

# CHAMPAGNE TOURS



The existence of vineyards in Champagne dates back to the beginning of our era. The Romans were the ones to introduce grape-growing in the Champagne region. They had already identified the originality of the soil that gives Champagne its specificity, chalky subsoil and sloping landscape. Reims, first gastronomic centre of France will show you the legacy of its glorious past and lead you into a prestigious realm of the most celebrated and festive of wines. Rich of traditions and centuries-old know-how, Reims and the Champagne are also a lively area with many passionate people that your driver will introduce you during the day.

## THE SITES DESCRIPTION



### REIMS

Rich of traditions and centuries-old know-how, Reims has also become a modern and lively regional capital thanks to its location. Four sites listed as UNESCO World Heritage, the refined atmosphere of the Champagne Houses, a town centre which offers you both the elegance of its Art Deco facades and its relaxed atmosphere which prevails in the streets and on the café-terraces, a program of many and varied cultural events, a green environment where nature is queen...

### THE CHAMPAGNE TOURIST ROAD

Just a 10 minute drive south of Reims, you'll find the vineyard covered slopes of Montagne de Reims. Once in the village of Ludes, you're in the "Grande Montagne" region, the kingdom of pinot noir. The Grande Montagne de Reims region concentrates 10 of the Champagne region's 17 wine-growing villages that are classified as Grands Crus.

### EPERNAY

Cross-roads of the « Champagne Tourist Route » circuits which join all the well-known winegrowing localities of the region, Epernay is surrounded by hills covered with the grapevines which produce the most famous wine in the world. The heart of these vineyards, with 30,000 hectares (74 acres) in production, beats at Epernay.



### WHAT TO SEE IN REIMS

- . Basilique Saint Remi.
- . Musee Abbaye Saint Remi.
- . Cathedrale Notre Dame.
- . Palais du Tau.

### CHAMPAGNE HOUSES

- . Canard Duchène.
- . G.H. Mumm.
- . Taittinger.
- . Veuve Cliquot Ponsardin.

### WHAT TO SEE IN EPERNAY

- . Gabrielle Dorziat Theatre.
- . The Majestic Avenue de Champagne.
- . The Church of Notre Dame

## RESTAURANTS RECOMMENDED

### GASTRONOMIC RESTAURANT

*Chateau les Crayères* in Reims

With his special menu around the Champagne, with main course with veal, this delight address surrounded by an English style park, will serve you the best food of the area "Notre Dame"...

### BEST QUALITY FOR REASONABLE PRICES

*Royal Champagne* near Epernay

With its special dish of confit de foi gras de canard, this old post office is a great place to eat with a view on the Champagne vineyard.

## SUGGESTION FOR YOUR DAY

### THE TOWN HALL IN EPERNAY

Originally the personal residence of Monsieur AUBAN-MOET, built in 1858 and turned over to the town in 1919, it preserves the charm of a private mansion in the centre of a lovely park. Inside, luxurious reception rooms, especially the Mariage Hall and the Council Hall are worth a visit. In front of the building, a terrace has been skilfully used to buttress the War Memorial Monument, the work of M. GIRAUD, architect. The Town Hall stands in a magnificent park designed in the last century.

