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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-calibre professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Immerse yourself in the epic history of the storied provinces of Champagne and Picardy, today known as the Grand Est and Hauts-de-France, and discover the story of Champagne, the world's most famous sparkling wine.

- ▶ Discover **Reims**, a town steeped in French royal history and the ideal base for exploring Champagne country.
- ▶ Visit three **Champagne houses** for a behind-the-scenes look at the world of Champagne making.
- ▶ Explore **Le Marais**, a historic neighbourhood that is a modern-day favourite of Parisians and travellers alike.
- ▶ Marvel at Paris' most beautiful landmarks during a **cruise on the Seine**.
- ▶ Reflect upon the bravery of Canadian soldiers at the **Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial**.
- ▶ Step back in time in **Troyes**, one of the great cities of mediaeval Europe.
- ▶ Stroll along the **Avenue de Champagne**, one of most elegant streets in France.



ALUMNI EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends,

We invite you to join us on a fascinating journey through one of the most historically and culturally important regions of France.

From our base in the charming city of Reims, we'll delve into the cultural history of Champagne, the world's favourite celebratory drink and a true French icon. We'll visit acclaimed Champagne houses, descend into the chalk caves that have been turned into wine cellars and learn about the finer points of Champagne during three tastings. Plus, we'll explore the region's significant World War I history and visit the memorials. Finally, our journey together will include a special visit to Paris to admire its breathtaking sights and experience its joie de vivre!

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. Enjoy the camaraderie of travelling with a group and, during your free time, feel the thrill of making your own discoveries! Space on this exclusive journey is limited, and the trip is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservations today!

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Palace of Tau



Paris

Day One

In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Paris, France.✈

Day Two

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Paris, France | Reims

Upon arrival, transfer✈ to Reims and check in to the Mercure Reims Centre Cathedrale Hotel. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day Three

B | L

Reims

Discovery: Taittinger Champagne. Tour the estate of this renowned Champagne house before a tasting of its famous wines. Founded shortly after World War I, Taittinger now is one of the best-known names in Champagne. Discover the history of Reims as you explore Taittinger's facilities, which incorporate the ruins of a 13th-century abbey into its design. Fourth-century chalk quarries have been repurposed as its Champagne cellars.

Discovery: Reims. Discover the highlights of Reims. Visit the Notre-Dame Cathedral, which hosted 1,000 years of French coronations. During the 17th century, Champagne became the celebratory drink of coronations after local winemakers perfected the process of creating the sought-after sparkle in the local wine. See the Abbey of Saint-Remi and the Palace of Tau.

Day Four

B | L

Somme River Valley

Discovery: Battle of the Somme. Travel to the Museum of the Great War in Péronne to learn about this 1916 World War I battle, the costliest for Britain in terms of casualties. Of the 600,000 Allied soldiers killed in that battle, Britain lost 420,000. Enjoy lunch while in Péronne, and then continue to the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial. Though the great bronze caribou is a symbol of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, the memorial honours all Canadians who served in the Great War. Visit the Courcellette Canadian Memorial, dedicated to the Canadians who fought in the Battle of the Somme.

Day Five

B | L

Troyes

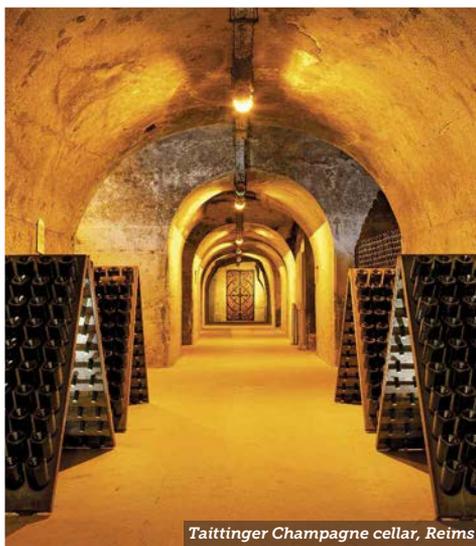
Enrichment: A Champagne Primer.

Only bubbly made in this region can claim the Champagne name. Made elsewhere, it is called sparkling wine. Learn why this special region and its eponymous wine have become famous around the world.

Discovery: Troyes. Visit this charming city, former capital of the Champagne region. During the Middle Ages, Troyes prospered as one of the four towns that hosted the great Champagne Fairs. Twice a year, vendors



Seine River, Paris



Taittinger Champagne cellar, Reims



Troyes

and shoppers from all over Western Europe descended upon Troyes to buy and sell fine wool and silk, leather, spices, silver and gold, as well as herbs, medicine, food and other items. Explore the historic quarter and admire the colourful half-timbered homes and stone mansions built in the 16th century after a fire destroyed the city.

For lunch, savour the delectable flavours of French cuisine at a restaurant in Troyes.

Free Time: Explore Troyes on your own.

Day Six

B | L

Reims Wine Country

Enrichment: *The End of the Great War.*

Learn about the events leading up to the 1918 armistice and the eventual end of World War I, the War to End All Wars. The legacy of the armistice remains with us as we honour veterans on Remembrance Day each November 11.

Discovery: *Montagne de Reims.* Visit the heart of Champagne country. The Montagne de Reims, a national park, is a plateau surrounded by hills covered with grapevines and towns famous for their Champagne production. Explore the village of Hautvillers. The village's most famous resident was the 17th-century monk credited with developing the modern technique of making sparkling wine. Today, his name, Dom Pérignon, is synonymous with Champagne. Continue to Épernay for a delicious lunch, followed by a stroll down the Avenue de Champagne, the address of many renowned Champagne houses. Visit two Champagne houses, one near Hautvillers and the other en route to Épernay, for tours and tastings.

