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Champagne & Burgundy Wine Tours

Sample Full Daily Itinerary

What makes the great French Chefs so great? And what are the secrets behind Burgundy's and Champagne's finest wines? Find out with a **spectacular week of feasts and wine tastings**.

You will have a lot of fun on this culinary vacation, gaining insight to the secrets behind great dining experiences. Talking to local wine professionals, you will find answers to everything you want to know about these intriguing wine regions. Just imagine, you will be tasting the latest Burgundy vintages straight from the barrel, you will savor mouth-watering regional specialties with **prestigious local wine experts**, you will get into great estates and be welcomed in style...

"The trip was so well planned from the Chateaux to the wines it was all flawlessly executed, thanks to your team effort."

Donna Gottshall - Oxford, MS

Day 1 Paris

Highlights:

- > **Champagne welcome in Paris**
- > **Outstanding welcome dinner**

You are right in the center of Paris. Grab a flute of champagne and join your travel companions in a grand celebratory toast to your fabulous week of wine tasting and fine dining. You will love dinner tonight, it is at one of our favorite Parisian Bistrots.

Day 2

Burgundy - Chablis & Beaune

Highlights:

- > **Wine Tour:** Domaine Chatelain, Chablis
- > **Guided tour of the Fontenay Abbey**
- > **Lunch:** With the winemakers, or at a local favorite
- > **Unforgettable dinner at one of Beaune's best-kept secrets**

Want to taste some of the best Chardonnays in the world? There are four different classifications of Chablis: Grand Cru, Premier Cru, Chablis, and Petit Chablis, and today you will taste them all. Thanks to the unique soils and climate in Chablis, the chardonnay grape expresses incredible power and mineral quality here. **Enjoy a warm welcome from our friends at Domaine Chatelain**, then continue tasting and comparing different great Chablis over lunch. The **12th century Abbaye de Fontenay** is one of the oldest abbeys in Europe, and you will enjoy a private guided tour of it on the way to your **4-star accommodation in Beaune**. This evening you will be treated to an exceptional dinner at a local favorite in Beaune.

Day 3

Burgundy - Côte de Beaune

Highlights:

- > **Wine Tours:** Domaine Patrick Javillier, Meursault; Château Philippe le Hardi, Santenay
- > **Lunch:** at an excellent restaurant in Santenay
- > **Guided Tour of the Hospices de Beaune**

Today you are in the vineyards of Pommard, Volnay, Puligny-Montrachet, Auxey-Duresses, Monthélie... Your first tasting is as a welcome guest of **Patrick Javillier**, tasting his elegant wines at his domain in Meursault. Then you are off to Santenay for an visit with **Gérard Fagnoni of Château Philippe le Hardi**. This chateau was the residence of Phillippe le Hardi, the last Duke of Burgundy. At the time, the Duke of Burgundy was more powerful than the king of France. Later, you are in the stunning courtyard of the beautiful 15th century **Hospices de Beaune**. Built in 1453, this historic hospital owns some of the most coveted vineyards in Burgundy. Every November it is home to the world's most famous wine auction. We will suggest local favorite restaurants for your free evening in Beaune.

Day 4 Burgundy - Côte de Nuits

Highlights:

- > **Wine Tours:** Château du Clos de Vougeot, Domaine Machard de Gramont in Nuit-Saint-Georges, Domaine Seguin in Gevrey-Chambertin
- > **Lunch:** Characteristic Burgundian restaurant in Nuits-Saint-Georges
- > **Dinner:** A Michelin-starred celebration in Beaune

Explore the Côtes de Nuits, north of Beaune today. Discover the famous terroir and vineyards of Romanée Conti, Romanée St. Vivant, and La Tache. Later this morning, visit Château du Clos de Vougeot and enjoy a guided tasting of Clos Vougeot nearby. This afternoon you are back to the vineyards tasting wines in Nuit-St-Georges and Gevrey-Chambertin. Our final dinner together this evening is at an elegant Michelin-starred restaurant.

Day 5 Champagne - Reims

Highlights:

- > **Wine Tours:** Château Bligny, Franck Bonville
- > **Lunch:** A warm welcome at Château Bligny

A scenic drive takes you to a castle tour and fantastic lunch at the illustrious Château Bligny. After lunch, we will stop at a top small producer in Champagne's Côte des Blancs. Our comfortable hotel is ideally located near all the main sites in Reims, including a host of excellent restaurants for dinner on your own this evening.

Day 6

Champagne - La Route des Grands Crus du Champagne

Highlights:

- > **Wine Tours:** Pommery, Moët et Chandon
- > **Lunch:** On your own in Reims
- > **Guided Tour of Reims' Cathedral**
- > **Champagne's Gorgeous Wine Route**
- > **Dinner:** At a Michelin-starred restaurant in Reims

Today you will visit a couple of Champagne's most impressive Maisons, and Reims' astonishingly beautiful cathedral. You will soon master the complexities of champagne production and decipher any wine list with ease. The cathedral in Reims is one of Europe's most stunning, and it is where the kings of France were crowned for hundreds of years. Today's wine tasting visits include Pommery in Reims and Moët et Chandon in Epernay. The champagne keeps flowing at tonight's dinner at an exceptional Michelin-starred restaurant in Reims.

Day 7

Au Revoir

Your Burgundy Wine Tour ends today after breakfast. We thank you for coming with us and hope to see you again soon.

Questions? Please give us a call at 1-800-449-7147 or email us at info@InsiderWineTours.com

Includes:

- * 3 and 4-star accommodation in:
 - > Paris (1 night/4-star)
 - > Beaune (3 nights/4-star)
 - > Reims (2 nights/3-star)
- * 6 full breakfasts
- * 4 lunches together, dining with local wine experts
- * 2 excellent dinners together at our experts' favorite local restaurants
- * 2 Michelin-starred dinners
- * Innumerable wine tastings, with the insight of local wine experts
- * Expert information about wine tasting, vineyard decisions, the harvest, wine making, distribution...
- * Guided visits of Fontenay Abbey and the Hospices de Beaune
- * Artisan Goat Cheese Visit
- * Local wine experts will join Insider Wine Tours' Sommelier John Giebler in giving you the culinary adventure of your life

Price:

\$4495 based on double occupancy. Single supplements \$495

Dates:

May 30th - June 5th, 2010

Reserve Your Spot:

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