



Trip description

Loop bike trip in the Champagne vineyards

Get on a sparkling bike trip through Champagne and discover with all your senses what makes the Champagne wine region so special. Starting in Reims, this bike route through the vineyard draws a line around Montagne de Reims and goes further south of Epernay along Côte des Blancs. The Champagne bike route is hilly so if you are not an expert biker, it is advised to choose an ebike.



Type of stay
loop trip



Destination	France
Location	Champagne
Duration	6 days
Difficulty Level	Challenging
Validity	From april to october
Minimum age	16 years old
Reference	CH0601

Itinerary



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Champagne is a privileged destination for a bicycle trip, even if it has to be earned! We start on foot with the discovery of the exceptional heritage of

Reims, the wonderful Notre-Dame cathedral but also the Thau palace and the Saint-Rémi basilica. From the second day on, we venture by bike on an itinerary undulating on the hillsides, often steep, of the Montagne de Reims and the Côte des Blancs. You will have breathtaking views of the vineyards dotted with small villages of character, the Marne valley and the Champagne plain below. You can stop at any time to meet the Champagne wine growers, taste the wines and appreciate the diversity of Champagne. In Epernay, we contemplate the facades of the private mansions of the great houses. We close this beautiful journey by pedaling through the forest to return to Reims and the loop is closed!

Day 1

Arrival in Reims

Reims is regularly mentioned in the history books because it was during centuries the coronation place of the kings of France kingdom. Admire the majestic Notre-Dame cathedral and learn more about the rituals of the coronation ceremony in the museum of Palais de Thau. You can continue on your historical quest by visiting the Saint-Rémi abbey. Otherwise, stroll in the pedestrian centre of Reims to see the covered market and enjoy the lively cafés.

Day 2

Reims - Bouzy/Mutigny

Bike
33/52km

Altitude
±400m

You cycle out of Reims along the Canal de l'Aisne à la Marne to Sillery on a green cycle path that winds its way through the industrial zone. A perfect warm-up for your first riding day! After a short distance through the plain, you ride up to the hills covered with vines and gaze at the villages of Verzenay and Verzy nestled in the heights. You go from village to village on small roads and country paths through Villers-Marmery, Trépail and Ambonnay. You overnight in Bouzy (B category/ 33km) or Mutigny (C category/ 52km).

Day 3

Bouzy/Mutigny - Epernay par Hautvillers

Bike
36/22km

Altitude
±300m

You start today by a long descent across the vineyard to the valley of the Marne. You reach a nice and flat cycle path along the side canal to the Marne. Exit the cycle path and take the detour to the village of Ay, where many Champagne houses and the Pressoria museum open their doors to visitors. After Dizy, you start climbing again on the hillsides and enjoy the breathtaking views of the wavy sea of vines and the valley. You ride through the village of Champillon and after another downhill and uphill, you reach Hautvillers, considered as the birthplace of Champagne. You go back to the valley and end your day in the prestigious city of Epernay.

Day 4

Cote des Blancs loop tour

Bike
44km

Altitude
±110m

This loop tour takes you across the wine area called "Côte des Blancs" at the south of Epernay, named after the white colour of its dominant grape variety "Chardonnay". After the exit of Epernay, you bike for 2.5km on a dirt path across fields to reach Chouilly. From there, you ride on small country roads on softer hills enjoying a panoramic view of the valley below. Have a break in the circular village of Vertus mid-way before returning through the forest towards Epernay. You bike again along steep hills covered with vines, in the middle of which stands the charming chapel of Chavot-Courcourt, before proceeding into Epernay.

Day 5

Epernay - Reims

Bike
41km

Altitude
±375m

Cycle along the Marne river until Damery then uphill again surrounded by the vineyard. You reach the hilltop of Montagne de Reims covered by forest and go down on the opposite hillside through another wine area overlooking the plain of Reims. You cycle through Chamery, Ecueil and Sacy before crossing Reims and triumphantly arrive at the foot of the cathedral.

Day 6

Departure from Reims

You leave Reims after breakfast. Take advantage of these last moments to make a last tour in the city center.

Accommodation

Category B

You will be accommodated in 3-Star hotels or Bed and Breakfasts. We have selected the accommodations for their charm, and their quality. Breakfast is included.



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Category C

You will be accommodated in ****/***** type lodgings, selected for their quality services and comfort. Breakfast is included.



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Practical information

To get to departure point:

By train: direct TGV (fast trains from Paris) To plan your trip, www.trainline.com

Parking

If you drive to Reims, you can park your car in a secured car park located in the city center next to the train station. The daily rate is about 12€.

To get back to starting point:

Regional trains take you back to your starting point if you wish. They are accessible without booking in advance and bicycles are free. You have to buy your ticket on spot. There are several trains per day.

Meeting time:

You pick up your bikes at your hotel in Reims, they will be delivered for 9:30am. We kindly ask you to drop off your luggage at the hotel reception at **09.30am the latest**.

Price description

Category B

Double room fare

€899 /pers

5 nights in *** hotels/ bed and breakfast
5 breakfasts
4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike
the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information
the luggage transport
the delivery and return of the bikes
7/7 hotline
two champagne tastings

High season (*)

€25 /pers

Extra for a single room

€95 /night

Extra night in Reims

€68 /pers

Extra night in Epemay

€95 /pers

Category C

Double room fare

€1270 /pers

5 nights in 4*/5* hotels
5 breakfasts
4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike
the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information
the luggage transport
the delivery and return of the bikes
7/7 hotline
two champagne tastings

High season (*)

€50 /pers

Extra for a single room

€148 /night

Extra night in Reims

€100 /pers

Extra night in Epemay

€198 /pers

Options

Discount if you ride your own bicycle

-€90 /pers

Extra for the rental of an electric bike

€90 /pers

Solo traveller extra

€130 /pers

(*) High season :

• from 01.09 to 30.09.2024

Children discount (in the same room as 2 full rate participants):

0-4 year : -70%

5-11 year : -50%

12-17 year : -30%

The package doesn't include:

the journey to the tour location

the drinks

the meals which are not included

the entrance fee to sites

insurances (optional)

local tourist taxes

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