



Champagne

"Come quickly, I am tasting the stars!"



Soon enough you will begin your gastronomic visit to *France* in the *Champagne* region. Our first hotel is in the tiny village of *Dizy*, surrounded by *Champagne* vineyards.

On Sunday evening, we will begin our week in the most appropriate way; dinner at *La Cave à Champagne* in the town of *Epernay*. The menus are always a surprise for you to discover. One hint: you are in *Champagne*!

On Monday morning you will visit *Champagne Daniel Dumont* in the charming village of *Rilly-la-Montagne*. Your tour of their amazing cellars and the tasting with *Mr. Dumont* is the best way to learn about *Champagne*.



On Monday afternoon you will be in *Reims*; the larger of the two main towns in the *Champagne* region.

Research options for lunch. Afterwards, enjoy some shopping along the *Place Drouet d'Erlon*. Make certain to visit to the *Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Reims*. Most historians and architectural experts consider this cathedral the finest example of gothic architecture in the world. Imagine; construction of this world landmark began in the year 1211; 814 years ago!

This cathedral is important in French history because it is the location where all of the kings of *France* were coronated.

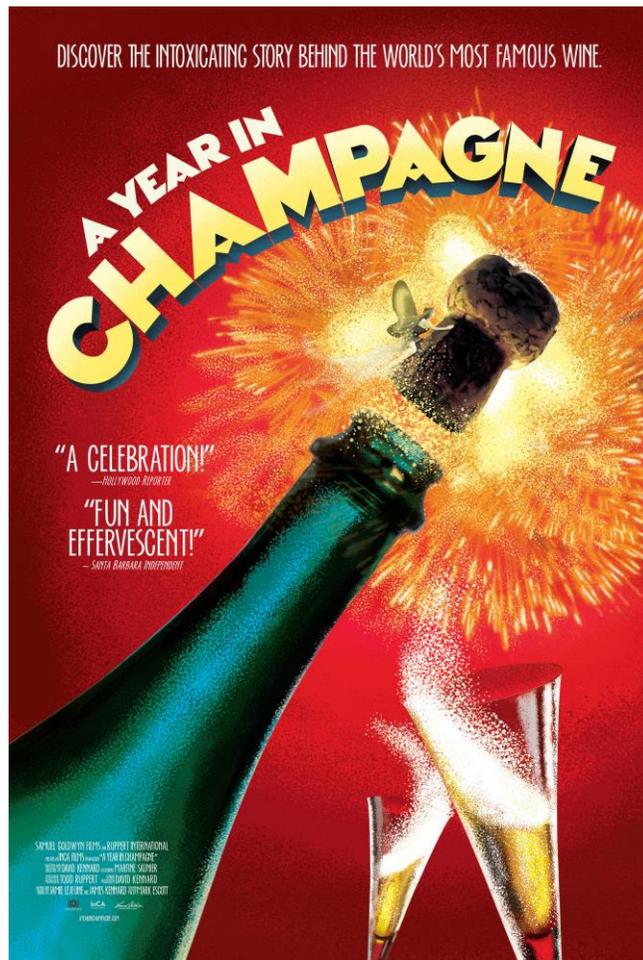


The magnificent Cathedral de Reims – circa 1211 AD

After your visit to *Reims*, we will begin our travels down into the Burgundy region. We will stop at a French supermarket. You will be able to see how the French shop. You will be able to pick up any travel necessities and find a few souvenirs and gifts.



The Place Drouet d'Erlon is the main shopping street in the center of Reims



Trailer to a great film – *A Year in Champagne*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AjSHzzye_W0

The full film: *A Year in Champagne*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0mGOn9Qps4>

Watch this one hour and twenty-two-minute as a great precursor to your visit to *Champagne*. About the film:

“Legendary wine importer Martine Saunier is our guide as we get a rare glimpse behind the scenes into the real Champagne through six houses - from small independent makers like Champagne Saint-Chamant, where each and every bottle is still turned by hand in the cellars, to the illustrious houses of Gosset and Bollinger, which have been instrumental in shaping the image of Champagne around the worldwide.”



There is work in the vineyards all year-round

Wines of Champagne

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uS0wx6Dl838>

A short 7-minute film introducing you to climate, soil and growing conditions of the *Champagne* region.



Champagne Daniel Dumont

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/yjfKGOgi9rQ>

A 10-second introduction to *Champagne Daniel Dumont*



Winter in Champagne André Clouet

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8UV8JUdHuAE&list=RD8UV8JUdHuAE&start_radio=1

Less than two minutes, this charming film gives you a sense of the behind-the-scenes work that happens in *Champagne* .





Pruning the Champagne vineyards in the winter

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/gKZMtrLW4UE>

A very short look at the hard work that happens in the vineyards in the winter. The vineyard workers explain that the vineyards “*Are not dead. They are sleeping*” through the winter but still need lots of care.



The vineyards become magical in the winter. The vines and the support system glisten and sparkle in the refreshing weather.