Reims

featuring the Centennial of the WWI Armistice

Inspiring Moments

► Tantalize your palate with tastings at two Champagne houses.
► Explore the beautiful city of Reims.
► Visit the Somme and Meuse-Argonne battlefields, solemn memorials and American cemeteries in this historic region.
► Cruise the Marne River through the Montagne de Reims, where vineyards cover the rolling hills.
► Explore two of Champagne’s renowned towns, Hautvillers and Épernay.
► Experience two UNESCO World Heritage sites.

INCLUDED FEATURES

ACCOMMODATIONS
(With baggage handling.)

► Seven nights in Reims, France, at the first-class Mercure Reims Centre Cathedrale Hotel.

EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM

► Seven breakfasts, five lunches and two dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
► Sample authentic regional specialties during meals at local restaurants.

YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

► Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
► Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
► Free time to pursue your own interests.
► Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
► Clearly hear your English-speaking guide with your VOX headset.
► Tipping of guides and drivers.
► Complimentary travel mementos.

ITINERARY

Day 1  Depart gateway city
Day 2  Arrive in Paris | Transfer to Reims
Day 3  Reims | Taittinger Estate
Day 4  Somme River Valley
Day 5  Troyes
Day 6  Reims
Day 7  Verdun
Day 8  Hautvillers | Épernay
Day 9  Transfer to Paris and depart for gateway city

► Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Excursions often require walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or other uneven surfaces.

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DISCOVERY

Reims. Discover the highlights of Reims. Visit the Notre-Dame Cathedral, which hosted 1,000 years of French coronations. See the Abbey of Saint-Remi and the Palace of Tau.

Taittinger Champagne. Tour the estate of this vaunted Champagne house before a tasting of its famous wines.

Battle of the Somme. Travel through the Somme River valley to the Museum of the Great War in Peronne to learn about Britain’s costliest World War I battle. Visit the Somme American Cemetery.

Troyes. Visit this charming, historic city, former capital of the Champagne region. During the Middle Ages, Troyes was one of four Champagne towns that hosted large international fairs. Admire charming timber-framed homes built in the 16th century after a fire destroyed the city.

The Meuse-Argonne and Verdun. Visit the region where 1.2 million U.S. soldiers fought in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. Pay your respects at memorials for the fallen soldiers from Pennsylvania and Missouri. Visit the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, the largest U.S. cemetery in Europe. Travel to the site of the World War I’s longest battle, which spanned 10 months in 1916. Visit the Verdun Memorial at Fleury-devant-Douaumont, a village completely destroyed during the fighting.

Montagne de Reims. Cruise the Marne River through the heart of Champagne Country. See the Montagne de Reims, where grapevines lace the hills. Stroll through the village of Hautvillers, home of the 17th-century monk credited with developing the modern technique of making sparkling wine. Today, his name, Dom Pérignon, is synonymous with Champagne. In Épernay, stroll down the Avenue de Champagne, the address of many renowned Champagne houses. Enjoy a tasting at one of the houses.

ENRICHMENT

The Land of Champagne. The bubbly wine made in this region claims the Champagne name. Made elsewhere, it is called sparkling wine. Learn why Champagne and its eponymous wine have become famous around the world.

The End of the Great War. Learn about the events leading up to the 1918 armistice and the eventual end of The War to End All Wars.

France Today. Discover how historic and current events are shaping modern France.

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Cathedral of Notre-Dame, Former Abbey of Saint Remi and Palace of Tau, Reims
2. Champagne Hillsides, Houses and Cellars

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ELECTIVE EXTENSION

Sometimes you want a more in-depth experience to take you further afield. That’s why we have designed an extension to allow you to craft your individual travel experience.

Paris. Explore the City of Light during a three-night extension, featuring first-class accommodations at the Mercure Paris Opéra Louvre Hotel in the heart of city. Museums, restaurants and shops are just a short stroll away. A guided city walking tour and daily breakfasts also are included.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

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