIRING IN THE VILLA

A chef will prepare a delicious meal paired with Champagne, presented by a sommelier who will explain how the various flavors exalt each other.

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DAILY
TRANSPORTATION

You will have transportation provided all week for 8 consecutive hours and up to 200 km per day.

Arrival and departure transfers are not included.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Essence of Champagne is a vacation package of 7 nights and 8 days for 8 people.

Please consider that it is very important to book your vacation within one month of the auction.

Bookings are based on availability of the Villa and must be used by 1 year from date of purchase.

SUMMARY OF INCLUDED SERVICES:

7 night accommodation in a lovely villa

Daily maid service and mid-week linen change

Daily breakfast with private chef

Visit and tastings in six wineries throughout the week

Transportation included all week (arrival and departure days not included)

Excursions to visit the towns of Epernay, Reims, and Hautvillers

1 Prestige Workshop

Tour of Taittinger with tasting

1 dinner with wine pairing in the villa, prepared by private chef and sommelier

EXTRA ON REQUEST::

- * Transfers to and from airport
- * Wine shipping
- * Driver service (outside package itinerary)

NOT INCLUDED

- * Airfare
- * Transfers to and from airport
- * Free time extra activities