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Churches & Cathedrals of Champagne

Full-day excursion to Champagne including Reims, Troyes and Chaource

Visit the cathedrals in Reims and Troyes followed by the church in Chaource. The excursion will end with a visit and tasting at the cheese museum.

Make it Verdun!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue: Guided visit of Verdun's battlefield: including Fort Douarumont, the trench of bayonets and the ossuary.

Please see the last page for more information.

Make it de Gaulle!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue: Guided visit to La Boisserie, General de Gaulle's former residence.

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Reims, Troyes and Chaource

8:30 am: Meet your guide and your driver in the lobby of your hotel in Reims or Epernay.

In the morning, take a walking tour of **Reims and visit the Cathedral**, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This 13th-century masterpiece has 2,500 statues of great interest and quality, including the famous smiling angel.

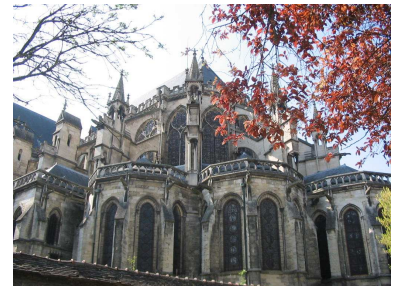
Continue on to Troyes and stop in Chalons-en-Champagne for lunch. We suggest **the Michelin-starred restaurant “Aux Armes de Champagne.”** You will enjoy classic cuisine with a modern flair, made with the fresh produce from the vegetable garden.

Arrive in Troyes in the beginning of the afternoon for an orientation tour of this amazing old city, known for its many **Gothic churches**. Most of the churches have **exceptional stained-glass windows** and are definitely worth the visit. The most famous stained-glass maker was Linard Gonthier (16th century), whose works can still be seen in Troyes' Public Library.

Drive to **the village of Chaource**, on the outskirts of Troyes, to visit the famous church of Saint Jean-Baptiste. In the crypt of the church is “the Entombment of Christ,” which consists of a group of statues. It is a masterpiece amongst masterpieces, and **art enthusiasts from all over the world come to see it.**

Do not miss the visit to the nearby **cheese museum**: You will be taken back in time, seeing rare items of long-lost craftsmanship. End your visit with a **tasting session of Chaource cheese.**

Return to Reims or Epernay at the end of the day.





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NB: Please note that some sites mentioned in the itinerary might not be available every day or at certain times of the year. We suggest that you check with our Production Managers

This package includes

- Deluxe minivan carrying up to 4 passengers and professional driver.
- Professional English speaking guide who is licensed to guide and accompany you on walking tours, as well as in museums and monuments.
- Découvertes' fees.
- 24-hour assistance available during your stay.
- All taxes.

This package does not include

- Entrance fees
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

Découvertes can also provide:

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites
- Lunch reservations

Make it Optional

Make it Verdun!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue:

Guided visit of the Verdun battlefield (1-1/4 hour drive from Reims). Aboard your private car, you will follow the footsteps of WWI soldiers. You will visit Fort Douaumont, the largest fort, which fell, without a struggle, after having been sadly neglected. Afterwards, visit the trench of bayonets, commemorating soldiers from the 137th Regiment, who were buried alive during a bombing blitz. The Douaumont ossuary contains the remains of 130,000 unknown French and German soldiers, while the Douaumont National Cemetery is the final resting place for 15,000 French troops. Whether you are a history-buff or not, this visit will allow you to learn more about World War I!



Please contact us for more information as to price and availability.

Make it General de Gaulle!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue:

Drive to Colombey les Deux Eglises (1-1/4 hour drive from Troyes) to visit General de Gaulle's last home. You will come closer to one of the most famous names in modern-day French political history. The Boiserie is where he found the time and inspiration to think and to write. The lounge, dining room and office (where a number of gifts offered by foreign heads-of-state are exposed) make up the first part of the tour. The visit continues with a tour of the park surrounding the estate, where visitors can admire the same views that General de Gaulle once enjoyed.



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