

FRANCE

OFF THE BEATEN PATH

World Leader in Small



Group Travel in France

A JOURNEY INTO UNDERGROUND GALLERIES FLOWING WITH

Champagne...

Discover Champagne thanks to its sparkling wines for which the region is named. It is one of France's most prestigious regions. Champagne is believed to have been invented and not discovered haphazardly! And, during the "Belle-Epoque" Champagne was limited only to the rich and famous. Fortunately, times have changed, and Champagne lovers around the world can enjoy this marvelous bubbly any time! And, what a better time to enjoy some bubbly than during the spring, harvest and holidays!

Indulge & Taste gourmet cuisine and famous Champagnes! During our four day Champagne Tour, pamper yourself like a jet-setter, as we tour and taste at the top Champagne houses in an unpretentious small group environment. Our visits take us through historical underground galleries into prestigious cellars, with visits featuring immersive experiences, including a Champagne blending workshop, a Culinary Champagne adventure, and Champagne and a cheese pairing experience. To complement this unique experience, indulge in a pastry and chocolate making class with a celebrity Chocolate-Maker, and enjoy leisure time to explore cultural interests in both Reims and Epernay. This tour is truly a one of a kind experience for the Champagne and gourmet food lover!



EXPERIENCE INSPIRING ITINERARIES, EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY, AND EXCELLENT VALUE!

And, Off the Beaten Path France Tours are Recommended by Best Selling Author PJ Adams as her Tour of Choice to Discover the Champagne region!!

Traveling on a group tour to France is a fabulous choice for a European vacation experience whether you are a first time traveler to France or a seasoned traveler to the country. And, traveling on an Off the Beaten Path small group, cultural walking and foodie tour provides exceptional and privileged insider experiences at unparalleled value that multi-destination and non-France based tour companies cannot match!

- Our sole focus and specialty is and always has been dedicated to small group travel in France – *We Know France Best...*
- In 2025, we celebrate 31 years experience leading tours exclusively in France.
- Our exclusive relationships with every one of our vendors in France makes these tours truly the trip of a lifetime!
- The most popular small group tours in France, we include “insider” experiences that non-France based and multi-destination tour companies cannot match.
- Our tours sell out year after year thanks to our exclusive benefits, exceptional quality, and excellent value.
- We are proud to be named travelers #1 choice for group travel for decades!

Book one of our small group tours today to discover for yourself why our exclusive France tours have been named TRAVELERS #1 CHOICE FOR GROUP TRAVEL FOR TWO DECADES!

Website - <https://www.traveloffthebeatenpath.com>



Award Winning OFF THE BEATEN PATH TOURS
VOTED BEST ACTIVE, SMALL GROUP TOURS IN FRANCE FOR
DISCERNING TRAVELERS BY: CONDE NAST, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, FORBES ,
CNN TRAVELLER, USA TODAY, THE NEW YORK TIMES and TRAVEL & LEISURE!



WHO IS THIS TOUR DESIGNED FOR?

No EXPERIENCE NECESSARY...our Champagne Tour is designed for travelers interested in a small group tour that feels more like traveling with like minded friends and includes a variety of engaging activities & immersive experiences, leisure time, professional and knowledgeable tour guides, luxurious accommodations and sumptuous gourmet meals that reflect the heart and soul of the region. It's vacation and our tours are all about having fun, enjoying new experiences and being active!

GUEST TESTIMONIALS:

"Thank you so much for everything. In the Loire, we loved the hot air ballooning, the castles, dinners with the chefs and especially cooking class at home with Christophe and Angelique. And, in Champagne, the tours and tastings, private dinners were all very nice! The tours were wonderful, you did a great job! I would recommend France Off the Beaten Path to my friends."
John and Donna Sanfilippo, Chicago, IL (Loire Valley Tour, Champagne Tour)



Champagne Itinerary: THE ULTIMATE CELLAR TOURS & GOURMET INDULGENCE

Welcome to Reims!

