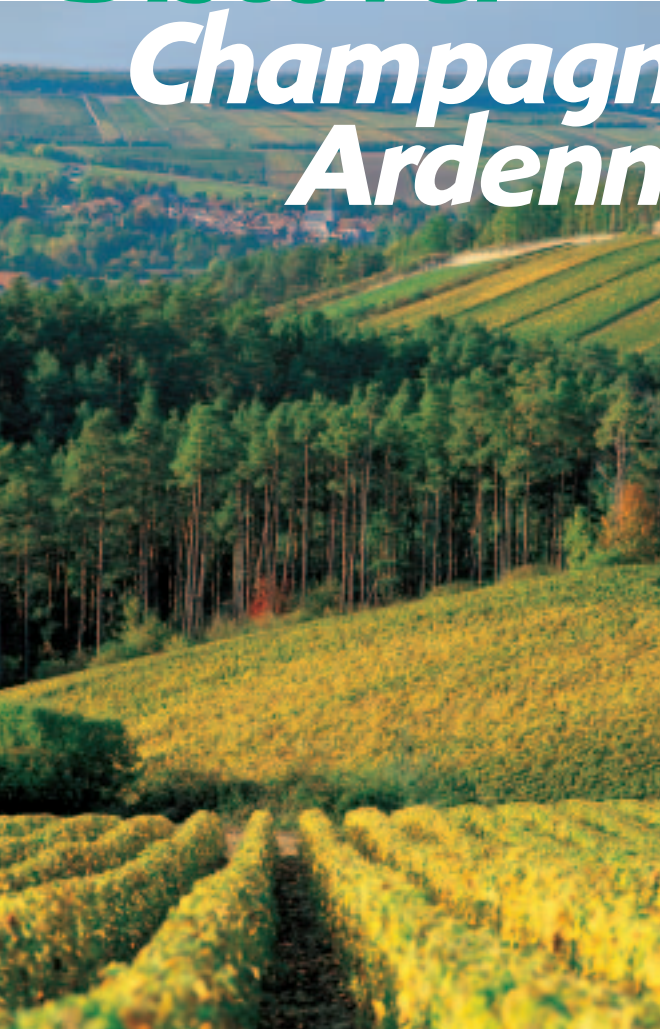


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Châlons-en-Champagne	327	2h45	18.40
Charleville-Mézières	362	3h30	16.30
Sedan	377	3h30	16.30
Troyes	405	3h30	23.80
Bar-sur-Aube	477	4h15	28.20
Chaumont	494	4h15	29.40
Langres	515	4h30	31.40

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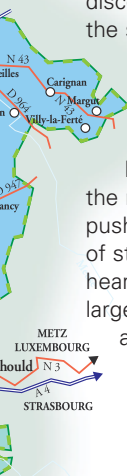
From a gentle sigh to a loud pop, the exquisite fizz that fills the glass brings a sparkle to any festive occasion. Everyone has heard of champagne, yet the area where this world famous wine is made holds many other delights for the discerning traveller who wants to discover the secrets that lie off the beaten track.

Champagne-Ardenne is part of the backbone of France, the first region you reach after leaving the confines of the coastal areas and starting to head south. In the north of the region, the rugged beauty of the **Ardennes** pushes up into Belgium, a little known area of steep paths and deep ravines. At the heart of the region, the **Marne** is the largest of the region's four 'départements' and is home to both the major champagne houses of Reims and Epernay and many of the smaller



producers. However, 'vignerons' of champagne are no less prolific further south in the département of the **Aube**. Here, the vineyards are interspersed with woodlands, pastures and the great lakes, linking the region to Burgundy via the mediaeval capital of Troyes. Moving eastwards towards the Vosges Mountains, the uplands of the **Haute-Marne** are lush and fertile, a peaceful haven for walkers and cyclists, waiting to be explored.

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Language matters

All attractions, hotels and restaurants in this booklet should have staff who are able to speak at least a basic level of English. However, if you do experience difficulties, please call the local Tourist Office who will be happy to assist you.

French time

France is one hour ahead of UK time throughout the year. French summer time starts on the last Sunday in March at 2 am and ends on the last Sunday in October at 3 am.

Telephoning

French phone numbers all have 10 digits, the first two of which indicate the area. The area code for Champagne-Ardenne is 03.

Calling from a phone box in France – Phone cards can be bought at post offices, newsagents and ‘tabac’ stores. The costs are €7.50 for 50 units and €15 for 120 units. Instructions are generally included in English.

Calling France – When telephoning from the UK, the code for France is 00 33 – this is followed by the telephone number minus the first 0.

Calling the UK – Dial 00 44 and then your number without the 0 before the town code. The same applies to mobile phones, although it is advisable to check that you have international access before leaving the UK.

Emergency telephone numbers whilst in France:

Fire	18
Police	17
Ambulance (SAMU)	15
Operator	13
Directory enquiries	12

Postage

Stamps are available from newsagents, or ‘tabacs’ as well as from post offices. The price of a stamp for a postcard or letter under 20g is €0.46. This usually takes around 4 days to get to the UK.

Electricity

The voltage in France is 220v so all UK appliances should function without a problem. You will need a two pin adaptor however, which can be obtained from all good electrical goods stores, or can be purchased at the Folkestone terminal before boarding the shuttle.

Motoring information

Each year, more and more people realise that driving on the other side of the road is not as daunting as it first seems. The golden rules are simply to take more time and be more vigilant. A big advantage of leaving the shuttle at Coquelles is that you can drive straight onto the clearly signposted French motorway network, which makes acclimatisation so much easier and gets you well on your way to your destination. There are however a few simple rules to observe:-

Before you go

Check that you have the following documents with you, that they are valid and up to date:

- **Valid, full driving licence**
- **Valid insurance policy** for countries of travel. It is advisable to check this with your insurance company.
- **Vehicle Registration Document**

Compulsory items of equipment

If you are not able to ensure you have all these items before you travel, they can all be purchased at the Folkestone Passenger Terminal.

- **Headlamp Beam Adapters** to adjust beam for right hand drive. Yellow lamps are not a legal requirement.
- **GB Sticker**
- **Spare Bulb Kit**
- **Warning Triangle**, to be placed 50-150 yards behind your vehicle in case of breakdown or accident. Hazard warning lights alone are not acceptable.
- **First Aid Kit**
- **Fire Extinguisher**

Failure to comply with the above could result in a prosecution or an ‘On the Spot’ fine.

Arriving at the Channel Tunnel





'On the Spot' fines

For certain offences, you can be asked to pay in cash immediately. Credit cards or travellers cheques are not acceptable - and inability to pay risks impounding the driver's vehicle until the fine is paid. Offences for spot fines include speeding and crossing a solid white 'stop' sign without stopping (you are required to stop for at least 3 seconds at a stop sign).

Speed limits (Unless otherwise indicated)

Dry roads	mph	km/h
Toll motorways	81	130
Dual carriageways and non-toll motorways	68	110
Other roads	56	90
In towns*	30	50
Wet roads		
Toll motorways	68	110
Dual carriageways and non-toll motorways	62	100
Other roads	50	80
In foggy conditions (visibility less than 50 m)		
Toll motorways	30	50
Dual carriageways and non-toll motorways	30	50

*The beginning of a town is marked by the town name; a bar through the town name marks the end of the town.

Seat Belts

Front and rear seat belts must be worn at all times. Children under 10 must travel in the back in a special child seat.

Drinking and Driving

The blood alcohol limit is 0.5 g/litre in France. This is lower than in England where the limit is 0.8g/litre. Random breath tests are frequent.

'Priority to the right'

The priority rule is the main difference in general driving rules between France and the UK. Whilst major junctions and roundabouts now follow the UK system, the 'priority to the right' principle still exists inside most towns. The yellow lozenge signpost shows that traffic on the main road has priority over traffic joining from a side-road on the right. However, on entering towns, this same sign but with a line through it often appears, meaning that any vehicle pulling out in front from the right will usually have priority.

Motorways and Tolls

The motorways to the Champagne-Ardenne are excellent, well lit and signposted. Follow the A16 northbound towards Dunkerque, then join the A26 southbound, a quick and easy route to Reims. Toll charges exist between Calais/Coquelles and the Champagne-Ardenne - refer to the mileage chart on page 2. Toll charges can be paid for in cash or by international credit cards.

Public holidays in France

Dates which are annual are given in *italics*.

2003	Holiday	2004
<i>1 January</i>	<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>1 January</i>
20 April	Easter Sunday	11 April
21 April	Easter Monday	12 April
<i>1 May</i>	<i>Labour Day</i>	<i>1 May</i>
<i>8 May</i>	<i>V.E. Day</i>	<i>8 May</i>
29 May	Ascension Day	20 May
8 and 9 June	Pentecost	30 and 31 May
<i>14 July</i>	<i>Bastille Day</i>	<i>14 July</i>
<i>15 August</i>	<i>Assumption Day</i>	<i>15 August</i>
<i>1 November</i>	<i>All Saints' Day</i>	<i>1 November</i>
<i>11 November</i>	<i>Remembrance Day</i>	<i>11 November</i>
<i>25 December</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>25 December</i>

School holidays in France

Easter Holidays:

12 April - 28 April 2003

Summer Holidays:

28 June - 2 September 2003

Autumn Half term:

22 October - 3 November 2003

Christmas Holidays:

20 December 2003 - 5 January 2004

Winter half term:

21 February - 8 March 2004

Easter Holidays:

17 April - 3 May 2004

Summer Holidays:

30 June - 2 September 2004

NB: According to information available at time of print.

Practical information for travellers

Where to stay and eat

There are many good hotels, guest houses and restaurants in the Champagne-Ardenne region to suit all budgets. A selection of these are given at the end of each main section in this booklet with a price guide. For a more comprehensive list of hotels and campsites, please contact the Regional Tourist Board and ask for the 'Champagne-Ardenne 2003' guide.

A booklet of 'Gîtes de France' is also available for each département. Please contact the relevant departmental tourist board.

Regional food

Champagne-Ardenne has its own regional cuisine and local specialities which form an important part of the discovery of the region.

In the north of the region, the rich and unspoilt countryside of the **Ardennes** is famous for its game, and here you can find an impressive array of smoked hams and pâtés.

Sanglier (wild boar) roam in the dense forests, and these are hunted for their tasty, rich-flavoured meat. An ideal accompaniment for this is a local dish called '**la Bayenne**', potatoes cooked in their own juices with slices of onion. In Rethel, the '**boudin blanc**' is a speciality, a delicious white sausage with a very smooth texture. It can be served grilled or boiled, or simply sliced to go with an aperitif.

In the **Marne**, look out for '**piéd de cochon**' (pigs trotters), a speciality from Sainte-Ménéhould. The recipe for this dish is kept secret, but the result is excellent.

Further south in the **Aube**, at Troyes, the local delicacy is '**andouillette**', a chitterlings sausage which can be cooked with a wine sauce, grilled or served raw. The 'AAAAA' label ('Association Amicale des Amateurs d'Andouillette Authentique') guarantees a particularly high quality. South of Troyes, the town of **Chaource** produces a wonderfully creamy, slightly sour cheese that bears an A.O.C. ('Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée') of the town's name.

Right in the south of the region, in the **Haute-Marne**, the strong **Langres** cheese (A.O.C.) from the hilltop city of that name is also famous throughout France.

Champagne-Ardenne is also well known for its **fine desserts**, such as the **gâteau Mollet**, **galette au sucre des Ardennes**, **Bouchons de Champagne** and **Ardoises**, to name but a few.

Don't forget to try the special **pink biscuits** made in Reims, which go very well with champagne or as an ingredient for charlotte pudding.

Champagne-Ardenne Regional Tourist Board

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51013 CHALONS-EN-CHAMPAGNE Cedex
FRANCE

Tel: (0)3 26 21 85 80 Fax: (0)3 26 21 85 90
E-mail: contact@tourisme-champagne-ardenne.com
www.tourisme-champagne-ardenne.com

Ardennes Tourist Board

24, place Ducale, B.P. 419
08107 CHARLEVILLE-MEZIERES Cedex
FRANCE

Tel: (0)3 24 56 06 08 Fax: (0)3 24 59 20 10
E-mail: info@ardennes.com
www.ardennes.com

Marne Tourist Board

13 bis, rue Carnot, B.P. 74
51006 CHALONS-EN-CHAMPAGNE Cedex
FRANCE

Tel: (0)3 26 68 37 52 or (0)3 26 69 51 04
Fax: (0)3 26 68 46 45
E-mail: cdt51@tourisme-en-champagne.com
www.tourisme-en-champagne.com

Aube en Champagne Tourist Board

34, quai Dampierre
10000 TROYES
FRANCE

Tel: (0)3 25 42 50 00 Fax: (0)3 25 42 50 88
E-mail: bonjour@aube-champagne.com
www.aube-champagne.com

Haute-Marne Tourist Board

40 bis, avenue Foch
52000 CHAUMONT
FRANCE

Tel: (0)3 25 30 39 00 Fax: (0)3 25 30 39 09
E-mail: cdt@tourisme-hautemarne.com
www.tourisme-hautemarne.com



Opening hours

Most shops and hypermarkets are closed on Sundays, and many shops, with the exception of the larger hypermarkets, have a midday break of 2 hours.

Banks

Open 9am–noon and 2pm–5pm weekdays. Many are closed either Saturday afternoons or Mondays. Banks close early on the day before a bank holiday.

Post offices

Open 9am–5pm weekdays, 8am–noon on Saturdays in the main cities.

Shops

Open 9am/10am–noon and 2pm–7pm Monday to Saturday. Many shops close on Monday mornings. Some shops open Sunday morning such as bakers and florists, but are then likely to be closed all day Monday.

In provincial towns, many shops close between noon and 2pm.

Hypermarkets tend to stay open till 9pm or 10pm, but are generally closed on bank holidays.

Local town markets generally start at around 8.30am and end at noon.

