



Kir Royale



## FRANCE

# KIR ROYALE - A CHAMPAGNE VOYAGE (TOUR CODE: 13835)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Paris

### TRAVEL PERIODS

29 Mar 26 - 25 Oct 26

### EXPERIENCE

 Cruising  
 Food & Wine  
 Cultural

### TRAVEL STYLE

Barge Cruising

Kir Royale will sail the River Marne in elegance, with a six-night all-inclusive itinerary featuring excursions to prestigious champagne houses.

## Highlights

- Private tour and tasting at Maison Boizel on the iconic **Avenue de Champagne**
- Tour the majestic **cathedral in Reims**, where the Kings of France were once crowned
- Visit the **boutique Champagne house of Frerejean Frères** and enjoy lunch in the family domaine
- Enjoy a private **winery tour** and tasting at La Maison Ayala
- Visit **Château-Thierry**, the scene of fierce battles in World War One, and Belleau Wood

Kir Royale, the newest addition to our fleet, has a unique history. Originally a World War II beach landing craft, it was sunk, refloated, and transformed into a hotel barge. Now cruising through the Champagne region, famous for its vast vineyards, guests can enjoy private champagne tastings at renowned houses. The spacious saloon, recently refurbished with custom furniture, features a bar, piano and dining area. Four large suites, each over 200 sq ft, have modern ensuite bathrooms. Outside, enjoy a forward sun deck, aft dining area, sun loungers and a heated spa pool.



## INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge Kir Royale in a Suite
- Crew of 5 (Captain, tour guide, chef and 2 hostesses)
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Captains farewell dinner on your last night
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Excursions as per itinerary

## ITINERARY

### Deck Hotel Barge Kir Royale

#### Ultra Deluxe | 8 Passengers | 5 Crew

- 127 Feet Long
- 4 Twin/Double Suites (190-230sq ft incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned / Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool
- Semi Open Gallery
- TV / DVD Player in Saloon





Day 1

## Paris Château-Thierry

Guests are met early afternoon in Paris\* and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to the hotel barge moored in Château-Thierry – an historic, strategically situated town overlooking the river, surrounded by vineyards that produce some of the region's famous sparkling wine. The town is also the site of an iconic battle for American Marines in World War One. Enjoy a champagne welcome while your Captain introduces you to the crew. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Kir Royale** in a Suite.

Dinner



Day 2

## Château-Thierry Dormans

After breakfast, join a guided visit to the 42-acre battlefield and monument at **Château-Thierry** and the American cemetery at Belleau Wood. Following lunch on board, begin the first cruise of the week along the **River Marne** to the mooring in the picturesque riverside town of **Dormans**. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Kir Royale** in a Suite.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day

3

## Dormans Damery

This morning, enjoy a relaxing cruise to Damery. After lunch on board, enjoy a visit to La Maison Ayala, a renowned champagne house situated in Ay, one of the 17 rare villages classified as grand cru in the Champagne region. Here, you'll take a tour of the historic cellars to learn about the house's history and understand the philosophy behind Champagne Ayala, before a private tasting. Return to the barge in the late afternoon. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Kir Royale** in a Suite.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





## Damery Dizy

After a leisurely breakfast, depart for a private champagne tour and tasting at the boutique grand cru winery of **Frerejean Frères**, located in the **Côtes des Blancs village of Avize** in the heart of the Champagne countryside. En route, pause at a scenic hillside vineyard to learn about the key aspects of champagne grape growing. After the tasting, enjoy a gourmet private lunch in the salon of the family domaine. In the afternoon, return to the barge and cruise from the River Marne onto the tranquil **Canal latéral à la Marne**, mooring in **Dizy**. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Kir Royale** in a Suite.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## Dizy Tours-sur-Marne

This morning features a visit to the magnificent 800-year-old **Reims Cathedral**, a Gothic masterpiece where the Kings of France were crowned. The visit reveals the cathedral's remarkable history, intricate architecture, and stunning stained-glass windows, followed by free time to wander through the city's grand squares and elegant shopping arcades. After lunch on board, enjoy a cruise to the picturesque mooring at Tours-sur-Marne. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Kir Royale** in a Suite.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



REIMS CATHEDRAL

Day **6**

## Tours-sur-Marne Châlons-en-Champagne

This morning includes a visit to **La Maison Boizel**, a prestigious Champagne house on the iconic Avenue de Champagne. The tour explores the underground cellars, a UNESCO World Heritage site, which holds a “family treasure” with bottles dating back to 1834. The experience highlights the history and expertise developed across six generations since the house’s founding in 1834. A private tasting of two exclusive Boizel Champagnes follows. An optional stop at the **Musée du Champagne** offers insight into the history and art of Champagne making before returning for lunch on board. The cruise then continues to the final mooring at Châlons-en-Champagne. **Captain’s Farewell Dinner on board.**

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Kir Royale** in a Suite.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



HOTEL BARGE KIR ROYALE

Day **7**

## Châlons-en-Champagne Paris

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Paris.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

French

**LOCAL CURRENCY**

EUR

**Departure dates and Pricing:**

2026 Cruise Rates		
Rates are for 6 nights either: per person based on double occupancy per cabin or on a whole barge charter basis. Prices below are in Euros.		
Accommodation	Value	Regular
Suite	€8,150	€9,490
Single Supplement	€3,100	€3,600
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 6 passengers	€55,800	€65,000
Charter 7 passengers	€57,900	€67,500
Charter 8 passengers	€60,000	€70,000
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
Mar 29; Apr 5, 12, 19	Value	France-Champagne
Apr 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Jun 7, 14, 21, 28; Jul 5	Regular	France-Champagne
Jul 12, 19, 26; Aug 2, 9, 16	Value	France-Champagne
Aug 23, 30; Sep 6, 13, 20, 27; Oct 4, 11, 18	Regular	France-Champagne
Oct 25th	Value	France-Champagne

- This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise will be in the reverse direction.
- Approximate transfer duration from Paris to Champagne 1.5 to 2.5 hours.
- This barge is available for charter bookings and theme cruises. Contact us for more details.

**Pick-up Point**

- Cabin bookings - The Hotel Westminster, Paris at 1:45pm
- Charter bookings - One location of the groups' choice in Paris at 1:45pm

**Drop-off Point**

- Cabin bookings - The Hotel Westminster, Paris by 12 noon.
- Charter bookings - One location of the groups' choice in Paris by 12 noon.

**Booking / Payment Process**

- On our website the Barge Cruise prices are show in Euros
- All payments will be made to us in Australian Dollars
- The current exchange rate will be used at the time of deposit and balance
- Our invoice will make this clear and our team is here to assist you

**Supplier Booking Conditions Apply**

Due to the boutique nature and limited capacity of this travel experience, under our Bookings Conditions this package classifies as "Booking Type 2 – Travel Experience where we act as agent only". Your contract for the delivery of travel arrangements will be with the principal supplier and will be subject to their Booking Conditions. We will advise you prior to confirming your booking the full details and Booking Conditions of the principal supplier. Our responsibility to you where we sell travel arrangements as agent for the supplier is specified in the 'Responsibility' section

of our Booking Conditions.

\*This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change - Blackout dates may apply.

## 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