Enrichment: *France Today.* Discuss the current events shaping modern France.

Day Seven

B | L

Paris

Discovery: *Paris.* Appreciate the city's exquisite beauty on a panoramic tour, then set out on a guided stroll through Le Marais. Make your way along twisting, cobbled lanes past colourfully painted shopfronts in this hip,

INCLUDED FEATURES



UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Cathedral of Notre-Dame, Former Abbey of Saint Remi and Palace of Tau, Reims**
2. **Saint-Nicaise Hill, the Avenue de Champagne in Épernay and Hautvillers, part of Champagne Hillsides, Houses and Cellars**

intimate and historic district on the Right Bank. Once a favoured address of aristocrats, it's now a bustling hub for fashionable art galleries, restaurants, boutiques and specialty shops. Then, relish the city's special ambience from a new vantage point as you cruise on the Seine River. Glide past iconic landmarks such as Notre-Dame Cathedral and the Louvre, and float under the arches of its charming bridges, including the city's oldest, the Pont-Neuf, completed in 1607.

Day Eight B | D

Reims

Free Time: Pursue your own interests today. Spend it in Reims, where many Champagne houses are located, or perhaps venture further afield to explore the vineyards and villages in the countryside. Your Travel Director can offer suggestions for your free time.

This evening, charge your glasses with Champagne and join your fellow travellers as you toast to your enriching journey at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day Nine B

In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the Paris airport for the return flight to your gateway city. ✈

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

✈ *Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants*

B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

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

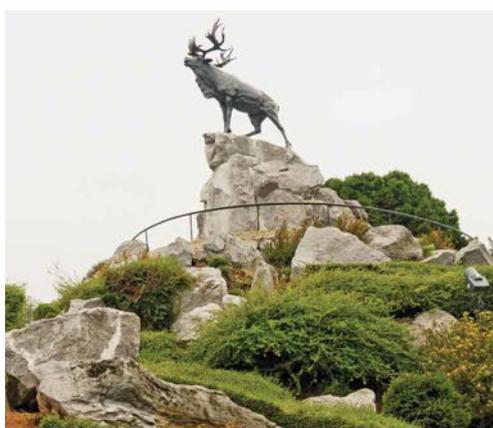
EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM

- Seven breakfasts, five lunches and two dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Sip Champagne and tour the Taittinger estate, one of the most celebrated Champagne houses.
 - Immerse yourself in the history and culture of Reims.
 - Delve into World War I history at the Museum of the Great War in Péronne.
 - Pay your respects at the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial.
 - See the highlights of mediaeval Troyes.
 - Explore the Montagne de Reims, the heart of Champagne country, and meet the winemakers at two Champagne houses for tours and tastings.
 - Stroll through fashionable Le Marais.
 - See the highlights of Paris during a Seine River cruise.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travellers.
- Clearly hear your English-speaking guide with your own VOX headset.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial



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REIMS

Our travel experts have carefully selected this first-class property for its prime location. It is ideally located for exploring the region's renowned landmarks, while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.

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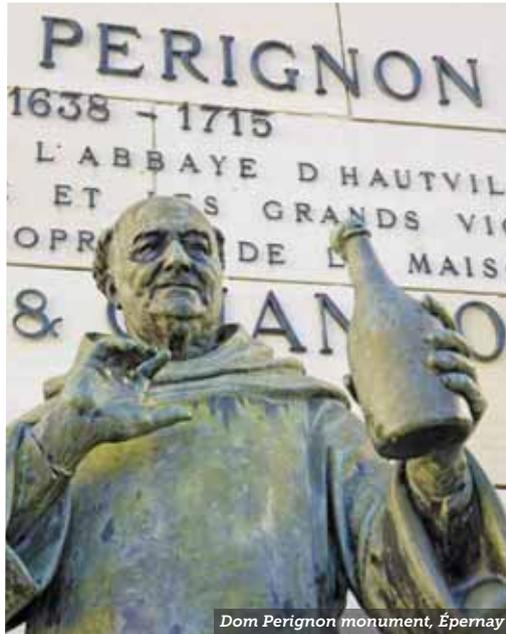
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Dom Perignon monument, Épernay

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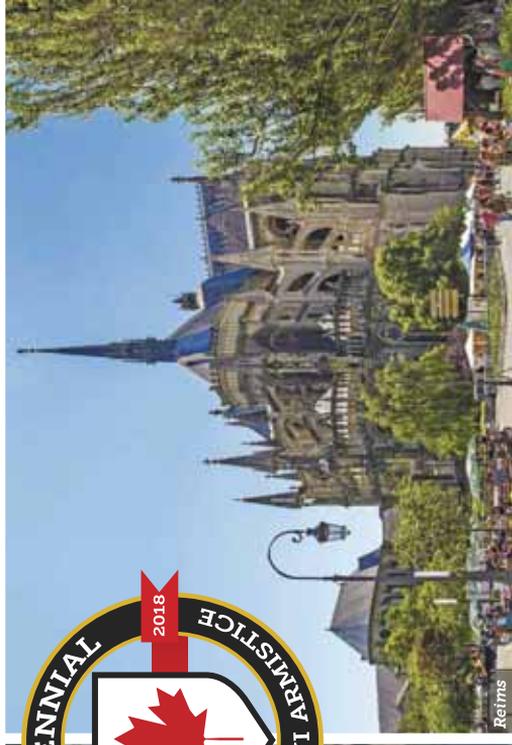
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Half-timbered architecture, Troyes



Reims



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