Money matters

Payment, cash and credit cards

- Before travelling, it is advisable to change some money into local currency for small purchases and to pay for parking and shopping trolleys.
- Visa and Eurocard (Mastercard/Access) are widely accepted in shops, hotels and restaurants, petrol stations, and many hyper-

markets. They are also accepted for payment of tolls on motorways. Many purchases can also be made using American Express, including motorway tolls.

- Using credit/debit cards and UK pin numbers, cash can be withdrawn from numerous cash dispensing machines in France bearing the appropriate symbol.
- Cardholders should always travel with their banks' 24 hour UK contact number.

Currency

The currency in France is the Euro (€). The Euro is issued in notes of €5, €10, €20, €50, €100, €200 and €500, with coins of €1 and €2. The Euro is divided into 100 Euro Cents, issued in coins of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50.

The exchange rate between the pound and euro fluctuates, but as a guideline, the average exchange rate at time of going to press (June 2003) was as follows:

€1 = £0.70

£1 = €1.41

Check with your bank for the current conversion rate before you travel.



The mill at Verzenay, surrounded by vineyards

Champagne - 'the King of Wines'

Champagne – the King of Wines and the Wine of Kings. The association with pomp, circumstance and festivity has long been established with the celebration of 25 monarchs crowned in the magnificent gothic cathedral of Reims over the centuries.

The existence of champagne is a unique marriage between the climate of the region, the grapes used, the type of soil, the peculiarity of the way champagne is made and the skill of the wine producers.

Climate and the Birth of Champagne

In the 17th century, the monks at the Abbey of Hautvillers noticed that their wine would often explode in the springtime, giving it the nickname of 'Devils Wine'. They realised that this was because the winter temperatures inhibited fermentation before the process was naturally complete, and so after the wine was bottled and the warmer weather came, the fermentation would start off again, causing the wine to fill with bubbles of gas (CO₂). Dom Pérignon, the cellar master at the time (1670-1715), is credited with introducing stronger bottles which he sealed with cork, a new substance from Catalonia. The bubbles could then be contained and the result was a very pleasing wine that sparkled. Another problem of the climate was that the grapes did not always fully ripen and the wine could be fairly sharp and acidic. Dom Pérignon developed the idea of blending wine made from different kinds of grapes and from different years, before the start of the second fermentation, to give a more rounded flavour to the champagne.

Grape Varieties

Three varieties of grapes, two black and one white, were chosen for their complementary characters and their ability to thrive in the region's soil and climate. **Pinot Noir**, a black grape with a clear juice, is known for giving body to the wine

while **Pinot Meunier**, adds fruitiness and aids the wine's maturation. The white **Chardonnay** grape is known for its delicacy and aroma. The wine-growers work with the strictest regard for tradition and for the regulations governing the champagne 'Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée' (A.O.C.) to ensure that the wine produced will be of the highest quality.

Soil

The chalk soil of the Champagne district also plays its role in the production of champagne. In addition to providing all the necessary minerals to the vines, it serves to reflect the sunshine back onto the grapes in the summer months and drains excess water away from the vines' roots during the winter. Meanwhile, the chalky rock was an ideal substance for tunnelling into and making cellars to keep the wine. The nature of the chalky rock keeps champagne at the ideal temperature for storage (10°C). Below the celebrated Avenue de Champagne in Epernay alone lie a staggering 90 million bottles of champagne in mile upon mile of underground passageways.

Making Champagne

The wines made from different grapes and years then need to be skillfully blended so that their qualities will marry together over time to produce the desired style of champagne. Once blended, a mixture of sugar and yeast is added and the wine is bottled so that the gas produced by the second fermentation is trapped in the bottle. Another by-product, yeast sediment, is also trapped and this needs to be removed to produce a clear champagne. The yeast deposits are carefully spiralled down towards the capsule by minutely turning the bottles every few days for four to six weeks. This technique of '**remuage**', done by hand, is highly skilled, though today automated 'giropalettes' are sometimes used. Once the bottles have been 'riddled' until they are in a vertical position, with all the sediment lying on the capsule, they are aged for an average of three years for a non-vintage and five years for a vintage. Then comes the delicate process by which the sediment is removed: '**dégorgement**'. The end of the bottle neck is passed through freezing brine which creates a plug of ice around the sediment. When the capsules are removed, the ice shoots out taking the sediment with it. The bottles are quickly topped up with a 'dosage' whose sweetness will determine the final style of the wine. The two most common are brut (dry) and demi-sec (medium).



Dom Pérignon - according to legend, the inventor of Champagne



No visit to the region can be complete without a visit to at least one of the larger champagne houses to experience the enormity of the champagne underworld. Illustrious names abound in the towns of Reims and Epernay, such as Mumm, Pommery and Taittinger (Reims), and De Castellane, Mercier and Moët & Chandon (Epernay).

At any of these champagne houses, you will learn the art of making champagne and how an infinite amount of care and patience is needed to create the sparkle that is the hallmark of champagne. A lesson in champagne making usually ends with a tasting and the opportunity to buy champagne at ex-cellar prices.

On the following page are addresses of some of the champagne houses. As a general rule of

thumb, there is no need to pre-book your visit, but a charge may be payable for the tour and tasting. For a full list, please contact the Regional Tourist Board and ask for the 'Champagne-Ardenne 2002' guide (see page 6 for contact details).



Remuage

The Art of Tasting Champagne

Preparation

Champagne should always be served at 7-9°C or 10°C for slightly older vintages. Choose a flute type glass, so that the bouquet is concentrated. Beware of stray perfumes, which will affect your nose.

Colour

Half fill your glass, hold it to the light, and determine the colour of your champagne. This will determine its age or composition. Green/gold – most likely a Blanc de Blancs. Pale gold denotes a young champagne. Yellow gold or old gold – probably a Blanc de Noirs (made exclusively from black grapes), or a blend in which the black grapes dominate. Pale pink/salmon pink – a light or very fruity rosé.

General Appearance

Other ways to describe your champagne are in terms of its clarity. Is it sparkling or satiny? Are the bubbles large or small? Is the foaming head persistent or discrete?

Smell or Nose

Experts agree that wine tasting is perhaps 50% nose. Rotate your glass gently to oxygenate the wine and sniff the perfume. What aromas does it bring to mind? Citrus? Peach blossom or violet? Herbs, wild flowers, grass? Dried fruits? Almonds? Butter or brioche? Any of these could be accurate descriptions of your champagne's nose.

Taste

Take a small amount of wine in your mouth and swirl it around your palate. Is it acid or sweet? How much does it tingle on the tastebuds? Is it powerful, warm, lively, light or mature?

Body and texture

How does the wine feel in your mouth? Is its texture unctuous, is it full bodied or delicate?

Aftertaste

How long do the taste and aromas of your champagne stay in your mouth after you've swallowed? Is the aftertaste very different to its nose? This could suggest a very complex 'cuvée' (blend).

The Champagne Houses

Aube en Champagne

Champagne Drappier

A family run company founded in 1808, supplier to General de Gaulle. Visit of the cellars with tasting (payable). Oenology lessons and tasting on 3 May, 6 September and 8 November 2003. Tours available in English. Open all year round from Monday to Saturday, 8am–noon and 2pm–6pm. Rue des Vignes, 10200 URVILLE
Tel: (0)3 25 27 40 15 Fax: (0)3 25 27 41 19
www.champagne-drappier.com

Champagne Château de Bligny

Guided tour through the 18th century château, the walled vineyard, the champagne open air museum and the large vats in the cellars. Tours available in English. Open all year round from Monday to Saturday, 10.30am–6.30pm. Last visit: 5pm. 10200 BLIGNY
Tel: (0)3 25 27 40 11 Fax: (0)3 25 27 04 52
E-mail: lamaisonduchampagne@wanadoo.fr

Marne

Reims

Champagne Maxim's

Visit of the cellars with tasting (payable). Tours available in English. Open all year round from Monday to Sunday, 10am–7pm. Last visit: 6pm. 17, rue des Créneaux, 51100 REIMS
Tel: (0)3 26 82 70 67 Fax: (0)3 26 82 19 12
E-mail: lamaisonduchampagne@wanadoo.fr

Champagne G.H. Mumm

Visit of the cellars with tasting (payable). Tours available in English. Open every day from 1 March to 31 October, 9am–11am and 2pm–5pm. Out of season, open on weekdays and afternoons at weekends, and public holidays. 34, rue du Champ de Mars, 51100 REIMS
Tel: (0)3 26 49 59 70 Fax: (0)3 26 49 59 01
www.champagne-mumm.com

Champagne Piper Heidsieck

Visit of the cellars with tasting (payable). Tours available in English. Open all year round from Monday to Sunday, 9.30am–11.45am and 2pm–5pm. In January and February, visits are closed but shop open from Monday to Friday. 51, boulevard Henry Vasnier, 51100 REIMS
Tel: (0)3 26 84 43 44 Fax: (0)3 26 84 43 84
www.piper-heidsieck.com

Champagne Pommery

Visit of the cellars with tasting (payable). Tours available in English. From Easter to 31 October: open every day (10am–6pm). From 1 November to Easter: closed on weekends and bank holidays.

5, place du Général Gouraud, 51100 REIMS
Tel: (0)3 26 61 62 56 Fax: (0)3 26 61 62 96
www.pommery.fr/uk

Champagne Taittinger

Visit of the cellars with tasting (payable). Tours available in English. Open all year round from Monday to Friday, 9.30am–11.45am and 2pm–4.15pm and on Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays 9am–10.45am and 2pm–4.45pm. From 1 December to 28 February, closed on weekends. 9, place St-Nicaise, 51100 REIMS
Tel: (0)3 26 85 45 35 Fax: (0)3 26 85 84 05
www.taittinger.fr

Epemay

Champagne De Castellane

Visit of the cellars, tower and museum with tasting (payable). Tours available in English. Open every day from 1 April to 24 December, Monday to Friday 2pm–6pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am–noon and 2pm–6pm. 57, rue de Verdun, 51200 EPERNAY
Tel: (0)3 26 51 19 11 Fax: (0)3 26 51 19 12
www.castellane.com

Champagne Mercier

Visit of the cellars with tasting (payable). Tours available in English. Open all year round from Monday to Sunday. Monday to Friday: 9am–11.30am and 2pm–4.30pm. Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 December to 28 February. Also closed for annual holidays for the last two weeks of December and the first week of January. 70, avenue de Champagne, 51200 EPERNAY
Tel: (0)3 26 51 22 22 Fax: (0)3 26 51 22 23
www.champagnemerancier.com

Champagne Moët & Chandon

Visit of the cellars with tasting (payable). Tours available in English. Open every day from 1 April to the middle of November, 9.30am–11.30am and 2pm–4.30pm. From middle of November to the end of March, closed on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays. 20, avenue de Champagne, 51200 EPERNAY
Tel: (0)3 26 51 20 20 Fax: (0)3 26 51 20 21
www.moet.com

Champagne Vranken Demoiselle

Visit of the cellars with tasting (payable). Tours available in English. Open from Monday to Saturday, 9.30am–6pm. 42, avenue de Champagne, 51200 EPERNAY
Tel: (0)3 26 59 51 32 Fax: (0)3 26 59 59 39
www.vranken.net

The Tourist Champagne Route



Whilst the grandeur and elegance of the large champagne houses is on an impressive scale, a trip to the region would not be complete without a visit to one of the smaller, independent producers to see a more individual approach to champagne making. These 'vignerons' are based in the outlying villages and surrounding countryside rather than in the main towns and can easily be found by following the 'Route Touristique du Champagne'. This is also an ideal way of discovering the beautifully fertile region where champagne is produced and uncovering some of the secrets that lie off the beaten track. There are five trails which take you to magnificent view points, charming villages,

ancient monasteries and imposing churches and châteaux. And all the while you will meander through acres of vineyards stretching over gently rolling countryside where grapes are lovingly watched, tended and harvested by people who delight in continuing a unique and long-established tradition.

Some 80 wine growers are affiliated with the Tourist Champagne Route, membership of which is controlled by a strict quality charter. Their premises are all open to the public and can be visited throughout the year. Look out for the sign 'point d'accueil' (welcome point), whose cellars have been especially chosen for the quality of the visit. The wine makers will welcome you warmly

The Tourist Champagne Route



The Faux, the amazing trees at Verzy

to their cellars and talk to you with enthusiasm and pride about the creation of their wines. The vigneron may not charge, but they do prefer you to make an appointment beforehand.

Below is an introduction to each of the trails, four of which are covered by the département of the Marne (numbers 1 – 4), and two by Aube en Champagne (number 5), followed by addresses of some of the local producers of champagne. For more detailed information on both the trails and the vigneron, please contact the relevant departmental tourist board below:-

Marne Tourist Board

13 bis, rue Carnot, B.P. 74
51006 CHALONS-EN-CHAMPAGNE Cedex
Tel: (0)3 26 68 37 52 or (0)3 26 69 51 04
Fax: (0)3 26 68 46 45
E-mail: cdt51@tourisme-en-champagne.com
www.tourisme-en-champagne.com
Ask for the booklet 'The Sparkling Vineyards'

Aube en Champagne Tourist Board

34, quai Dampierre
10000 TROYES
Tel: (0)3 25 42 50 00 Fax: (0)3 25 42 50 88
E-mail: bonjour@aube-champagne.com
www.aube-champagne.com
Ask for the booklet 'The Champagne Route' and the short breaks brochure 'Escapades'.

Marne

Route 1

Massif de St-Thierry – Vallée de l'Ardre (70 km)

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE KINGS OF FRANCE

Heading north-west out of Reims, many of the villages lying deep amid the vines and dense forests of the Massif de Saint-Thierry are steeped in history. The village of Saint-Thierry itself is built round a monastery founded in 500 by the great saint, although it was destroyed on the eve of the French Revolution in 1789. The 12th century chapel and ancient chapter room however still survive. Throughout the centuries, twenty five kings have been crowned at the magnificent gothic cathedral at Reims. This route also takes you past some fine mediaeval churches, such as that of Cauroy-lès-Hermonville.