DAY 1 : Arrive, Check-In, and Toast to New Adventures!

Your unforgettable journey begins as you arrive in the charming city of Reims! Meet your tour guides at 2 PM at the Champagne-Ardenne TGV Rail Station, and enjoy a scenic transfer to the elegant Hotel de la Paix, nestled in the heart of historic Reims.

After a warm welcome and check-in, we'll dive into the enchanting world of Champagne with our first tour and tasting at a prestigious Champagne house. Here, you'll indulge in a delightful Champagne and cheese pairing workshop—an experience that will tantalize your taste buds and ignite your passion for bubbly.

Please note : this adventure includes a bit of exercise, with some charming steps to explore!

DINNER: To cap off your first day, join us to savor a gourmet dinner at one of Reims' finest restaurants, where you'll enjoy exquisite local cuisine and fine Champagne in great company.

— DINNER INCLUDED TODAY



DAY 2: *A Day of Luxury and Learning*

MORNING: CHAMPAGNE HOUSE TOUR & HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE WITH A CHAMPAGNE BLENDING WORKSHOP, GOURMET LUNCH TOGETHER, AFTERNOON: CHAMPAGNE EXTRAVAGANZA TOUR & TASTING AT MAISON GOSSET – BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED TODAY

MORNING: Start your day with a delicious buffet breakfast before embarking on an extraordinary Champagne House tour at a prominent family owned Champagne house in the countryside. This exceptional experience includes a comprehensive estate tour and a tasting of their finest offerings, along with an engaging discussion about the art of Champagne making while we participate in a hands-on workshop blending our very own Champagnes.

LUNCH: Indulge in a Gourmet Meal in Epernay as we enjoy a leisurely lunch together in this picturesque Champagne focused town, surrounded by stunning vineyards and delightful company.

AFTERNOON: The Champagne Extravaganza. Prepare for a sensory overload as we visit the historic Maison GOSSET, the oldest Champagne producer in the region, founded in 1584 during the reign of French King Henri III whose grandfather, Francois I, also owned vines in the region. Explore the beautifully preserved cellars and savor exquisite tastings that have delighted connoisseurs for centuries during an unparalleled tasting experience here.

DINNER: Explore Culinary Delights in historic Reims on your own. Take the opportunity to discover one of Reims' many charming cafes or restaurants at your own pace.

DAY 3 : *A Sweet Escape with Champagne*

CHAMPAGNE HOUSE TOUR & TASTING AT MAISON RUINART, LUNCH INDEPENDENTLY IN REIMS, AFTERNOON: PASTRY & CHOCOLATE CLASS WITH OUR CELEBRITY PASTRY CHEF, LEISURE TIME, DINNER: GOURMET CULINARY EXPERIENCE DINNER AT MAISON POMMERY – BREAKFAST AND DINNER INCLUDED TODAY

MORNING: Tour and Tasting at Maison RUINART. After a hearty breakfast, we'll visit Maison RUINART, one of the most prestigious and oldest Champagne houses where bubbles were officially discovered. Enjoy an exclusive tour and tasting that celebrates the rich heritage of Champagne.

LUNCH: A Taste of Reims. Savor a delightful independent lunch in the heart of Reims, where you can sample local delicacies.

AFTERNOON: Hands-On Pastry & Chocolate Class. Immerse yourself in the sweet side of France with a hands-on class led by celebrity pastry chef Maxime. Learn the secrets behind his innovative creations, and indulge in your own delicious masterpieces!

AFTER PASTRY CLASS: Leisure Time: Explore Reims - After your sweet creations, take some time to explore Reims. Visit the stunning Cathedral, where French kings were crowned, or stroll through the historic districts filled with charm and character.

DINNER: A Gourmet Culinary Experience at Maison POMMERY!

End your day with a truly memorable dining experience at the estate of another prestigious Champagne producer, where exquisite dishes are perfectly paired with exceptional Champagnes.



