

# Hearst Ranch Winery "Paris and Bubbles Pre-Cruise Program" October 19-22, 2017

## Day 1 : Thursday October 19th: Paris

Land in Paris at Charles de Gaulle airport and check into the very Parisian boutique [Hotel Britannique](#), in the heart of the fashionable Marais arrondissement: this charming 3 star hotel will be your romantic home for the next 2 nights.

Taxis, buses, RER train, Metro await after clearing Customs at CDG airport



Day of rest, recoup and leisure. Dinner on your own.

*Note: private car transfer from airport to hotel can be arranged on an individual basis: contact Joelle Cliff at Terroirs Travels: [joelle@terroistravels.com](mailto:joelle@terroistravels.com)*

## Day 2 : Friday October 20th

*Free day to explore the City of Lights at your own pace. Joelle will be glad to provide you with a list of recommendations for museums, shops, restaurants, etc..*

After a complimentary full breakfast in the hotel lounge, set out to explore the City of Lights at your own pace: museums, art galleries, shopping, sights are all within walking distance of our perfectly located hotel.



## Welcome Dinner at Fermette Marboeuf

Just a few steps from the Champs Elysees, the Fermette Marboeuf is a unique restaurant where the authenticity of its décor (listed in the historical monument inventory) and exceptional charm of the Art Nouveau style meet. The chef's cuisine is at the same time new and classic, and always inspired to make this an elegant, festive and refined gastronomic experience. Our deluxe motor coach will pick us up in the lobby of the hotel at 7:30pm for a ride up the Champs Elysees to la Fermette Marboeuf. A cocktail reception with "aperitif maison" and amuse-bouche will set us in the mood for a delicious and hardy 3-course meal.



Return by motorcoach to Hotel Britannique for a good night's sleep: tomorrow will be a big day!

*Optional: Private guided day tour €250.00/per person (Minimum 8 guests) (not incl. in pre-cruise package price).*

- 9:00am: Meet your private guide at the hotel, and set off for a walking tour of the most prestigious monuments and streets of Paris from Les Champs Elysées to Les Invalides. You will come across sophisticated Paris exploring l'Arc de Triomphe, Alexandre III bridge, le Petit and Grand Palais, the Concorde's place...
- Enjoy a visit of the Eiffel Tower and reach the top for a wonderful view of the city.
- 12:30pm: Lunch in a lovely French bistro.
- After lunch, a visit to the most famous works of art at the Louvre museum, former residence of the kings of France, and its glass pyramid. With 60,000 square meters, it is one of the world's largest museums. You will discover the world famous painting "La Joconde", amongst others.
- Finish the day in the artistic arrondissement of Paris, walking through the charming streets of Montmartre, admiring the painters Place du Tertre and exploring the Sacré Coeur basilica.
- Your guide will lead you back to the hotel at the end of the tour, in time for our Welcome Dinner.

## Day 3 : Saturday October 21st: Arrival in Reims and Champagne tour



Very early wake-up call and breakfast at the hotel where our wine expert guide for the day will join us as we board our motorcoach to the Gare de l'Est train station: all on board the TGV high speed train for a 45 minute ride to Reims, the capital of Champagne and beloved bubbles!!

Another deluxe air-conditioned motor coach awaits us in Reims for a full day of touring and tasting at two of the most prestigious [Champagne Houses: Taittinger and Moët & Chandon](#).

After a short visit of the historical city center, we will visit the caves of the famous Taittinger Champagne House including a tasting of two champagnes. Taittinger is one of the last remaining family run estates, located on the site of the Saint Nicaise Abbey. Taittinger has been making its mark on the Champagne region since 1932. This iconic Champagne House is driven by the Chardonnay grape which contributes its elegance and freshness; its flagship Comtes de Champagne has only 30 vintages since the first cuvee was produced in 1952, signifying the care and meticulous nature taken to make each bottle.

### **Lunch:**

Lunch in a typical brasserie located in the heart of Reims.

### **Mid afternoon:**

Guided visit of the magnificent Reims cathedral. The kings of France were once crowned here, and along with the cathedrals of Chartres and Amiens, Reims is a member of the illustrious triad of "High Gothic" or "Classical" French cathedrals built in the 13th century; it is a marvel of architecture not to be missed.

Private guided visit of the renowned Moët & Chandon Champagne House (producers of the exclusive Dom Perignon label) followed by a glass of Grand Vintage and a glass of Grand Vintage Rosé.



Check into the 19th-century mansion, Villa Eugène, that once belonged to the Mercier family, our elegant boutique hotel in the heart of Epernay for the night. Refined rooms feature Louis XVI-style decor with oversized windows and updated bathrooms (some with claw-foot tubs). Mini bars, flat-screen TVs and free Wi-Fi.

Time to relax and enjoy our hotel or go shopping in town.

Elegant dinner at the gourmet restaurant of Epernay, Le Theatre , where Chef Lieven Vercouteren will delight us with his amazing farm to table cuisine.

Stroll back to the hotel after dinner.



#### **Day 4: Sunday October 22nd**

Breakfast at the Villa and time to bid farewell to Champagne! Early morning departure to Champagne Ardennes train station by deluxe motorcoach, and all on board the super fast TGV train to Bordeaux, a 4hr 45min ride.

In Bordeaux the gracious Uniworld staff will transfer us to the River Royale, our deluxe boutique ship anchored in the heart of the city.

And so the land portion of our adventure ends, only to give way to a fabulous 7 day journey through the most famed Chateaux and Vineyards of the world!

Welcome Aboard, the fun has just begun!



**Pre-cruise land package pricing: \$1700.00/per person**

This price is based on a euro/dollar conversion rate not to exceed 1.12 at time of payment. Price could vary upwards should the conversion rate exceed 1.12

\$700 deposit per person is due at time of booking.

Final payment due January 15, 2017.

Price is calculated on a minimum of 8 rooms, double occupancy.

Single supplement of Euros 125 will apply.

Payable by credit card to Terroirs Travels at [www.terroistravels.com/payments](http://www.terroistravels.com/payments).

**Price Includes:**

Paris: 2 nights and 2 full breakfasts at Hotel Britannique.

*(city tax not included)*

Cocktail reception and dinner at Fermette Marbeuf, including 1/2 bottle wine per person, water and coffee

Transfers by private motor coach to and from Hotel Britannique/ Fermette Marbeuf

Champagne: 1 night in deluxe room at Villa Eugène

1 breakfast at Villa Eugène

1 gourmet dinner at Le Theatre (wine and spirits not included)

Guided visit of the Reims cathedral

Tastings and entrance fees for Taittinger and Moët & Chandon

Lunch at Reims brasserie

Private tour coordinator all day Saturday

All motor coach transfers and transports in Paris and Champagne

1st class TGV train ticket from Paris to Champagne Ardenne

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The price is for land package only, international airfare and transfer from airport to Paris hotel is not included.

As is most often the case for private tours abroad, *all payments are non-refundable.*

The purchase of Trip Insurance is strongly recommended at the time of booking. Consult Terroirs Travels for best quotes.

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