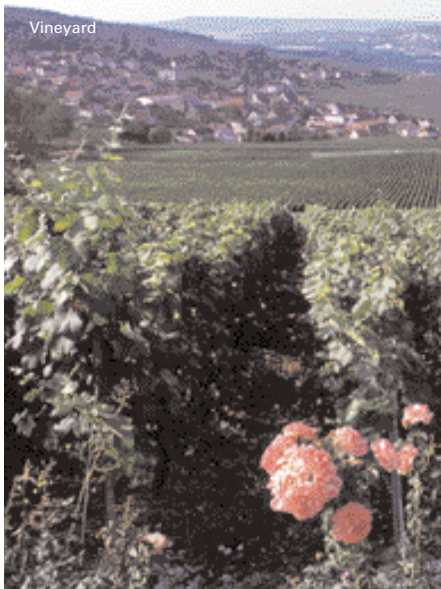
Route 2

Montagne de Reims (70 km)

CHAMPAGNE AND MYSTERY

The tranquil hillsides between Reims and Epernay are home to one of the richest wine-growing areas in France. But deep among the vines, many surprises are waiting to be discovered. The 'Champagne and Mystery' trail invites you to explore the secrets of this 'other Champagne', leading you to ancient twisted beach trees at Verzy in the heart of the Parc Naturel Régional de la Montagne de Reims, the Vine Museum in the lighthouse of Verzenay, far-reaching views of the vineyards and small, unspoilt villages with such delightful names as Bouzy (famous for its red wine) and Dizy.

The Tourist Champagne Route



Route 3

Vallée de la Marne – from Epernay to Dormans (90 km)

CHAMPAGNE AND MEMORIES

Following the valley of the River Marne, this trail offers many splendid views over the vineyards and takes you back to a bygone era. For walkers, the Paradise Path winds its way through the vineyards above Epernay, with the wooded plateau eventually descending to Hautvillers, famous for its abbey where Dom Pérignon is said to have discovered the secret of champagne making in the 17th century. Another highlight of the route is the giant 33 m statue at the town of Châtillon-sur-Marne. Built in honour of the crusader Pope Urban II in 1887, an interior staircase allows access to the arm of the statue. More memories await you at Cœuilly, a village still locked in the 1900s. La Maison Champenoise, the open air museum here, depicts life of wine growers and the local school at the turn of the last century.

Route 4

Côte des Blancs (100 km)

ELEGANCE AND ROMANTICISM

South of Epernay, the black grapes give way to white. This is the 'Côte des Blancs', home of the

Chardonnay grape which gives elegance and finesse to champagne. The journey begins in the famous 'Avenue de Champagne' in Epernay, lined with prestigious names and sumptuous rooms and cellars. The vineyard trail passes through Oger, one of the 'most beautiful villages of France' and known for its many flowers and its 'museum of tradition and weddings'. The village of Vertus is also picturesque, with its fountains, narrow streets and the unusual 11th and 12th century church of St Martin built on stilts.

Aube en Champagne

Route 5

Côte des Bar (240 km)

WHERE HISTORY AND CHAMPAGNE MEET

Deep in the south of the region, the Côte des Bar is an attractive area of vineyards, fields and forests. Here, you will find curious dry stone huts called 'cadoles', relics of bygone days when they were used for shelter by the wine growers. This is the land of Renoir, and the great impressionist's studio at Essoyes is now open to the public. The Renoir trail also takes you to Les Riceys, a charming village with narrow streets and riverside walks. This is the largest champagne growing area and has three 'Appellations d'Origine Contrôlée', one of which is the famous 'Rosé des Riceys', known for its delicate bouquet of wild flowers, violets and hazelnuts and sought after by connoisseurs.

Further south, in the forest of Clairvaux, the famous Cistercian abbey founded by Saint Bernard in 1115 has some splendid buildings dating from the 12th century. Not far away, the memory of Général de Gaulle is firmly rooted in the village of Colombey-les-Deux-Eglises. Also famous in this area is the 'Cristalleries Royales de Champagne', (crystal works at Bayel), which has been in existence since 166



The Tourist Champagne Route



The grape harvest

The producers

Addresses of some of the producers – English is available at the establishments given below.

Marne

Champagne Ariston Fils

Remi Ariston
18th century, family run vineyard.
Visit of cellar, vat-room and old wine-making equipment. Tastings given.
Open Monday to Saturday from 9am–noon and 2pm–6pm. Sunday from 10am–noon. Closed the 3rd week of August.
4 & 8, grande Rue, 51170 BROUILLET
Tel: (0)3 26 97 43 46 Fax: (0)3 26 97 49 34
E-mail: contact@champagne-aristonfils.com
www.champagne-aristonfils.com

Champagne Jeeper

Christian Goutorbe
JEEP tours through the vineyards, cellar visits, a small museum and champagne tastings.
8, rue Georges Clémenceau, 51480 DAMERY
Tel: (0)3 26 58 41 23 Fax: (0)3 26 58 65 67
E-mail: info@champagne-jeeper.com
www.champagne-jeeper.com

Champagne Launois

Bernard Launois
The House of Launois continues the tradition of six generations in the prestigious Côte des Blancs.
2, avenue Eugène Guillaume
51190 LE-MESNIL-SUR-OGER
Tel: (0)3 26 57 50 15 Fax: (0)3 26 57 97 82
E-mail: info@champagne-launois.fr
www.champagne-launois.fr

Champagne Tarlant

Micheline and Jean-Marie Tarlant
Established in 1687. Tour focuses on tradition and the countryside.
51480 ŒUILLY
Tel: (0)3 26 58 30 60 Fax: (0)3 26 58 37 31
E-mail: champagne@tarlant.com
www.tarlant.com

Champagne Corbon

Claude Corbon
Learn the art of appreciating the different scents and flavours of champagne. Tasting and tour of cellars. Limited English spoken.
Open from 1 May to 20 December, Friday to Monday inclusive and public holidays (no appointment necessary). Closed Tuesday to Thursday and the 2nd Sunday in each month.
For the periods 1 January to 30 April and 1 to 14 August, appointments must be made.
541, avenue Jean Jaurès, 51190 AVIZE
Tel: (0)3 26 57 55 43 Fax: (0)3 26 51 63 54
E-mail: claudc.corbon@mageos.com

Aube en Champagne

Champagne Richardot

Visit and tasting.
Closed Sundays.
38, rue René Quinton
10110 LOCHES SUR OURCE
Tel: (0)3 25 29 71 20 Fax: (0)3 25 29 13 76

Champagne Gallimard Père & Fils

Visit and tasting of Champagne and Rosé des Riceys.
18-20, rue Gaston Cheq, Le Magny
10340 LES RICEYS
Tel: (0)3 25 29 32 44 Fax: (0)3 25 38 55 20
E-mail: champ.gallimard@wanadoo.fr

Champagne Marcel Vezien & Fils

Visit and tasting of Champagne and Rosé des Riceys.
68, grande Rue
10110 CELLES-SUR-OURCE
Tel: (0)3 25 38 50 22 Fax: (0)3 25 38 56 09
E-mail: contact@champagne-vezien.com
www.champagne-vezien.com

Champagne Guy de Forez

Visit and tasting of Champagne and Rosé des Riceys.
32, bis rue du Gal Leclerc
10340 LES RICEYS
Tel: (0)3 25 29 98 73 Fax: (0)3 25 38 23 01
E-mail: champagne.guydeforez@wanadoo.fr

Champagne Chassenay d'Arce

Visit and tasting.
rue du Pressoir
10110 VILLE SUR ARCE
Tel: (0)3 25 38 30 70 Fax: (0)3 25 38 79 17
E-mail: champagne-chassenay-darce@wanadoo.fr

Ardennes Tourist Board
24, place Ducale, B.P. 419
08107 CHARLEVILLE-MEZIERES Cedex
Tel: (0)3 24 56 06 08
Fax: (0)3 24 59 20 10
E-mail: info@ardennes.com
www.ardennes.com

The colourfully enticing landscapes of the Ardennes are a part of France at the north of the Champagne-Ardenne region which remains calmly unspoilt. Sharing its northern border with Belgium, it has managed to remain largely independent in the face of neighbouring conflict. An impressive number of museums, military châteaux and fortified churches document the history of the Ardennes.

The forests of the Ardennes are beautifully fertile – 'Ardennes' is an old Gallic word meaning 'deep forest'. For those who love fresh air, there is a labyrinth of walks and treks covering the whole area, with panoramic views of the Meuse valley from the many specially designated viewpoints.

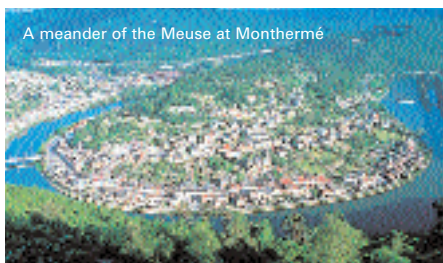
The Ardennes Tourist Routes

There are six scenic routes in the Ardennes, each clearly signposted and with a theme of its own. For further information, contact the Ardennes Tourist Board for their brochure 'Les Itinéraires Ardennais'.

- The Fortifications Route
- The Rimbaud-Verlaine Route
- The Route of Legends of the Meuse and Semoy
- The Route of the Fortified Churches of Thiérache
- The Porcien Route
- The Forest, Lake and Abbey Route

Charleville-Mézières

The towns of **Charleville** and **Mézières** merged in 1966 to form the capital of the Ardennes, but the two towns have very different backgrounds. Mézières was the fortified town and Charleville the new town.

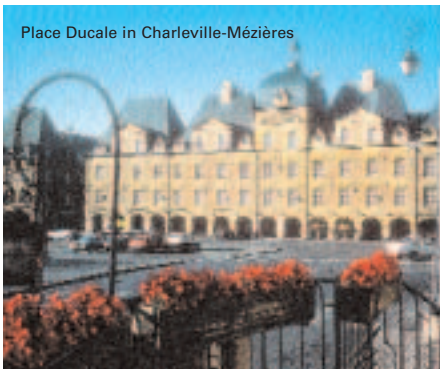


A meander of the Meuse at Monthermé

Tucked into a meander of the Meuse, the mediaeval town of Mézières is almost surrounded by water. All that remains of its **fortifications** are two towers, (La Tour du Roy and Tour Milart) and a large part of the ramparts. The **Basilica Notre-Dame de l'Espérance** is a fine example of the flamboyant gothic style and has some interesting stained glass windows. This was where Charles IX married Elisabeth of Austria in 1570.

The village on the other side of the river was fairly insignificant until it was given special trading rights in the early 17th century by Charles de Gonzague, Duke of Reims. The area became prosperous and in 1606, the Duke ordered the town to be rebuilt as an important trading post and renamed 'Charleville', after himself. The town was carefully planned to a symmetrical design and centred around '**Place Ducale**', similar to the Place des Vosges in Paris, with its elegant red brick arcades and

Place Ducale in Charleville-Mézières



arches. The whole square becomes alive with colour on **market days**, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, when stands are piled high with local fruits, vegetables and cheeses. Visitors will find a warm welcome in the lively atmosphere generated by regular traders.

Charleville has several interesting museums, including the '**Musée Rimbaud**', dedicated to the rebellious teenage poet Arthur Rimbaud, who was born here in 1854. Manuscripts, photos and other souvenirs of the 'enfant terrible' are housed in the prestigious 'Vieux Moulin', on the banks of the Meuse at the Quai Arthur Rimbaud. Tel: (0)3 24 32 44 65.

The old mill house is also the departure point for **pleasure-boat cruises** on the Meuse. Tel: (0)3 24 33 77 70.

In and around Ardennes



Cartographie CRT Champagne-Ardenne, Blay Foldex

Known as the world puppet capital, Charleville-Mézières is the home of the **International Puppet Institute** (in Place Winston Churchill) which organises a World Puppet Festival every three years. The next festival will take place from 19 to 28 September 2003. The Institute also stages workshops and performances throughout the year with students testing their new found skills on passing visitors. On the front of the building is a monumental clock, measuring 12 metres across, called the '**Horloge du Grand Marionnettiste**'. At the strike of every hour (between 10am and 9pm), puppets emerge from the clock to play out a scene from the legend of the Aymon brothers, who were turned to stone in the Ardennes mountains. The best show is on Saturday evening at 9.15pm, when all twelve scenes of the epic are acted out in succession.

Ardennes - Flavours

Ardennes has a well-earned reputation for fine country cuisine using only the best locally produced ingredients. Why not try the home-cooked food at **Gironval Farm**, Thin-le-Moutier Tel: (0)3 24 54 74 40. All their dishes are created using produce from this and surrounding farms, and on particular days, visitors can tour the farm and sample the produce, including mouth-watering home-made cider and apple juice.

Ardennes enjoys celebrating its unique local flavour and gastronomic creations. Two **gastronomic fairs** are held at the 17th century coaching inn at Launois in June and October. At La Ferté-sur-Chiers, the **Jardin de Cocagne** features a countryside market as well as a fruit



Horloge du Grand Marionnettiste (The Great Puppeteer)

and vegetable garden. Visit of garden and sale of fruit and vegetables. Every Sunday in July and August from 10am–4pm.

With so many forests in the Ardennes, it is no surprise that wild boar appears often on menus throughout the region. At her traditional stone farmhouse, the **Auberge du Malgré Tout** near Revin, proprietress Madame Grandhomme will happily cook you the authentic local speciality 'sanglier', traditionally complemented by 'Bayenne' (made from potatoes and onions). On reservation only Tel: (0)3 24 40 11 20.

While visiting Charleville-Mézières, be sure to sample 'carolo', a speciality pastry.

