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Full Itinerary and Tour details for

Champagne Getaway 7-day Self-guided Cycling Tour (Level 3)



Prices starting from.

1020 €

Trip Duration.

7 days

Max Passengers.

10

Start and Finish.

Reims to Reims

Activity Level.

3

Experience.

Cycling Tours Europe

Tour Code.

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Tour Details and Description

At the heart of the Champagne area, marked by French history, arts and culture, you will meet men and women, happy to share their passion, their love of their region and their knowledge. Exploring the Champagne region by bicycle is a journey rich in diversity. The whole region is marked by the omnipresence of the vineyards. Enjoy the shimmering countryside during your cycling tour between the Marne Valley and the Montagne de Reims Natural Park. The Champagne region also has a fabulous religious heritage the jewel of which is the Gothic Cathedral of Reims. Welcome to Champagne!

Highlights:

- Discovery of the Champagne region's most charming villages
- UNESCO listed World Heritage monuments
- Break through the mysteries of transforming a still wine into an effervescent one

Tour Character: Level 3

- Strenuous biking trips in hilly regions where climbs cannot be avoided... Remember: After a hill there is always a slope!
- Biking experience: You are used to daily cycling. You have already been on cycling tours of a few days

Distance: Between 35 and 60 km per day with slight difficulties. You will mostly cycle on asphalt vineyards roads, countryside roads, cycle paths – no traffic roads.

Included in the Cycling Tour:

- 6 B&B Nights: room in 3* boutique hotels and charming B&B's, room with shower or bath and toilets
- Breakfast (half-board available 235 EUR)

- Road book, tourist information, GPS tracks and a map
- Luggage transfers (20kg max)
- Description of the tour
- Welcome briefing
- Tourst taxes
- 7/7 assistance

Not included:

- Lunches, dinners and drinks
- Personal expenses
- Train tickets
- Bike rental
- Insurance
- Visits or activities suggested on the tour

If you would like to rent a bike (175 EUR) or E-Bike (280 EUR), please contact sales@slowtours.com when booking

Extra's:

- Extra B&B night in Reims (4* hotel) - 100 EUR
- Extra B&B night in Epernay (3* hotel) - 90 EUR (possibility of extra bike day +25 EUR)
- Champagne house visits:
 - Small Champagne House - 25 EUR
 - Big Champagne House (Moet et Chandon or Mercier) - 37 EUR

Arrival / Departure:

- There are two train stations in Reims – one for high-speed trains (TGV) the other one in the city center (regular trains)
- Arrival from High-speed train station (Gare TGV Champagne-Ardenne in Be■zanne).
 - You can take a train from the TGV's station to Reims train station "Reims ville" (about 15mn – ~3€)

- You can take the tramway – line B to Reims city center and the main train station (about 30mn - ~2€)
- High speed trains from Paris approx. 1h (there may have a connection at Champagne-Ardennes TGV's station)
- Reims train station is about 5 min's walk from the hotels.
- There is a taxi station at the train station if needed.
- None of the hotels have a private car park.
- Guarded car parks – with charge – available in town, with immediate access from the hotels.

Notes:

- Departure any day except Saturdays
- Available from March to October

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Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Reims Participants arrive by their own means at their hotel in Reims in the afternoon. The hotel's reception will give them a tour package with instructions and the essentials to have a successful tour (road-book, maps, tourist information...).
Overnight stay.

Day 2

Reims - Matougues 50 km After breakfast you will leave by bike heading for Epernay via Tinquieux, going through typical villages of the vineyards of the "Montagne de Reims": Mailly Champagne, Verzenay, Bouzy, ... Arriving at the end of the day in Matougues.
Overnight stay.

Day 3

Matougues - Epernay 30km After breakfast, short and easy ride to Epernay, alongside the Marne canal. You will have time in the afternoon to discover the Capital of Champagne wines: Epernay and maybe start with some visits at of the most impressive cellars in Epernay. Overnight stay in Epernay in 3* hotel or charming B&B.

Day 4

Epernay - Epernay , Loop ride in Marne Valley 37 km Wending your way between vines and hillsides, the Champagne Trail in Marne Valley will introduce you to the rich viticultural heritage. Frequently overlooking the valley, this itinerary affords wonderful views. Your trail snakes through the vines leading to Hautvillers, a charming village known for its Benedictine abbey. Then you will head to Cumieres to stop for a lunch break for example in a restaurant sculpted in chalk. On the way to Venteuil, you can enjoy a view of

Château de Boursault. The valley trail will take you through villages between vines, fields and forests all the way to Reuil. Back to Epernay on the other side of the Marne. Overnight stay in Epernay in 3* hotel or charming B&B.

Day 5

Epernay – Epernay Loop ride in Cote de Blancs 35 km Today you will visit the vineyards of The Cote des Blancs which is the homeland of the Chardonnay grape. Following Champagne Tourist Trail, descend towards Pierry – where you can visit its 18th century château, storeroom and cellars - and also Chavot-Courcourt church (12th c.), a solitary island of stone in an ocean of vines. After Cuis and its fine Romanesque church the trail will take you close to cliffs to reach Cramant and its over-sized bottle (8.50 metres) and not far from there the small village of Avize decorated in frescoes (of which many can be found in Champagne). Back to Epernay in the afternoon. Overnight stay in Epernay in 3* hotel or charming B&B.

Day 6

Epernay - Reims 36 km After breakfast you will discover the national forest of Hautvillers by passing through Avenay Val d'Or, Germaine. You will then return to Reims via Ludes. Overnight stay in Reims.

Day 7

Departure. End of tour or extend your stay with an extra nights in Reims

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