DAY 4: *Farewell and Fond Memories*

TOUR CONCLUSION: Group Drop-off at Champagne-Ardenne TGV Rail Station
Reims, France – Breakfast Included Today

MORNING: A Final Toast and Departure.

Enjoy a final buffet breakfast before bidding farewell to the enchanting world of Champagne. We will arrive at the Champagne-Ardenne TGV Rail Station by 9 AM, but if your travel plans require flexibility, we can assist with earlier or later departures.

ACTIVITY INFORMATION: Get ready to raise a glass to new friendships, exquisite flavors, and memories that will last a lifetime!
Book your journey today!

This tour involves considerable walking and climbing up and down steps during our visits to the Champagne Houses, walking cellars, underground production sites, and between visits. It also requires travelers to be able to stand for extended periods during the Champagne House tours, as seating is not available in the underground galleries or production sites.



Champagne Tour PRICE INCLUDES:

- Full-time services of a professional Off the Beaten Path Expert Culinary, Champagne/Wine Guide who serves as guests liaison during this fully escorted Champagne Tour.
- 3 nights, Home based luxurious boutique hotel accommodations (NO Hotel Hopping)
- 7 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners
- We have established, proprietary relationships with All Chefs, restaurants, and bistros on ALL of our tours based on both our exclusive and privileged network of contacts and French friends and our outstanding reputation throughout France. All Chefs, restaurants, and bistros selected for our tours are Michelin-star and/or have been featured/recommended by top “foodie” magazines and/or fellow Michelin-star Chefs. We dine in both gourmet restaurants and our favorite hide-a-ways cherished by the locals.
- All Champagnes, Wines and Non-alcoholic Beverages are included at all meals
- All fees for 4-6 Champagne House Tours followed by “Prestige” Tastings (1 to 3 vintages each). ALL Tours are at the most prestigious producers of the region
- All fees for pastry/chocolate making workshop, Champagne blending workshop, Champagne & cheese pairing workshop, and Champagne culinary experience.
- Ground transportation during the tour
- Roundtrip transfers between Reims and our hotel on tour start and conclusion day at specified times
- This exclusive Tour is limited to 10-12 guests per Tour date.
- **COMFORT ZONE** – Designed for the interests of and to appeal to the Active Traveler and Occasional Walker.
- **PRICE EXCLUDES** : International airfare to/from France, transportation to/from Champagne-Ardenne TGV rail station Reims, France, 1 dinner, gratuities to guides and driver, personal purchases.



ACTIVITY RATING: 90% Easy, 10% Moderate

TOUR BEGINS: Group pick-up at NOON at Reims Rail Station, Reims, France

TOUR ENDS: Group drop-off at 9 AM at Reims Rail Station, Reims, France

GUEST TESTIMONIALS:



“Thank you so much for a wonderful taste of France! This card (received by guide) reminded me of your “Jumpy” and all the laughs we had in it during both tours with you. The two tours were very comprehensive and well planned. We really appreciated your expertise. Hopefully we will be able to travel with you again! Thanks so much for everything!” Don and Pat Gianone, Chicago, IL (Loire Valley Tour and Champagne Tour)

“Loved EVERYTHING! Liked having down time between all of the activities on both tours. These were fabulous trips! In the Loire Valley, cooking and dining with Christophe and Angelique was great, we liked all of the castles, the meals and the hot air ballooning. In Champagne, all of the tours and tastings were very special and each offered something different. We loved that there was something new to discover each day!” Art and Nancyjo Peters, Chicago, IL (Loire Valley Tour and Champagne Tour)



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Champagne Tour Dates and Prices

TOUR PRICES - [CLICK HERE FOR CHAMPAGNE TOUR DATES AND PRICES](#)



NOT JUST A TOUR: IT'S AN **AUTHENTIC** OFF THE BEATEN PATH *French Experience...*

Unrivaled expertise within France sets Off the Beaten Path, LLC apart from non-France based and multi-destination tour companies. Off the Beaten Path, LLC (OTBP) is American owned and operated. In 2025, the company celebrates 31 years delivering small, engaging group, walking, gourmet foodie, wine and cultural tours exclusively in France. OTBP active, small group France tours offer travelers the very BEST, and most inspiring and exclusive itineraries filled with cultural “insider” experiences to discover Provence, Loire Valley, Bordeaux, Champagne, Normandy, and Dordogne, France.