Ardennes - History & Heritage

There are over 60 historical sites in the Ardennes, which map out every fascinating detail of the region's past. Enjoying peace and quiet today, it is hard to imagine the Ardennes was often under attack because of its border position. Following various occupations, most notably by the Celts and then the Romans, the region eventually began to regain its independence in the 12th century and many beautiful monasteries and abbeys were established. Peace was rudely interrupted in the 16th century when war broke out near the border town of **Rocroi** which led to it becoming one of the most fortified towns in northern Europe. Other towns in the region followed suit, most notably **Sedan**, where the largest

mediaeval fortress in Europe is still one of its main attractions today.

Tourist Office: Tel: (0)3 24 27 73 73

Museums

The best way to trace the history of the Ardennes is to visit any of the variety of museums throughout the region.

Musée de l'Ardenne

The Ardennes Museum, in Place Ducale, combines 17th, 18th and 19th century buildings in a courtyard layout charting every part of the region's history, from religious and archaeological exhibits to popular art and culture.

Place Ducale, CHARLEVILLE-MEZIERES
Tel: (0)3 24 32 44 60

Musée de l'Ardoise – Fumay Maison de l'Ardoise – Rimogne

For connoisseurs, these two museums both celebrate the life and dedication of the slate miners of the region, whose skills are still clearly in evidence in the unique purple rooftops of villages dotted around the area.

FUMAY Tel: (0)3 24 41 10 25

RIMOGNE Tel: (0)3 24 35 13 14

Musée Guerre et Paix (Museum of War & Peace)

The museum beautifully illustrates the three main wars that took place in the Ardennes between 1870 and 1940.

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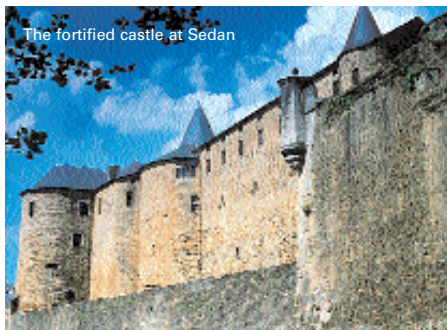
Tel: (0)3 24 52 47 98

Domaine du Haut Fourneau de Vendresse (Former Blast Furnace Site)

The former blast furnace brings to life the magic of iron casting. On-site fishing pond, water games, bar, brasserie, shop.

VENDRESSE

Tourist Office Tel/Fax: (0)3 24 35 02 69



The fortified castle at Sedan

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Ardennes - Water & Forests

Attached to the wide stretching plains of the Champagne producing region, the charm of the Ardennes is in its hedgerow and pasture landscape and its rugged valleys and crags. The natural scenery of this region is irresistible to romantic inhabitants and tourists alike.

Impressionist poet **Paul Verlaine** regarded this part of the country as his spiritual home and a museum is dedicated to him in the town of **Juniville**, Tel: (0)3 24 39 68 00. Verlaine's poetry sensually evokes the beauty of the glades and woodland which are now, happily, so accessible to the region's visitors. His most famous poem, *Clair de Lune*, inspired both Debussy and Fauré to compose a song of the same name.

There are a great many **picturesque walks** in the Ardennes, whether on riverside towpaths in the north, or around immaculate crop fields in the south west. Equip yourself with a readily available map of the region from the Ardennes Tourist Board (tel: (0)3 24 56 06 08), which details walks, picnic suggestions and fantastic view points.



For those occasions when you prefer not to walk, there are **pleasure-boat trips** on the River Meuse with informative, unobtrusive commentary on celebrated sites, including tantalising myths and legends about the Ardennes. You can start these from Charleville-Mézières, Monthermé and Revin.



Boat trip on the Meuse

Hotels and Restaurants

The following is a list of some of the hotels and restaurants in the Ardennes. There are, of course, many more good quality establishments in this area, the Ardennes Tourist Board will be pleased to give you a more complete list.

Hotel - Restaurants

Auberge de l'Abbaye**

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
Mme Dessinoz
Room rate: €50

Menus from €10 to €34

2, place Aristide Briand
08460 SIGNY-L'ABBAYE

Tel: (0)3 24 52 81 27 Fax: (0)3 24 53 71 72

Auberge en Ardenne**

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
M. Mme Lallouette

Rooms from €45 to €52

Menus from €16 to €28

15, rue de l'Hôtel de Ville
08800 HAUTES-RIVIERES

Tel: (0)3 24 53 41 93 Fax: (0)3 24 53 60 10

Hôtel de Paris** (hotel only)

M. Mme Servant

Rooms from €44.50 to €46.50

24, avenue G. Corneau

08000 CHARLEVILLE-MEZIERES

Tel: (0)3 24 33 34 38 Fax: (0)3 24 59 11 21

Hôtel du Saumon**

Mme Real

Rooms from €40 to €55

Menus from €11 to €18

Place Chanzy

08240 BUZANCY

Tel: (0)3 24 30 00 42 Fax: (0)3 24 30 27 47

Hôtel Le Val Saint-Hilaire**

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
M. Mme Dardenne
Room rate: €53.50
Menus from €18.30 to €28.50
7, quai des Fours
08600 GIVET
Tel: (0)3 24 42 38 50 Fax: (0)3 24 42 07 36

Hôtel le Saint Michel*

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
M. Copine
Menus from €15.25 to €34.50
3, rue Saint Michel
08200 SEDAN
Tel: (0)3 24 29 04 61 Fax: (0)3 24 29 32 67
Renovation works during 2003.

Hôtel Abbaye de Sept Fontaines

M. Nicolle
Rooms from €86 to €197
Menus from €30 to €59.50
08090 FAGNON
Tel: (0)3 24 37 38 24 Fax: (0)3 24 37 58 75

Château du Faucon en Champagne

M. Evain
Rooms from €76 to €122
Menus from €12.20 to €18.30 at the grill house,
from €20 to €53.50 at the chateau.
Route de Vrigne-aux-Bois
08350 DONCHERY
Tel: (0)3 24 52 10 01 Fax: (0)3 24 52 71 56

Restaurants

Abbaye de Sept Fontaines

Gastronomic cuisine
Hotel rooms
Route de Prix lès Mézières
08090 FAGNON
Tel: (0)3 24 37 38 24



Baroque church
at Asfeld



Foie gras and Truffles

Auberge d'Ecry

Countryside cuisine
Bed & Breakfast at the farm
18, route d'Ecry
08190 VIEUX-LES-ASFELD
Tel: (0)3 24 72 94 65 Fax: (0)3 24 38 39 41

Au Bon Vieux Temps

Gastronomic cuisine
1-3, place de la Halle
08200 SEDAN
Tel: (0)3 24 29 03 70 Fax: (0)3 24 29 20 27

La Clef des Champs

Gastronomic cuisine
33, rue du Moulin
08000 CHARLEVILLE-MEZIERES
Tel: (0)3 24 56 17 50
Fax: (0)3 24 59 94 07

Les Echevins

Gastronomic cuisine
33, rue Charles de Gaulle
08210 MOUZON
Tel: (0)3 24 26 10 90 Fax: (0)3 24 29 05 95

Ferme Auberge de Gironval

Bed & Breakfast at the farm
Countryside cuisine
08460 THIN-LE-MOUTIER
Tel/Fax: (0)3 24 54 74 40

L'Orangerie

Gastronomic cuisine
Hotel Chateau de Bazeilles
08140 BAZEILLES
Tel: (0)3 24 27 09 68
Fax: (0)3 24 27 64 20

A la Ferme de Monthimont

Countryside and gastronomic cuisine
Hameau de Monthimont
08350 DONCHERY
Tel: (0)3 24 22 32 85

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Eprenay are the **Notre Dame Church**, the **Synagogue** with its remarkable rose window, **St Martin's Gate** and the exterior of **Louise de Savoie's House**.

Markets:

Clothes:

Place des Arcades: Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9am–6pm.

Food:

Halle Saint Thibault: Wednesday to Saturday from 8am–12 noon and Place Auban Moët: Sunday mornings.

Further information on Eprenay can be obtained from the local Tourist Office,
Tel: (0)3 26 53 33 00 Fax: (0)3 26 51 95 22.

Marne - Champagnes & Flavours

Local wines - champagnes

In the Marne region, you will be spoilt for choice as to which of the multitude of champagne houses to visit and explore.

If you want to discover some of the smaller producers of champagne, follow one of the Marne's four trails of the **'Tourist Champagne Route'**. Each one is clearly signposted and will lead you a different way through the vineyards of Champagne, passing by professionals who will share their passion of wine-making and tasting with you.

The discovery of the Marne vineyards would not be complete without a visit to some of the charming villages, such as Bouzy, Ambonnay and Cumières. Here, you will find still wines, called 'Coteaux Champenois' made from the same grapes as champagne. These wines are often better known by the names of the villages where they are produced.

If you are visiting the Marne at the end of September, you could take part in the grape harvest yourself. Some growers offer special days where you can join in with the grape picking and learn first hand about some of the finer points of champagne making. This costs in the region of **€30 to €58** per person for the day, including breakfast, lunch and wine tasting. Among the producers who offer this type of day in the Marne, look for:

Champagne Launois Père et Fils,
Tel: (0)3 26 57 50 15

Champagne J&J Bérat,

Tel: (0)3 26 58 42 45

Champagne Henri de Vaugency,

Tel: (0)3 26 57 50 89

Champagne François Príncipe Arnoult,

Tel: (0)3 26 58 42 53

These days are only available in September, so it is advisable to book early.



The cellars of Mumm Champagne, Reims

Local produce – flavours

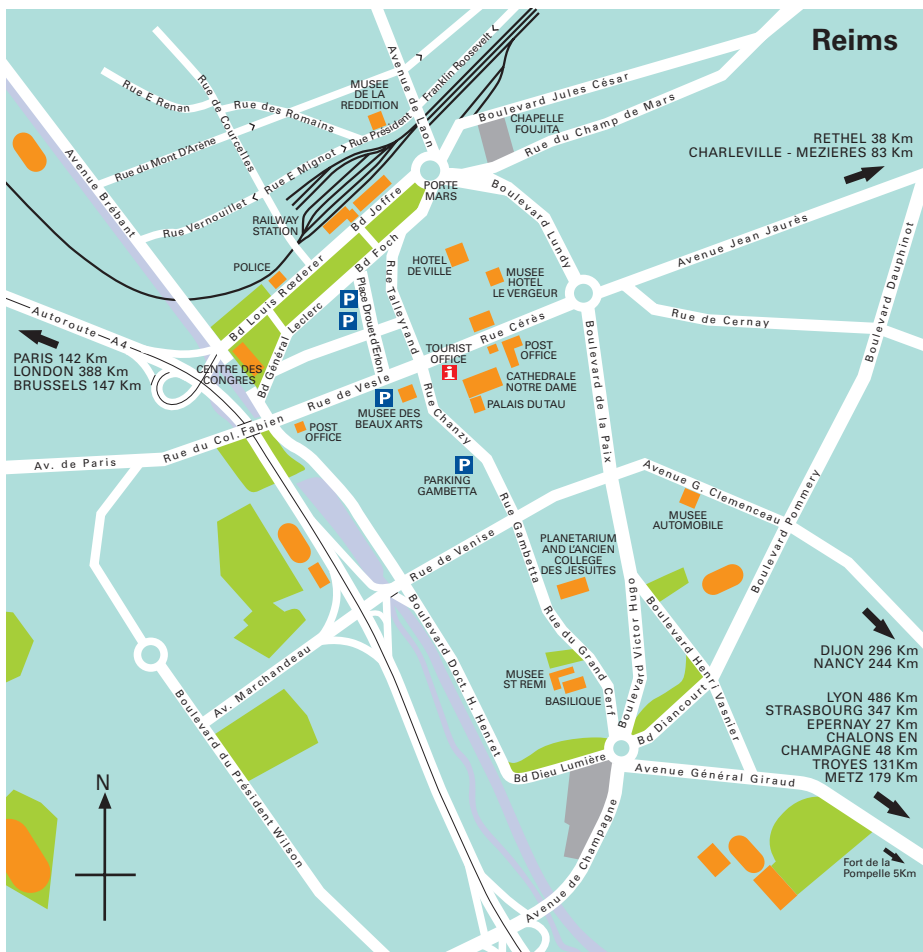
Reims is a town of distinct local flavours, and pavement cafés and bars line the length of the main square, **'Place Drouet d'Erlon'**. For a change from champagne, visit the Café Leffe which specialises in beer.

For those with a sweet tooth, the shops in Reims will tempt you at every turn. The **Maison Fossier** (biscuit factory), produces the famous **'biscuits roses'** (pink speciality biscuits created by Fossier in the 17th century). Tours can be made of the factory itself, while the shop is full of tempting local sweets such as **croquignoles** (cracknels) and **coconut macaroons**. If your taste is for chocolate, try the **'bouchons de champagne'** (chocolate champagne corks!). In some restaurants, you can request **Ratafia**, a local aperitif, and on the dessert section of the menu, look out for **Sorbet au marc de champagne**, a sorbet made from local brandy. For the more adventurous, try the **pig's trotters** from Sainte-Ménéould. The recipe of this dish is kept secret, but the result is excellent.

The following restaurants are all Michelin classified and offer high quality cuisine in pleasant surroundings:

- Les Crayères (3 Michelin Stars), REIMS
Tel: (0)3 26 82 80 80
- Restaurant Jacky Michel (1 Michelin Star), CHALONS-EN-CHAMPAGNE
Tel: (0)3 26 68 21 51

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- Le Royal Champagne (1 Michelin Star), CHAMPILLON
Tel: (0)3 26 52 87 11
- Les Berceaux (1 Michelin Star), EPERNAY
Tel: (0)3 26 55 28 84
- Aux Armes de Champagne (1 Michelin Star), L'EPINE
Tel: (0)3 26 69 30 30
- Le Grand Cerf (1 Michelin Star), MONTCHENOT
Tel: (0)3 26 97 60 07
- Le Foch (1 Michelin Star), REIMS
Tel: (0)3 26 47 48 22
- L'Assiette Champenoise (1 Michelin Star), TINQUEUX
Tel: (0)3 26 84 64 64
- La Briqueterie (1 Michelin Star), VINAY
Tel: (0)3 26 59 99 99

Marne - History & Heritage

Reims

The gothic cathedral of **Notre Dame**, is a landmark of Reims. Built in 1211, it mercifully survived the French Revolution. Many kings of France were crowned here over the centuries, giving champagne the reputation of 'The Wine of Kings'. The souvenirs of these coronations are housed in the **Palais du Tau** next door. The cathedral's architecture is magnificent with balanced proportions and rich sculptures, including the famous **Smiling Angel**. The interior is beautifully lit, enabling visitors to appreciate fully its vast dimensions, both in length and

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Fine Arts Museum, Reims

height, and the breath-taking colour of the stained glass windows, some of them still originals from the 13th century. From July to August, guided tours are available in English every day at 2.30pm. For the rest of the year, audio-cassette tours are available in English which give information on the cathedral and also the town.

