



Trip description

4-day bike tour in Champagne from Reims to Epernay

This short bike tour between Reims and Epernay takes you across the Champagne wine region. Marvel at the vines stretching as far as the eye can see, while biking up and down the hills of Montagne de Reims and Côte des Blancs. Stop for a tasting in the Champagne houses and admire the architecture of Reims cathedral and Avenue de Champagne in Epernay.

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Destination	France
Location	Champagne
Duration	4 days
Difficulty Level	Challenging
Validity	From april to october
Minimum age	Minimum age 16 years old
Reference	CH0401

Itinerary

There is nothing like a cycling trip to immerse yourself in the world of Champagne! Cycling through the vineyards of Champagne will allow you to discover the amount of work and know-how accumulated for centuries behind a beautiful bottle celebrating the most beautiful occasions. Here the insignia Moët-et-Chandon, Veuve-Clicquot, Dom Pérignon are not on a label but on milestones or cisterns at the edge of the road. After the visit of Reims, you will go back to the sources of Champagne by crossing the wine-producing villages and learn its manufacturing secrets by visiting the producing houses. Your itinerary takes you up to Hautvillers, the place where Dom Pérignon perfected the technique of Champagne wine making in the 17th century. This 4-day version extends your stay in Epernay to make a loop on the Côte des Blancs passing by Avize, Mesnil-sur-Oger, Vertus and the chapel of Chavot-Courcourt on the way back.

Jour 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 area

Bike
33km

Altitude
±235m

You cycle out of Reims along the Canal de l'Aisne à la Mame 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 or Mutigny.

Day 3

Bouzy area - Epernay via Hautvillers

Bike
36km

Altitude
 **±296m**

You start today by a long descent across the vineyard to the valley of the Mame. You reach a nice and flat cycle path along the side canal to the Mame. 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.

Accommodation



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*



Catégorie C

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

** Example of the type of accommodation*

Price description

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