Enjoy exceptional quality and excellent value on an OTBP small group tour today! Travelers and publications rate Off the Beaten Path Tours the BEST active, small group tours in France thanks to the unparalleled “insider” experiences featured in each tour itinerary. The company’s renowned “insider” relationships with regional French chefs, artisans, and cultural industry professionals put Off the Beaten Path far ahead of the competition when it comes to creating one-of-a-kind itineraries to experience the very BEST of France! Whether you’re a seasoned small group tour traveler, or new to the small group tour scene, Off the Beaten Path tours offer fun, enriching, interactive, local, and authentic French experiences and activities for everyone.

More than just a tour, Off the Beaten Path, transforms the entire guest experience into a personalized and exclusive “unparalleled” active, cultural affair that far exceeds guest expectations! We connect guests with lifelong, French friends who rank among France’s top-rated chefs, specialty artisans, artists, wine producers, hotel & castle owners, and entertainers! Expert Professional English speaking guides who live in France, inspiring itineraries, deluxe historical hotel accommodations, sumptuous French meals, classified regional wines, and comfortable transportation in private, spacious, professionally driven vehicles are immutable standards on every Off the Beaten Path Tour. Each tour itinerary is comprised of a variety of engaging activities and enriching experiences for guests to authentically discover the heart and soul of each region. Participate in cooking classes with our friends who are celebrity Master, Meilleur Ouvrier de France, and Michelin-star chefs who look forward to your arrival, and make you feel welcome in their family homes, professional kitchens, and workshops as a group of friends.

Shop at weekly village markets where OTBP tour guides introduce you to our French friends who are olive oil and wine producers, artists, cheese-makers, herb and spice vendors, craftsmen, perfumery and linen artisans, and designers. Walk the same countryside and vineyard trails that regional French residents do with their families. Enjoy the slow road scenery that comes with walking local country trails through vineyards, flower fields of lavender, poppies, and sunflowers, olive and fruit orchards, and small historic villages. Tour castles, pre-historic caves, and other historical monuments and sites with our knowledgeable, professional UNESCO award-winning guides. Learn the juicy, fun untold stories of French history! Dine in the same gourmet restaurants and bistros, as local French do — where the chefs are our personal friends and set aside a table uniquely to welcome you as their exclusive guests. Built-in leisure time provides guests with opportunities to pursue independent interests and activities or to break away from the group for some quiet or personal time.

Every OTBP tour offers daily options with varying levels of activeness. You always have the flexibility of deciding how each day unfolds. OTBP tour guides sit down with the group every day to discuss the activities, excursions, walks, local events, and options of the day. With so many options available during each tour, we ensure you the flexibility to be as active as you choose (more walking, less walking, shopping time, cultural discovery, people watching, photography, etc.), and to also enjoy leisure time to pursue independent interests, all while enjoying the perks of traveling in a small group. Our tour guides take care and manage the daily logistics and details while you, our guest, spend your time on the critical stuff — having fun, relaxing and enjoying your vacation your way! The idea behind each OTBP tour is to appeal to the discerning traveler of all ages and backgrounds who seeks something new and different, and who wants to reach out and discover something inspiring.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Off the Beaten Path, LLC is an American owned and operated company licensed and bonded to protect your vacation investment.
- Off the Beaten Path, LLC holds a website identity assurance warranty of \$100,000. Travelers are insured for up to \$100,000 per tour reservation booking when relying on the information provided by GeoTrust IdAuthority (Equifax Secure Certificate Authority) on our website.

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