Also located in the city centre of Reims, the **Musée des Beaux-Arts** (Fine Arts Museum) exhibits paintings, ceramics and sculpture from the Renaissance to the present day. Here a set of 15th and 16th century grisaille works show religious scenes thought to have been used as sets for mystery plays, or to have lined the route to the cathedral on coronation days. Other places of interest include the **Planétarium**, the **Fort de la Pompelle**, and the **Porte de Mars**. A full list can be obtained from the local Tourist Office at 2, rue Guillaume de Machault, Tel: (0)3 26 77 45 00.

Châlons-en-Champagne

Just 50 km down the road from Reims, **Châlons-en-Champagne** has preserved its bourgeois character, with large houses and restored half-timbered buildings which exude a



Notre Dame Cathedral, Reims

particular charm. A **boat trip** on its canals is recommended to discover its old bridges and gardens. Places of historic interest include the 13th century gothic cathedral of **Saint Etienne** and the church of **Notre-Dame en Vaux**, which is a masterpiece of the romanesque-gothic transitory period. More information can be picked up from the local Tourist Office at 3, quai des Arts, Tel: (0)3 26 65 17 89.

Marne - Water & Forests

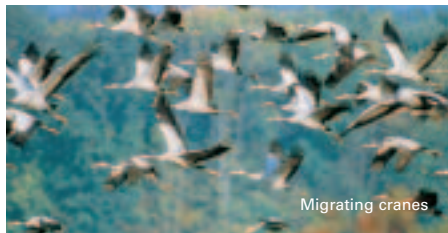
The countryside of the Marne provides idyllic scenery for walkers and cyclists, particularly around the valleys of the rivers Vesle and Ardre in the west. Travelling southwards leaving the bustle of Reims behind you, the acres of vineyards - sights in themselves - are punctuated by smaller towns and pretty villages where you'll be tempted to stop and explore.

Paddle-boat cruises and **tourist trains** are a relaxing way to see the sights and enjoy the scenery. **Nature parks** throughout the region allow visitors to appreciate unspoilt forests and the natural beauty of the landscape.



Lac du Der-Chantecoq

Two of the best kept secrets of the Marne are the **'Forêt d'Argonne'** in the east and the **'Lac du Der-Chantecoq'** area in the south east. The former offers idyllic paths and tracks for walking or cycling whilst at the latter, a large range of watersports can be enjoyed throughout the summer. From October to March, the place is dedicated to bird watching since during this period, this huge manmade lake, the largest in Europe, becomes a natural refuge for thousands of migrating birds.



Migrating cranes

In and around Marne

Hotels and Restaurants

The following is a list of some of the hotels and restaurants in the Marne. There are, of course, many more good quality establishments in this area, the Marne Tourist Board will be pleased to give you a more complete list.

Hostellerie du Mont Aimé***

Logis de France (3 chimneys)
M. Mme Sciancalepore
Rooms from €68.50 to €88.50
Menus from €20 to €64
4, rue de Vertus
51130 BERGERES-LES-VERTUS
Tel: (0)3 26 52 21 31 Fax: (0)3 26 52 21 39
E-mail: mont.aimé@wanadoo.fr

Hostellerie de la Reine Blanche***

Logis de France (3 chimneys)
M. Mme Lepissier
Room rate: €71
Menus from €19 to €35
18, avenue Louis Lenoir
51130 VERTUS
Tel: (0)3 26 52 20 76 Fax: (0)3 26 52 16 59
www.hotel-reine-blanche.com

Hôtel de la Poste***

Logis de France (3 chimneys)
M. Mme Latriche
Rooms from €53 to €95
Menus from €22 to €42
Place Royer Collard
51300 VITRY-LE-FRANÇOIS
Tel: (0)3 26 74 02 65 Fax: (0)3 26 74 54 71
E-mail: hoteldelaposte.vitry@wanadoo.fr

Hôtel Restaurant Château d'Étoges***

Mme. Filliette-Neuvillie
Rooms from €110 to €190
Menus from €30 to €60
4, rue Richebourg
51270 ETOGES
Tel: (0)3 26 59 30 08 Fax: (0)3 26 59 35 57
E-mail: contact@etoges.com

Hôtel du Renard***

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
M. Mme Pignot
Rooms from €55 to €84
Menus from €16 to €43
24, place de la République
51000 CHALONS-EN-CHAMPAGNE
Tel: (0)3 26 68 03 78 Fax: (0)3 26 64 50 07
E-mail: lerenard51@wanadoo.fr

Hôtel Restaurant de la Paix***

(Best Western)
M. Renardias
Rooms from €73 to €118

Menus available

9, rue Buirette
51100 REIMS
Tel: (0)3 26 40 04 08 Fax: (0)3 26 47 75 04
E-mail: info@bw-hotel-lapaix.com

Auberge Saint-Vincent**

Logis de France (3 chimneys)
M. Mme Pelletier
Rooms from €46 to €60
Menus from €23 to €55
1, rue Saint-Vincent
51150 AMBONNAY
Tel: (0)3 26 57 01 98 Fax: (0)3 26 57 81 48
E-mail: asv51150@aol.com

Hôtel du Cheval Blanc**

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
Cousinat Family
Rooms from €45 to €56
Menus from €16 to €51
Rue de la Libération
51270 MONTMORT-LUCY
Tel: (0)3 26 59 10 03 Fax: (0)3 26 59 15 88

Inter. Hôtel Bagatelle**

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
M. Poulain
Room rate: €45
Menus from €10.85 to €17.65
Chemin Les Bas Jardins
51530 DIZY-EPERNAY
Tel: (0)3 26 51 00 13 Fax: (0)3 26 51 00 45
E-mail: didier.bagatelle@wanadoo.fr

Relais Champenois**

Logis de France (3 chimneys)
M. Mme Fourmi
Rooms from €38 to €61
Menus from €18.50 to €40
157, rue Notre Dame
51120 SEZANNE
Tel: (0)3 26 80 58 03 Fax: (0)3 26 81 35 32
E-mail: relaischamp@infonie.fr

Le Thibault IV**

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
M. Mme Lepissier
Room rate: €49
Menus from €19 to €33
2, place de la République
51130 VERTUS
Tel: (0)3 26 52 01 24 Fax: (0)3 26 52 68 00

Le Vigneron (Restaurant only)

M. Liegent
Menus from €24 to €40
Place Paul Jamot
51100 REIMS
Tel: (0)3 26 79 86 86 Fax: (0)3 26 79 86 87
E-mail: info@restaurant-levigneron.com

Aube en Champagne Tourist Board
34, quai Dampierre,
10000 TROYES

Tel: (0)3 25 42 50 00

Fax: (0)3 25 42 50 88

E-mail: bonjour@aube-champagne.com
www.aube-champagne.com

Named after the River Aube which flows through the region before joining the Seine, Aube en Champagne is a land of lush fertile fields and dense forests. **The Regional Nature Park of the Forêt d'Orient** to the east of Troyes is a vast area of woodland and lakes. The 5,000 hectares of lakes were created to regulate the flow of the River Seine and its estuaries, providing an ideal venue for a wide variety of watersports. Walking, cycling and golf are among the other leisure activities that can be enjoyed in this tranquil area.

South of the parkland is the **Côte des Bar**, an area of hills and valleys with outstanding views. The champagne tradition is continued here with as much expertise and relish as anywhere else in the region, with wine-makers always glad to welcome visitors and to guide you through a tasting of their best vintages.

For great value accommodation in Aube-en-Champagne, send off for a copy of the **'Escapades' short break brochure**. Special offers include the 3rd night free at a range of beautiful, romantic guesthouses, a bottle of complimentary champagne when staying at selected hotels and a discount of up to 35% on golf. Prices for 2 nights half-board start from £59.40 per person. To order your free Escapades brochure, contact the Aube-en-Champagne tourist board (see above) and quote 'Escapades'.

Troyes

The mediaeval capital of the département was built in the shape of a champagne cork. Narrow pedestrian streets in the heart of the city are lined with beautifully restored, 16th century half-timbered houses, such as the 'Maison du Boulanger' and 'la Tourelle de l'Orfèvre'. Several of the churches in Troyes have exceptional stained glass windows, including the **Sainte-Madelaine Church** which has one of the finest sculpted stone screens in France. There are also some interesting museums to explore. For further information, contact the Troyes Tourist Office on Tel. (0)3 25 82 62 70.

Markets in Troyes:

Marché des Halles, open daily as follows:

Monday to Thursday: 8am–12.45pm and 3.30pm–7pm.

Friday and Saturday: 7am–7pm.

Sunday: 9am – 12.30pm.

Take part in the atmosphere of the market and try the different local produce such as Chource Cheese and Andouillette.

Troyes is more recently well-known for its **McArthur Glen village** in Pont-Ste-Marie and **Marques Avenue** in Saint-Julien-les-Villas (both on the outskirts of the city) with more than 180 factory shops where label-lovers and bargain-seekers alike can indulge themselves in a spot of retail therapy! Well known brands include Armani, Versace, Cacharel, Mexx, Polo Ralph Lauren, Hugo Boss and Levis.

Clearance sales take place for six weeks in summer and winter with many products at more than 50% off. Don't forget to ask for the special discount booklet, available free at both shopping centres, for reductions in shops, restaurants and hotels all year round.

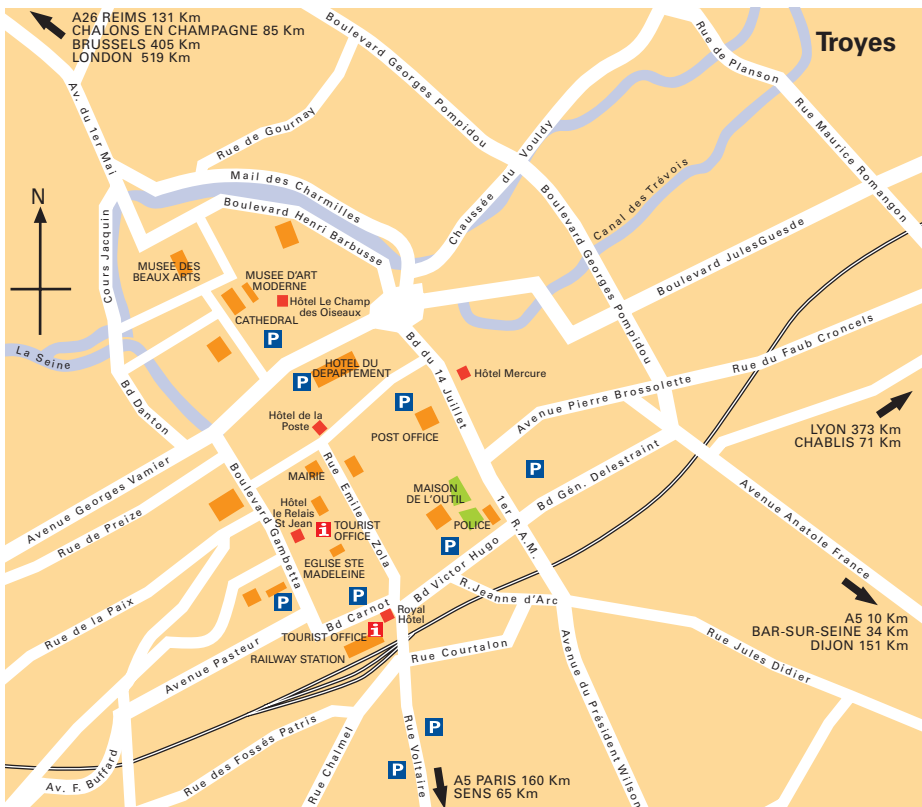


To the north west of Troyes, the 18th century **Château de la Motte Tilly** near **Nogent-sur-Seine** is worth a visit. This splendid castle and the surrounding landscapes were the setting for Milos Forman's film 'Valmont', a 1989 adaptation of 'Les Liaisons Dangereuses'. Constructed in 1754 for Louis XV's Controller of Finances, the château was damaged during the Revolution and then restored and redesigned in the French style by the Count of Rohan-Chabot followed by his daughter the Marquise de Maillé.

Tel: (0)3 25 39 99 67

In the east of Aube en Champagne is one of the oldest crystal glass works in France, the **'Cristalleries Royales de Champagne'** at **Bayel**, founded in 1666 by a Venetian glass maker. Today, only crystal is produced, which is melted in hand-made clay furnaces, built on site by a master potter. The crystal making only takes place in the morning when the molten material is at the right temperature for working. Guided tours show how the crystal is made and enables visitors to have a close-up view of the craftsmen at work.

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Aube en Champagne - Champagnes & Flavours

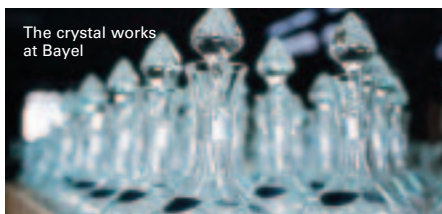
Local wines - champagnes

If part of your trip to Aube en Champagne involves selecting a case of champagne to take home for that next special occasion, head for the **Côte des Bar**, south east of Troyes. Here, in the village of **Essoyes**, the **'Maison de la Vigne'** has a wine-making exhibition and offers tours of the cellars. The wines can be tasted and are available for purchase. Maison de la Vigne also offers instruction in the art of oenology for those wanting to learn the finer points of wine-tasting.

