



FRANCE

SELF-DRIVE CHATEAUX AND CHAMPAGNE (TOUR CODE: 11799)

STARTS AND ENDS

Tours to
Reims

TRAVEL PERIODS

April - December

EXPERIENCE

Locally Made
Food & Wine
Self-Drive

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Step back in time as you visit the Chateaux of Loire Valley and visit the Champagne region with its renowned Champagne houses.

Highlights

- Our **Locally Made** experiences are carefully curated to highlight authentic local connections, bringing travellers closer to the people, stories, and traditions that define each place
- Take a guided tour of **Chateau Chenonceau**, where its unique architecture seamlessly blends with Renaissance Gardens, offering unparalleled beauty.
- Sensorial visit and Vintages' Odyssey followed by a **wine tasting class led by a sommelier** in Amboise!
- Iconic Tour of Grand **Maison of Veuve Clicquot**
- Enjoy a guided tour of the **Cathedral of Reims**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Entire Bonus

This holiday package is carefully designed by our team to give you complete Peace of Mind, with access to trusted local partners and expert support at your destination.

Indulge in an exquisite wine tasting experience and visit the most renowned chateaux of the beautiful Loire Valley. Skip the line entry to Chateau Chenonceau and take in the timeless beauty of the centuries-old estate. Admire the stunning French Renaissance architecture of Chateau Chambord, the largest chateau in the region and be astonished by the majestic Royal Chateau of Amboise.

Then, your journey will continue to Reims, famous for the production of Champagne and for the Notre-Dame de Reims Cathedral, one of Europe's most important Gothic structures. Take part in a small group to discover the well-known Champagne Houses in region like the Grande Maison of Veuve Clicquot and many more.



HANDPICKED
LOCAL EXPERTS



SUPPORT
COMMUNITIES



SUSTAINABLE
TRAVEL



INSIDER
ACCESS



SMALL-GROUP
MOMENTS



AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCES

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Tours at Hotel de l'Univers - 4* or similar
- 2 nights in Reims at Hotel de la Paix - 4* or similar
- Car Hire Credit of \$500 (5 Days rental)
- Daily Breakfast
- Full day Small Group Tour (max 8 pax) to Chateaux of Chenonceau, Chambord, Les Caves Ambacia Wine tasting
- 5 Wine tasting in Amboise included
- 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
- Parking space included

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Tours

Pick up your car at the depot in Tours and drive to you hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Tours at **Hotel de l'Univers** or similar.

Parking spot included.



CHATEAU OF AMBOISE

Tours Chenonceau Amboise Tours

After breakfast, meet your English speaking driver guide at your hotel and start your full day small group **tour to Chateaux of Chenonceau, Chambord & Caves Ambacia Wine tasting.**

Guided Tour of the Chateau of Chenonceau. The unique architecture of the Chateau of Chenonceau makes it one of the most exquisite Chateaux in the Loire Valley. Nicknamed "The Ladies Chateau", the castle of Chenonceau is related to important French women such as Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de Medici. The magnificent Renaissance Gardens around it make it even more spectacular.

Transfer to Amboise for the lunch (not included). We highly recommend to have lunch at Caves Ambacia. Caves Ambacia welcomes you in its restaurant "l'Oppidum" where you will discover typical Loire Valley products such as Cheeses, Delicatessen and Fishes.

Les Caves Ambacia, the Loire Valley Wine Experience! Sensorial visit and Vintages' Odyssey followed by a wine tasting class led by a sommelier (5 wines including 1 vintage Vouvray wine).

Transfer to Chambord.

Guided tour of the Chateau of Chambord. Drive to the Estate of Chambord, a national game reserve as large as the city of Paris. The Chateau de Chambord (guided tour) is a unique monument by its architecture and proportions. Leonardo da Vinci probably took part in the conception of the project. With more than 400 rooms and its double spiral staircase, the Chambord is a highlight of the Loire Valley.

Drop-off is at 06:00 PM at the Tours Tourist Office.

Overnight stay in Tours at **Hotel de l'Univers** or similar.

Parking spot included.

Breakfast



Tours Reims

After breakfast, start your scenic drive to the Champagne region (approximately 4.5 hours).

Welcome to the beautiful city of Reims and check in your hotel.

We suggest that 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 **Hotel de la Paix.**

Parking spot included.

Breakfast



Day

4

Reims Champagne Region Reims

After breakfast, you will join a guided small group tour of Reims, City of Coronations.

Your day will start at 09.15am by sightseeing the vibrant City Centre, a place full of charm, layers of unique history and regional culinary delights.

Then, enjoy a guided tour and **tasting at world famous Grande Maison de Champagne Veuve Clicquot*** (Visit includes: Discovery tour with 1 glass of Champagne). Veuve Clicquot-Ponsardin is a Champagne House founded in 1772 by Philippe Clicquot and grew to fame thanks to Madame Barbe Nicole Clicquot Ponsardin. You will learn about this young widow who pursued a vision, built an empire and not only became a legend in her own time but still helps women entrepreneurs to this day - "the Grande Dame of Champagne". Take a journey into the heart of this House, its heritage, its savoir-faire. And discover its unique Roman chalk-cellars and their process of making Champagne. At the end of the tour, enjoy a tasting of one glass of Brut Yellow Label cuvée.

Continue with a guided tour of the **Cathedral of Reims**, a Unesco World Heritage Site. The 13th century Notre-Dame de Reims Cathedral is one of Europe's most important Gothic structures. You will be captivated by the enormity, the hypnotizing stained glass windows and the exceptionally rich statuary.

Then we'll leave the city and drive through the **Grand Cru vineyards** on the Mountain of Reims, where the Scenic Route of Champagne winds its way between fields of barley, vineyards, forests and picturesque villages such as Verzy, Verzenay and Mailly. Realm of the Pinot Noir varietal, the Mountain of Reims is known for its special "terroir" that gives Champagne much of its power and character. We'll take a tranquil, picturesque pause in such a vineyard to take it all in with our own five senses.

In the heart of the **Champagne's Vineyards**, you will be welcomed at a beautiful Champagne Grower's Family Estate. More than 4000 family winemakers contribute to the prestige of Champagne, keeping the Tradition alive from generation to generation with a common goal: the true expression of Champagne. After lunch, we'll stroll to the production site to see how Champagne is made: the press, the winery's vats and barrels, the chalk cellar, the labelling machine. The lovely afternoon will finish with another tasting of 2 glasses of different Champagne wines from the same *Family Grower*, and a glass of their *Ratafia* (a sweet liquor made with Champagne brandy mixed with grape juice and aged in barrel). After heartfelt goodbyes we'll gently return you to the city of Reims around 5.30pm.

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

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

Pommery or Taittinger.

Parking spot included.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **5**

Reims

After breakfast, check out and drop off your car at depot in Reims.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Le Choiseul

Amboise

Located at the edge of the Loire and at the foot of the Royal Castle of Amboise, homeland of Leonardo da Vinci, the hotel Le Choiseul is a charming house typically from Tours built in 18th century. The hotel enjoys an exceptional location in the heart of the Valley of Loire castles. Le Choiseul has 30 rooms of 5 different categories, from the most elegant apartment to the most delightful room. They offer pleasant views over the Italian garden, the Loire and the Château d'Amboise.



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

FROM price reflects the lowest available price within the advertised travel period (e.g. April to October). Pricing varies depending on travel dates, availability and demand, and may not be available on all departures. Higher pricing applies during peak and shoulder periods. Final pricing is confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking. Please refer to [Pricing & Price Conditions](#) for full details, including inclusions, exclusions and other conditions.

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.

IN PARTNERSHIP