If you prefer, you can follow any part of the 240km Tourist Champagne Route (see page 11), or make your way cross country from **Bar-sur-Seine** to **Bar-sur-Aube**, admiring the landscape and stopping to sip at a number of vineyards on the way.

The discovery of the Aube en Champagne

vineyards would not be complete without a visit to the fascinating village of **Les Riceys**. It is not only the largest winegrowing area in Champagne with its 866 hectares of 'Appellation' vineyards but is also the only commune in France to have three registered 'Appellations d'Origine Contrôlée' wines: 'champagne', 'coteaux champenois' and the famous 'rosé des Riceys'. This rosé has almost the status of a legend since it is a wine about which everyone speaks but whose charm very few have had the opportunity to appreciate. Full bodied and intensely fruity, it is well worth hunting down.



The crystal works at Bayel

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If your holiday coincides with the **grape picking season** at the end of September, some growers invite you to spend a fascinating day getting to grips with the finer points of the champagne-making process, and even picking the grapes yourself. If this appeals, you could expect to pay in the region of €31 to €53.36 per person for the day, with breakfast, lunch, wine tasting and a bottle of take-home champagne all included in the price. Among the labels which offer this type of day in the Côte des Bar, look for: Champagne Château de Bligny: (0)3 25 27 40 11 Champagne Drappier: (0)3 25 27 40 15 Champagne Marcel Vézien: (0)3 25 38 50 22. Remember these days are only available in September, so book early!

In and around the forests of the **Pays d'Othe**, to the south west of Troyes, are a number of orchards from whose apples **local cider** is made, and which give the area its nick-name, 'Little Normandy'. For a spot of tasting, head for '**La Ferme d'Hotte**' in Eaux-Puiseaux, or '**Cidre Marteau**' in Paisy-Cosdon. These farms give tours of the orchards and explain the production process for those preferring a more rustic fizz.

Local produce - flavours

Among other local produce to sample on Aube en Champagne restaurant menus, look out for **snails** bred in Bernon, and **trout** and **salmon** farmed at Pisciculture de la Vanne in Estissac. If a couple of quiet hours' trout fishing tickles your fancy, the Pisciculture is also happy to accommodate visitors.

Many hotels in Aube en Champagne pride themselves on their traditional gourmet food, particularly in the **Chaource** area, most famous for its soft cow's milk cheese. Another local delicacy is the regional **Sauerkraut** for which the département is the second largest producing area

in France. Aube en Champagne is also the home of the **Andouillette**, a chitterlings sausage which can be cooked in many different ways and which may even surprise you!

The following restaurants all have one Michelin Star and offer high quality cuisine in pleasant surroundings:

- La Parentèle, VILLEMUYENNE
Tel: (0)3 25 43 68 68
- Le Bourgogne, TROYES
Tel: (0)3 25 73 02 67

Cooking Lesson: Learn more about the regional cuisine, pick up some professional tips and take your own homemade delicacy away with you.

For more information, please contact:

M. Mme Baudesson
Au Vieux Logis
1, rue de Piney
Tel: (0)3 25 46 30 17
www.auxvieuxlogis.com

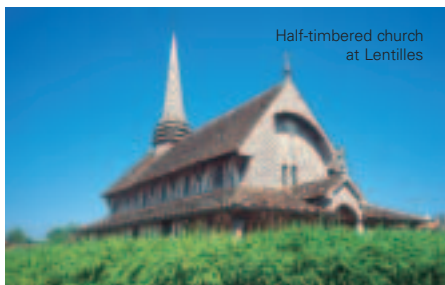
Mushroom Picking: The hotel 'Aux Maisons' (Logis de France, 3 chimneys) offers fresh mushrooms from picking to plate. In the company of a guide, you can pick your own Bordeaux Cepts, Wood Trumpets and Chanterelles, and then prepare your mushrooms with a special cooking lesson to make a 'terrine de foie gras aux champignons' (mushroom liver pâté) that you can have for dinner or take away with you.

Tel: (0)3 25 70 07 19 (see p.30 for full contact details).

The Aube en Champagne tourist board also offers you 15 great value **gastronomic short breaks** in the 'Escapades' brochure. For a copy, please call (0)3 25 42 50 00 or visit www.aube-champagne.com



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Half-timbered church
at Lentilles

Aube en Champagne - History & Heritage

Troyes

As the central town of Aube en Champagne and the original capital of the region, Troyes is not surprisingly steeped in fascinating history. When Attila the Hun invaded Gaul in 451 leaving a path of destruction and devastation everywhere he went, the Bishop of Troyes, St Loup, offered himself to Attila, asking him to spare his town from being burned by the Huns. Attila agreed, and the town of Troyes was spared.

Troyes has maintained the commercial prosperity it created in mediaeval time through its famous **Champagne Fairs**. Although fire destroyed much of the town in 1542, wealthy inhabitants rebuilt on a larger, more opulent scale, hence the fine collection of buildings on view today. The attractive half-timbered houses with their corbelled walls and floors conjure up romantic images. Troyes, 'City of Art', has carefully preserved in its nine churches the finest collection of stained glass windows in Europe and a series of impressive sculptures dating back to the 16th century. Tours of the old town of Troyes take place regularly and during the summer evenings, there are night tours and **'Son et Lumière' displays**.

Of the eight unique **half-timbered churches** to be found in Aube en Champagne, the **Eglise St-Jacques et St-Philippe** at Lentilles to the south-west of the **Lac du Der-Chantecoq**, is open every day to visitors. This church is a beautiful example of these unique 16th century structures. Contact the Aube en Champagne Tourist Board for their leaflet 'Fascinating Churches' (see page 25 for contact details).

Museums in Aube en Champagne

There is a wide range of different museums in the département, accommodating all tastes from

the sublime to the utterly bizarre! A selection are given below, but for a full list, please refer to the general guide to Champagne-Ardenne available free from the Regional Tourist Board (see page 6 for contact details).

Musée d'Art Moderne (Modern Art Museum)

An oasis of tranquillity from the flurry of the town outside - a soothing hour or so can be whiled away in the company of some of Degas, Bonnard, Derain and Picasso's finest art.

Place Saint-Pierre

10000 TROYES

Tel: (0)3 25 76 26 80

Maison de l'Outil et de la Pensée Ouvrière (Tool Museum)

A unique collection of 6,000 tools used in the 16th century in the wood, iron, leather and stone trades. There is also a library with a collection of 22,000 works on crafts.

Hôtel de Mauroy

7, rue de la Trinité

10000 TROYES

Tel: (0)3 25 73 28 26

Apothicaire de l'Hôtel-Dieu-le-Comte

Extraordinary 18th century pharmacy with hundreds of apothecary's phials, receptacles and containers on display to fascinate hypochondriacs and health-freaks alike!

Quai des Comtes de Champagne, 10000 TROYES

Tel: (0)3 25 80 98 97

Musée d'Automates

Collection of forty dolls, each of which is set in motion during the tour.

R.N.19, 10270 LUSIGNY-SUR-BARSE

Tel: (0)3 25 41 55 51

Musée des Poupées d'Antan et de la

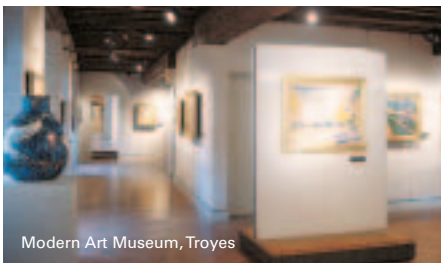
Tonnellerie (Dolls and Barrels Museum)

Collection of toys from the period 1892 to 1920

Rue des Anciens Combattants d'A.F.N.

10210 MAISONS-LES-CHAOURCE

Tel: (0)3 25 70 07 46



Modern Art Museum, Troyes

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Nigloland Themepark

Located in the Forêt d'Orient, this theme park has 24 attractions, including a Gold Mine Train, Bobsleigh Race, Canadian River with 65' waterfall and a massive new rollercoaster, the Bat Coaster. From 5 April 2003, Nigloland will turn Jurassic with the interactive Dinosaur Adventure.

R.N.19, 10200 DOLANCOURT

Tel: (0)3 25 27 94 52

www.nigloland.fr

Admission: Adult €14.50, Child under 12 yrs €13, Child under 1 metre free.

Atelier Renoir (Renoir's studio)

Renoir's studio celebrates the painter's life (workshop, furniture, etc.) and directs visitors to his grave at the nearby cemetery. The studio also offers a bookshop and the sale of reproductions.

7, rue Extra, 10360 ESSOYES

Tel: (0)3 25 38 56 28

Cheese Museum

Chaource Cheese, still made in the old fashioned way in Mussy, now has its own museum. This cheese originates from the 16th century and won its 'Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée' in 1970.

Place de l'Eglise, 10210 CHAOURCE

Tel: (0)3 25 40 10 67

Aube en Champagne - Water & Forests

There's nothing more satisfying than a combination of fresh air, exercise and fun whilst on holiday, and Aube en Champagne provides countless opportunities for this type of stimulation, right across the region.

In an exceptional environment at the **Regional Nature Park of the Forêt d'Orient**, you will discover the largest artificial lakes in Europe amongst 70,000 ha of forest. Here, all kinds of sports are catered for, whether it be sailing, windsurfing or golfing. Alternatively, saddle up and let the horses do the work as you enjoy woodland, lakeside and vineyard treks.

Hotels and Restaurants

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Hotels

Hôtel Le Champ des Oiseaux****

Rooms from €90 to €200

20, rue Linard Gonthier

10000 TROYES

Tel: (0)3 25 80 58 50 Fax: (0)3 25 80 98 34

www.champdesoiseaux.com

Hôtel de la Poste****

Rooms from €69 to €156

35, rue Emile Zola

10000 TROYES

Tel: (0)3 25 73 05 05 Fax: (0)3 25 73 80 76

www.hotel-de-la-poste.com

Le Relais St Jean****

Rooms from €76 to €130.50

51, rue Paillot de Montabert

10000 TROYES

Tel: (0)3 25 73 89 90 Fax: (0)3 25 73 88 60

www.relais-st-jean.com



Horse riding through the vineyards

In and around Aube en Champagne

Hôtel Mercure Troyes Centre***

Rooms from €89 to €151
Rue des bas Trévois
10000 TROYES
Tel: (0)3 25 46 28 28 Fax: (0)3 25 46 28 27
www.mercure.com

Hôtel Le Saint Nicolas***

Rooms from €55 to €84
2, rue du Général de Gaulle
10200 BAR-SUR-AUBE
Tel: (0)3 25 27 08 65 Fax: (0)3 25 27 60 31

Hotel Restaurants

Auberge de Nicey***

Logis de France (3 chimneys)
Mme Fery
Rooms from €61 to €79
Menus from €18 to €48
24, rue Carnot
10100 ROMILLY SUR SEINE
Tel: (0)3 25 24 10 07 Fax: (0)3 25 24 47 01
www.denicey.com

Domaine des Graviers(***pending licence)

M. Mme Mathe
Rooms from €54 to €92
Menus at €19
30, rue des Graviers
10400 NOGENT-SUR-SEINE
Tel: (0)3 25 21 81 90 Fax: (0)3 25 21 81 91
www.domaine-des-graviers.com

Au Vieux Pressoir – Auberge du lac***

Logis de France (3 chimneys)
Mme Gublin
Rooms from €65 to €174
Menus from €31 to €70
10140 MESNIL ST PERE
Tel: (0)3 25 41 27 16 Fax: (0)3 25 41 57 59
www.auberge-du-lac.fr

Aux Maisons***

Logis de France (3 chimneys)
M. Mme Enfert
Rooms from €53 to €63
Menus from €18 to €30.20
10210 MAISONS LES CHAOURCE
Tel: (0)3 25 70 07 19 Fax: (0)3 25 70 07 75
www.logis-aux-maisons.com

Hôtel Holiday Inn – Forêt d'Orient***

Rooms from €85 to €133
Menus from €23.50 to €26.50
Route de Géraudot
10220 ROUILLY SACEY
Tel: (0)3 25 43 80 80 Fax: (0)3 25 41 57 58
www.holidayinn-troyes.com

La Venise Verte***

Logis de France (3 chimneys)
Mlle Bertrand
Rooms from €50 to €60
Menus from €12 to €32
Rue du Plessis
10200 SOULAINES DHUYS
Tel: (0)3 25 92 76 10 Fax: (0)3 25 92 73 97
www.logis-venise-verte.com

Le Val Moret***

Logis de France (3 chimneys)
Mme Marisy
Rooms from €36 to €70
Menus from €14 to €35.50
Autoroute A5, Sortie 22
10140 MAGNANT
Tel: (0)3 25 29 85 12 Fax: (0)3 25 29 70 81
www.le-val-moret.com

Royal Hôtel***

Logis de France (3 chimneys)
M. Mme De Vos
Rooms from €62 to €100
Menus from €20 to €26
22, boulevard Carnot
10000 TROYES
Tel: (0)3 25 73 19 99 Fax: (0)3 25 73 47 85
www.royal-hotel-troyes.com

Hostellerie de la Chaumière**

Logis de France (3 chimneys)
M. Mme Guillerand
Rooms from €50 to €88
Menus from €18 to €50
81, Route Nationale 19
10200 ARSONVAL
Tel: (0)3 25 27 91 02 Fax: (0)3 25 27 90 26
www.lachaumiere.fr

Hôtel des Voyageurs**

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
M. Mme Chretien
Rooms from €43 to €45
Menus from €12.50 to €35.50
6, rue de la Nation
10250 RGYE SUR SEINE
Tel: (0)3 25 38 20 09 Fax: (0)3 25 38 25 37

Le Magny**

Logis de France (3 chimneys)
M. Mme Oliveau
Rooms from €43 to €55
Menus from €12 to €38
Route de Tonnerre
10340 RICEY HAUT
Tel: (0)3 25 29 38 39 Fax: (0)3 25 29 11 72

Haute-Marne Tourist Board

40 bis, avenue Foch

52000 CHAUMONT

Tel: (0)3 25 30 39 00

Fax: (0)3 25 30 39 09

E-mail: cdt@tourisme-hautemarne.com

www.tourisme-hautemarne.com

Haute-Marne is the most southerly of the four départements in Champagne-Ardenne and has all the irresistible characteristics of the region. Forests cover 240,000 hectares of land where wild animals roam freely, and woodland plants flourish in the luxuriant countryside. Water in the Haute-Marne is plentiful, with four lakes around the city of Langres in the south and the whole region being irrigated by the Aube, Marne, Meuse and Vingeanne rivers. It is not surprising that water sports and fishing are two readily available pastimes. To soothe any aches and pains you might have acquired whilst jet-skiing or over-zealously reeling in your fish, the thermal waters of **Bourbonne-les-Bains**, the oldest spa town in Eastern France, have been popular since Roman times with those in search of muscular relief and relaxation.

The Haute-Marne has many famous sons, including Charles de Gaulle, whose family home is in **Colombey-les-deux-Eglises**, in the shadow of the Cross of Lorraine. The writer and philosopher Voltaire escaped imprisonment in the Bastille and fled to the **Château de Cirey-sur-Blaise** where he lived in exile with his mistress Madame du Châtelet. **Joinville** is the native town of the chronicler of Saint-Louis, Lord Jehan of Joinville. The **Château du Grand Jardin** in

Joinville has spectacular Renaissance gardens and was built by Claude de Lorraine. Haute-Marne is also a land of tradition with **basket-making** at **Fayl-Billot** and **cutlery-making** at **Nogent**. At **Orges**, the **Moulin de la Fleuristerie** houses the last remaining centre where items are made for floral designs. A well-kept secret for almost a century, la Fleuristerie continues to manufacture accessories destined for the greatest names in fashion and decoration, such as Chanel and Lenôtre.



Joinville

Haute-Marne - Champagnes & Flavours

Local wines - champagnes

For champagne in the Haute-Marne, head to the west of the département and the villages of **Argentolles** and **Rizaucourt** where tasters are welcomed, but don't neglect the still wines in this region. The two villages of **Montsaugéon** and **Coiffy-le-Haut** in the picturesque south corner of the region won the title of 'Vin de Pays de Haute-Marne' for both their red wine, made from the Pinot Noir and Gamay grape, and their white, from the Auxerrois and Chardonnay. The people of these villages are proud of their achievement and are ready to share the fruits of their labours with visitors wishing to taste their celebrated wines for themselves.



Cycling near Lac de la Liez

In and around Haute-Marne



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'*Rubis de Groseilles*' is a delicious Haute-Marne aperitif made from redcurrants. Visit the plantation in **Bugnières**, to the south of Chaumont, where the fruit is grown. At the village of **Millières** to the west of Chaumont, brandies and **fruit liqueurs** such as Poire William (pear), Framboise (raspberry), Mirabelle (cherry plum) are prepared and distilled using traditional methods by Georges Decorse.

Local produce - flavours

The region's farming tradition ensures that a wide variety of local flavours is always on offer. Cheese manufacturers keep the region supplied with one of the nation's favourite foods - **Emmental** is the justly famous 'holey' cheese with a distinctively strong flavour, from the village of the same name. **Langres** also has a cheese named after the town in which it is made using long-established traditional methods. The dairy at **Saulxures** demonstrates this process to visitors. Other regional delicacies are **Truffles** (*Tuber Uncinatum*) from the area of Chaumont and the **Quemeu tart** of Langres.



Finding truffles



Cheese from Langres

In and around Haute-Marne

Haute-Marne - History & Heritage

Chaumont

Chaumont is the capital of the Haute-Marne. Nick-named **'the poster town'** for its collection of posters past and present, it holds an 'International Poster and Graphic Arts Festival' each June, attracting art-lovers from far and wide.

Strategically situated between the River Suize and the River Marne, Chaumont's elevated position ensured that in times of war the town was able to defend itself against attack. The Counts of Champagne resided at Chaumont Castle in the 13th century, although all that remains of the fortress is the keep (**Tour de Hautefeuille**). Today, the town has a very peaceful feel with picturesque houses, some with staircase towers and sculpted doorways, standing along a network of small, narrow and calm streets. The famous **railway viaduct** stretching 600m across the Suize Valley at a height of 50m, is an elegant landmark of 19th century engineering.

There are many beautiful buildings in Chaumont. The **Basilique St-Jean-Baptiste** dates from both the 13th century (the west front) and the 16th century (the gothic transept and east end of the church). Ornate carvings and stonework adorn every part of this remarkable structure, but its 'pièce de résistance' is an entombment of 1741 in the chapel at the west end of the nave. There, eleven life-size statues, each one adopting a different position and facial expression, are a moving sight and very realistic.

Langres

Renown as one of the 50 most remarkable cities in France, Langres is a medieval fortified town with 4km of ramparts, 7 towers and 6 gates. Langres was one of the three capitals of Burgundy under the Gauls and takes its name from the Gaulish tribe the 'Lingons' who built it up into a prosperous place during the Roman occupation. The town's main square, Place Diderot, has a statue of the famous 18th century philosopher as a tribute to his brilliance. His birthplace, on the corner of rue de la Boucherie, is also commemorated. These are among the many places of interest to be seen from a special **tourist train** which covers the old part of Langres, including the ramparts from where there are stunning panoramic views.



Tourist Train,
Langres

Museums

Musée d'Art et d'Histoire - Chaumont

(Art and History Museum)

Paintings, sculptures and archaeological collections are impressively displayed in the lower rooms of the keep of the Counts of Champagne.

52000 CHAUMONT

Tel: (0)3 25 03 01 99

Musée d'Art et d'Histoire - Langres

(Art and History Museum)

Exhibits include a Bacchus Mosaic from the 2nd century AD, archaeological collections dating from prehistoric, Roman and Egyptian periods, art galleries, sculptures (including works by Bouchardon) and decorative arts such as pottery and cutlery.

52200 LANGRES

Tel: (0)3 25 87 08 05

Musée de la Coutellerie (Cutlery Museum)

Here, the visitor can learn about the social and technical history of the cutlery industry in the Bassin de Nogent from the 19th century to the present day. There are over 10,000 items in the collection, including knives, scissors and surgical instruments.

52800 NOGENT

Tel: (0)3 25 31 89 21

Ecole Nationale d'Osiéiculture et de

Vannerie (National Basket-work School)

Basket-making is another traditional local craft. At this centre in the south of the region, large plantations of 'osier' (willow) are cultivated before being cut and skilfully transformed into practical, eye-catching baskets, hampers etc.

52500 FAYL-BILLOT

Tel: (0)3 25 88 63 02

In and around Haute-Marne

Haute-Marne - Water & Forests

Walks in the Haute-Marne

With over a hectare of forest for each inhabitant, the Haute-Marne is ideal for walking, horse-riding or cycling trips. The natural wealth of this region is symbolised by the many different kinds of orchids growing wild; the Haute-Marne boasts some 40 different species of these delicate flowers.

In the north of the region is the 4,800 ha **Lac du Der-Chantecoq**, one of the largest man-made lakes in Europe. Over the years, the lake has become a remarkable reserve for migrating birds. The lake also offers many different sporting activities, including speedboat racing, water skiing, sailing, canoeing, windsurfing, fishing, bathing, mountain biking and walking. A warm welcome for the visitor is combined with continued respect for these natural surroundings.

Famous for its restorative thermal waters, the spa town of **Bourbonne-les-Bains** is surrounded by forests and has unequalled views over the Apace valley. The spa itself is the only one in Champagne-Ardenne and specialises in rheumatology, osteoarthritis and respiratory conditions. Further information can be obtained from the Tourist Office of Bourbonne-les-Bains:

Centre Borvo, B.P. 34

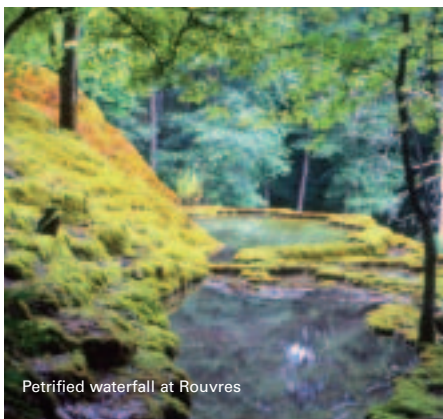
52400 BOURBONNE-LES-BAINS Cedex

Tel: (0)3 25 90 01 71

Fax: (0)3 25 90 14 12

www.bourbonne-thermes.fr

Also in Bourbonne-les-Bains, **the Bannie animal park** allows stags, wild boar and deer to roam freely about the site while visitors look on.



Petrified waterfall at Rouvres



Guyonville: Aventure Parc

Open over the summer, it is a great place to take the children for a day out, with picnic and barbecue areas. The park also boasts a fine aviary.

South of Bourbonne at **Guyonville**, an amusement park with a difference has recently opened: **Aventure Parc**. The main theme of the park is trees, where visitors can move from branch to branch around the park over small footbridges, swings, suspended cables, nets, ladders and rope ladders.

Aventure Parc, 52400 GUYONVELLE

Tel: (00) (0)3 25 90 00 02

If your visit to the Haute-Marne falls between June and September, head for **Prez-sous-Lafauche** (on the N74 between Chaumont and Neufchâteau) for the unique and remarkable **'Zoo de Bois'**. Here in the forest, living branches are cleverly sculptured into all manner of shapes and scenes to entertain and astonish visitors. Not surprisingly, this 'Musée aux Branches' is the only one of its kind in France.

In common with the other regions of Champagne-Ardenne, the Haute-Marne offers plenty of opportunity for visitors to tour the countryside and appreciate the fertile landscapes of the area. Chaumont and Joinville in particular encourage tourists to get on their bikes and head off down a variety of **cycle routes** chosen specially for their picturesque views of river, lake and vineyard.

Don't leave this area of Champagne-Ardenne before you've seen the **petrified waterfall** 'La cascade d'Etuf' in **Rouvres** due east of Langres. Limestone water tumbles spectacularly through a forest over porous tufa stone before separating into smaller falls, all of equal beauty.

Hotels and Restaurants

The following is a list of some of the hotels and restaurants in the Haute-Marne. There are, of course, many more good quality establishments in this area, the Haute-Marne Tourist Board will be pleased to give you a more complete list.

Le Cheval Blanc***

Logis de France (3 chimneys)
M. Mme Chevalier
Rooms from €56 to €78
Menus from €24 to €65
4, rue de l'Estre, 52200 LANGRES
Tel: (0)3 25 87 07 00 Fax: (0)3 25 87 23 13
www.hotel-langres.com

Les Remparts***

Logis de France (3 chimneys)
M. Mme Guy
Rooms from €45 to €66
Menus from €14 to €40
72, rue de Verdun, 52000 CHAUMONT
Tel: (0)3 25 32 64 40 Fax: (0)3 25 32 51 70
www.hotel-les-remparts.fr

Le Terminus-Reine***

M. Jehle
Rooms from €33 to €90
Menus from €17 to €67
Place du Général de Gaulle, 52000 CHAUMONT
Tel: (0)3 25 03 66 66 Fax: (0)3 25 03 28 95
www.relais-sud-champagne.com or
www.terminus-reine.fr

Auberge de la Montagne**

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
1 Michelin Star
M. Mme Natali
Rooms from €46 to €69
Menus from €22 to €75
17, rue de la Montagne
52330 COLOMBEY-LES-DEUX- EGLISES
Tel: (0)3 25 01 51 69 Fax: (0)3 25 01 53 20

Auberge des Voiliers**

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
M. Mme Bourrier
Rooms from €46 to €69
Menus from €13 to €38
Lac de la Liez, 52200 LANGRES-PEIGNEY
Tel: (0)3 25 87 05 74 Fax: (0)3 25 87 24 22
http://perso.wanadoo.fr/auberge.voiliers

Le Commerce**

Mme Belouet
Rooms from €30 to €60
Menus from €16 to €25
Place du Général de Gaulle, 52800 NOGENT
Tel: (0)3 25 31 81 14 Fax: (0)3 25 31 74 00
www.relais-sud-champagne.com

Hôtel de l'Europe**

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
M. Chiara
Rooms from €42 to €62
Menus from €15 to €46
23/25 rue Diderot, 52200 LANGRES
Tel: (0)3 25 87 10 88 Fax: (0)3 25 87 60 65
www.relais-sud-champagne.com

Hôtel Moderne**

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
M. Folleau
Rooms from €48 to €65
Menus from €15.50 to €39
Avenue de Lierneux, 52140 MONTIGNY-LE-ROI
Tel: (0)3 25 90 30 18 Fax: (0)3 25 90 71 80
www.hotelmoderne.fr

Le Parc**

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
M. Mme Dumont
Rooms from €47 to €60
Menus from €16 to €39
Place Moreau, 52210 ARC-EN-BARROIS
Tel: (0)3 25 02 53 07 Fax: (0)3 25 02 42 84
www.relais-sud-champagne.com

Auberge de la Fontaine**

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
M. Thomas
Rooms from €39 to €47
Menus from €10 to €28
Place de la Fontaine, 52210 VILLIERS-SUR-SUIZE
Tel: (0)3 25 31 22 22 Fax: (0)3 25 03 15 76

Au Rendez-Vous des Amis**

Logis de France (2 chimneys)
M. Nicard
Rooms from €38 to €61
Menus from €16.50 to €44
4, place du Tilleul, 52000 CHAMARANDES
Tel: (0)3 25 32 20 20 Fax: (0)3 25 02 60 90
www.au-rendezvous-des-amis.com

Les Trois Provinces**

M. Mme Jacoulot
Rooms from €43 to €74
Menus from €16 to €32
52190 VAUX-SOUS-AUBIGNY
Tel: (0)3 25 88 31 98 Fax: (0)3 25 84 25 61

Soleil d'Or**

M. Boudvin and M. Quackelbeen
Rooms from €36 to €70
Menus from €19 to €50
9, rue des Capucins
52300 JOINVILLE
Tel: (0)3 25 94 15 66 Fax: (0)3 25 94 39 02

Calendar of Events 2003

Here is a small selection of events which will take place in Champagne-Ardenne throughout 2002. For further information on events, contact the relevant departmental tourist board (see page 6).

17 and 18 May

Medieval Festival, Sedan, Ardennes
Sedan invites you to feast 'à la médiévale'.
Tel: (0)3 24 27 73 73
www.medieval-sedan.com

29 May to 1 June

Festival of Vines and Wines, in and around Epernay, Marne
Open house tastings and exhibitions of local produce, wine-making and craft.
Tel: (0)3 26 64 08 13 (Tourist Office)

7 July

Tour de France, Sedan, Ardennes
Arrival of the second stage.
Tel: (0)3 24 27 73 73 (Tourist Office)

8 July

Tour de France, Charleville-Mézières, Ardennes
Departure of the third stage.
Tel: (0)3 24 55 69 90 (Tourist Office)

8 and 9 July

Tour de France, Saint-Dizier, Haute-Marne
Arrival of the third stage (8 July) and timed circuit races (9 July).
Tel: (0)3 24 55 69 90 (Tourist Office)

21 June to 25 August

Town of Music, Troyes, Aube en Champagne
100 free concerts, with over 400 local musicians animate the streets of this medieval town. Friday and Saturday only.
Tel: (0)3 25 82 62 70

27 June to 10 August

Summer Promenade Concerts, Reims, Marne
Festival of concerts (mostly free) taking place in cultural centres, cafés and parks.
Varied programme of both classical music and jazz.
Tel: (0)3 26 77 45 00

28 June to 4 October

Sound and Light Show, Reims, Marne
Free sound and light show at the St-Remi Basilica every Saturday at 9.30 pm.
Tel: (0)3 26 77 45 00

July

The Factory Outlet Sales, Troyes, Aube en Champagne

Six week clearance, many products over 50% off. Armani, Versace, Cacharel, Timberland, Polo Ralph Lauren, Nike and Mexx labels.
Mc Arthur Glen Tel: (0)3 25 70 47 10
Marques Avenue Tel: (0)3 25 82 80 80

6 and 7 July

Festival of Henry IV, Ay, Marne
Throughout the town, a surprise to discover in each square: fireworks, sound and light, music, champagne tastings, processions, markets, etc.
Tel: (0)3 26 56 92 10

10 July

Tour de France, Troyes, Aube en Champagne
Departure of the fifth stage at 12.25pm (Argence Fontain) and circuit to Chaource.

13 and 14 July

Motorbike Rally, Palais des Fêtes, Epernay, Marne
Championship for tourists of France. Participation €30. Entries accepted up to 1 July.
Tel: (0)3 26 54 30 03 (Moto Club d'Epernay).

1 to 30 August

The Halberdier Circuit, Langres, Haute-Marne
Historical and humorous show of approx. 1 hr 30 taking place in the old town. Friday and Saturday evenings 9.15pm.
Tel: (0)3 25 90 77 40

9 and 10 August

Festival of the Route du Champagne en Fête, Côte des Bar, Aube en Champagne
In and around Bar sur Seine. Visits to cellars and tasting. €5 is the price of the flute that gives you access to all champagne tastings.
Tel: (0)3 25 42 50 00 Fax: (0)3 25 42 50 88

9 and 10 August

Festival of Local Produce, Estissac, Aube en Champagne
Exhibitions and tastings of different local products such as Chaource cheese, cider or andouillettes.
Contact Moulin d'Eguebaude, Tel: (0)3 25 40 42 18

9 and 10 August

4th Festival of harvesting and traditional trades, Dommartin-le-St.-Père, Haute-Marne
Exhibitions and demonstrations of traditional harvesting methods and other trades, regional produce and art.
Tel: (0)3 25 94 45 78

10 to 18 August

Louvergny Musical Encounters, Louvergny, Ardennes
Classical works by Czech composers.
Programme available on demand.
Tel: (0)3 24 30 14 26 or Tel: (0)3 24 71 98 98

15 to 17 August

'Festival Le Chein à Plumes en Maillot de Bain', Lac de Villegusien, Haute-Marne
Rock music festival.
Tel: (0)3 25 87 04 65
www.chein-a-plumes.net

30 and 31 August

Plesures of Hunting and of Nature, Châteauvillain, Haute-Marne
Traditional hunting meeting with 150 stands throughout the village exhibiting all kinds of products relating to hunting and nature.
Tel: (0)3 25 03 01 03 Fax: (0)3 25 03 98 41

September

Champagne harvest, Côte des Bar, Aube en Champagne
Become a grape picker for a day and take part in the atmosphere of the harvest.
Tel: (0)3 25 42 50 00 Fax: (0)3 25 42 50 88

Free Prize Draw

WIN a Gourmet Short Break for 2 including Champagne Cellar Tour and Gastronomic Meal at the Hôtel le Magny (Logis de France 3 chimneys) in Les Riceys, Aube en Champagne including return travel with Eurotunnel

See over for full details of prize. This package is one of 15 short breaks in the 'Escapades' brochure, available from the Aube en Champagne tourist board on 03 25 42 50 00. See also page 25.

Simply fill out the questionnaire below and post it to:
Champagne-Ardenne Tourist Board, 15, avenue du Maréchal Leclerc,
B.P. 319, 51013 CHALONS EN CHAMPAGNE Cedex, France.
Tel: (0)3 26 21 85 80 Fax: (0)3 26 21 85 90



Date:	Title:	Initial:	Surname:
Daytime tel:		E-mail:	
Address 1:		Address 2:	
Address 3:		Postal town:	
Postcode:		Country:	

What is your age?: under 16 16-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56-65 66-75 76 or over

1) Which of the following best describes your family situation?

Never had any children Children under 11 living at home Children 12-16 living at home
Children over 17 living at home Children have all left home

2) Do these children normally travel with you on holiday? Yes No

3) How many times did you travel with Eurotunnel in the past 12 months?

Day Trip	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3-5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6+ <input type="checkbox"/>
Short Stay (5 nights or less)	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3-5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6+ <input type="checkbox"/>
Long Stay (more than 5 nights)	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3-5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6+ <input type="checkbox"/>

4) For each type of trip, do you think the number of times you travel with Eurotunnel in the next 12 months is likely to:

	Increase	Decrease	Stay about the same
Day Trip	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Short Stay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long Stay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5) How many times have you been to the Champagne-Ardenne region with Eurotunnel in the past 12 months?

0 1 2 3-5 6+

6) Who did you travel with on your last trip with Eurotunnel?

By self With partner With group of friends With family (children)
With Family (older members) Coach trip Other

PLEASE SEE OVER

PRIZE DRAW RULES **1.** Two night's half board accommodation for two people sharing a twin or double room at the Hôtel le Magny in Les Riceys. Return Channel crossings by car with Eurotunnel. Prize includes one meal from a regional menu with a complimentary bottle of Rosé des Riceys and one meal from a gastronomic menu with a complimentary bottle of champagne. Prize also includes a cellar tour with wine tasting. **2.** Entrants must be aged 18 years or over. **3.** Employees of Eurotunnel, the Tourist Boards of the Champagne-Ardenne, their advertising and promotion agencies and members of their immediate families are not eligible to participate. **4.** The draw will be made by an independent person on 19 December 2003. **5.** The winner will be notified in writing by 31 January 2004. The name of the prize winner will be made available on request by post after 15 February 2004. **6.** Responsibility cannot be accepted for lost or mislaid entries. Damaged or defaced entries will be disqualified. **7.** The prize is not transferable or negotiable, cannot be exchanged for cash and is subject to availability. **8.** Winners may be required to take part in any publicity accompanying or resulting from this promotion. **9.** The prize must be taken by 31 March 2003. **10.** Promoter for travel: Destinations Marketing, Eurotunnel, PO Box 2000, Folkestone, Kent CT18 8XY; promoter for accommodation: Champagne-Ardenne Tourist Board, 15 avenue du Maréchal Leclerc, BP 319, 51013, Chalons-en-Champagne Cedex, France.

7) What are your chief interests/reasons for visiting the region? (tick all that apply)

Eating out Shopping Museums/churches/monuments Exploring by car
 Sport activities Walking Leisure parks/attractions

8) How did you obtain your guide?

Eurotunnel terminal On board the shuttle Eurotunnel web site
 Eurotunnel call centre Direct mail at home Tourist office
 Other (please state) _____

9) Have you used this guide to:

Plan a trip Yes No
 Visit somewhere new Yes No
 Discover more about the region Yes No
 Just for Reference Yes No

10) Please rate the usefulness of this guide

(1 = not very useful, to 10 = extremely useful)

The following brochures are available on request from the Champagne-Ardenne Regional and Aube en Champagne Tourist Boards. If you would like to receive a copy, please tick the box.

Champagne-Ardenne 2003 Guide

'Escapades' (Short Breaks in Aube en Champagne)

We would be pleased to hear your comments on the content of this guide. Please use the space below:

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6 to 8 September (every two years)

48h d'Automobiles Anciennes de Troyes

Troyes, Aube en Champagne
Gathering of ancient vehicles and luxurious cars from Europe, with more than 400 cars.
Tel: (0)3 25 42 50 00 Fax: (0)3 25 42 50 88

19 to 28 September

World Puppet Festival,

Charleville-Mézières, Ardennes
The largest gathering of puppet shows of all kinds and all continents.
Tel: (0)3 24 59 94 94
www.marionnette.com

September and October

The Haras Horse Show (stud farm), 'Haras National'

Montier-en-Der, Haute-Marne
Musical parade between 3 - 4 pm on Thursdays.
Free entry. Includes a display of harnessed horses by guards in full costume.
Tel: (0)3 26 72 62 80 Fax: (0)3 26 72 64 69

16 to 25 October

October Festival of Rock, Reims, Marne

Electric programme from rock to rap via reggae, bringing together local, national and international groups.
Tel: (0)3 26 77 78 79

3, 4 and 5 October

Salon of Flavours from the Haute-Marne,

Bourbonne-les-Bains, Haute-Marne
Exhibition and sale of local produce by numerous producers: 'foie gras', champagne, still wines etc.
Tel: (0)3 25 90 01 71 Fax: (0)3 25 90 14 12

13 October

8th Salon of Collectors' Items and Unusual

Memorabilia, Les Mazures, Ardennes
Taking place at the congress centre of the Lac des Vieilles-Forges, 9am-6pm. Presentation of private collections with indoor and outdoor performances.
Tel: (0)6 07 15 07 05 (Mr Cordier)

18 and 19 October

Gastronomic Fair of Food and Drink in the

Ardennes, Launois-sur-Vence, Ardennes

Taking place at the old coaching inn.
Tel: (0)3 24 33 81 17

18 and 19 October

7th Festival of the Wine Growers of the Massif de

Saint-Thierry, Trigny, Marne

Wine growers of 15 villages around Epernay come together to celebrate the tradition of wine and wine-making.
Tel: (0)3 26 03 12 62

25 to 26 October

Halloween Festival, Fortress of Cognelot,

Chalindrey, near Langres, Haute-Marne
Big Halloween Market selling all manner of Halloween items, local produce, crafts, etc. Tel: (0)3 25 88 82 03

October/November

Migrating Birds on the Lake, Lac du Der-Chantecoq,

Marne and Haute-Marne
Ornithological excursions with specialist wildlife and nature guides.
Tel: (0)3 26 62 72 80 Fax: (0)3 26 72 64 69

October/November

The Witches Manor, Villers le Tourneur, Ardennes

Tel: (0)3 24 35 02 69 Fax: (0)3 24 53 10 10

Beginning November

Les Nuits de Champagne, Troyes, Aube en Champagne

This Festival honours the writers and composers of French songs with around 25 evening concerts given on horseback near the historic centre of Troyes.
Tel: (0)3 25 43 55 00

14 to 16 November

International Festival of Photographs of Wildlife

and Nature, Montier-en-Der, Haute-Marne
Unique festival of photos of wildlife and nature, which attracts around 15,000 photo enthusiasts and nature lovers as well as famous names of photographic and bird-watching equipment.
Tel: (0)3 25 55 72 84

6 to 26 November

Reims Jazz Festival, Marne

Concerts organised by "Djaz 51" are given at the Champagne House of Pommery, noted in the region for its unique Neo-Tudor architecture.
Tel: (0)3 26 77 45 25 or (0)3 26 47 29 59

1 to 24 December

Christmas Markets

Produce, gifts, illuminations and many attractions to discover in Champagne-Ardenne during Christmas Time.
Tel: (0)3 26 68 37 52

1 to 24 December

The House of Father Christmas,

Poix-Terron, Ardennes
Meet Father Christmas and his imps.
Tel: (0)3 24 32 77 87

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Culture ...

Treasures to be found in the Haute-Marne include the fortified town of Langres, the Renaissance castle of Joinville and the village of Colombey-les-Deux-Eglises.

Art of Living!

Traditional crafts abound, such as weaving in Fayl-Billot, cutlery-making in Nogent or flower-making in Orges. Don't forget to sample our regional produce: cheese, local beer, wines and champagne or liqueurs!

And Nature for Wildlife and Open Air Leisure!

Rivers and lakes offer facilities for water-sport activities: windsurfing, houseboats and fishing (trout, pike or carp). The "Lac du Der" is also a paradise for migrating birds. With no fewer than 245 000 ha of forest, the Haute-Marne is home for deer, wild boar and badgers and ideal for walkers, mountain bikers and equestrians.

Ask for our gastronomic, cycling or fishing packages.



www.tourisme-hautemarne.com

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