

KIR ROYALE - CLASSIC CRUISE IN CHAMPAGNE

Chateau-Thierry to Chalons en Champagne

Sunday, Day 1 Chateau-Thierry

Guests are met early afternoon in Paris** and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to the hotel barge moored in Chateau-Thierry, an historic, strategically situated town overlooking the river, surrounded by vineyards that produce some of the region's famous sparkling wine. The town is also the site of an iconic battle for American Marines in World War One. Enjoy a Champagne welcome while your Captain introduces you to the crew. Dinner on board.



Monday, Day 2 Chateau-Thierry to Dormans

This morning, we visit La Maison Pannier, a select champagne house with a labyrinth of medieval underground cellars, for a tour and a private tasting. After lunch, the hotel barge sets off on her first voyage along the meandering River Marne and cruises to the pretty riverside town of Dormans, the site of a chateau, water mill and World War One memorial. Dinner on board.



Tuesday, Day 3 Dormans to Damery

After breakfast, there is the option to visit the elegant Château de Condé with its sumptuous 18th century interiors, or the World War One battlefield and monument at Chateau-Thierry and the American cemetery at Belleau Wood, it was here that US forces fought one of their bloodiest battles during World War One. After returning to the barge and lunch on board, we enjoy a relaxing afternoon cruise along the Marne to our mooring at Damery. Dinner on board.



Wednesday, Day 4 Damery to Dizy

After a leisurely breakfast, we head off for a private champagne tasting and tour at the boutique Grand Cru winery of Frerejean Frères with a stop en route at a hillside vineyard to learn some of the key attributes of champagne grape growing. After the tasting we enjoy a gourmet private lunch in the salon of the family domaine. Return to the barge to continue our cruise along the Marne to Dizy. Dinner onboard.



Thursday, Day 5 Dizy to Tours-sur-Marne

This morning, we visit one of the best-known Champagne houses in the world, Moët & Chandon, founded in 1743, where we are guided through their vast underground cellars, the largest in the region, which were carved out of the chalk to offer the maturing wine the perfect temperature and humidity. This is followed by a tasting of some of Moët's best-known vintages in an elegant private salon, hosted by an experienced cellar master. We then return to the barge for lunch and cruise to our pretty mooring at Tours-sur-Marne, joining the Canal Lateral à la Marne en route. Dinner on board.



Friday, Day 6 Tours-sur-Marne to Châlons-en-Champagne

This morning, we visit the magnificent 800-year-old Reims cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece where the Kings of France were crowned, before some free time perhaps to wander around this delightful city with its grand squares and elegant shopping arcades. After lunch on board, we cruise to our final mooring at Châlons-en-Champagne. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.



Saturday, Day 7 Châlons-en-Champagne

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to our drop-off location in Paris**

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** Other locations available for Private Charter bookings



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Monday, Day 2 Châlons-en-Champagne to Tours-sur-Marne

This morning we cruise from Châlons-en-Champagne along the Canal Lateral à la Marne to our pretty mooring at Tours-sur-Marne. After lunch on board, we visit the magnificent 800-year-old Reims cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece where the Kings of France were crowned, before some free time perhaps to wander around this delightful city with its grand squares and elegant shopping arcades. Dinner on board.



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Wednesday, Day 4 Dizy to Damery

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Thursday, Day 5 Damery to Dormans

Today the hotel barge continues her cruise along the meandering Marne to moor at the pretty riverside town of Dormans, the site of a château, water mill and World War One memorial. In the afternoon, there is the option to visit the elegant Chateau-Thierry and the American cemetery at Belleau Wood, it was here that US forces fought one of their bloodiest battles during World War One. Dinner on board.



Friday, Day 6 Dormans to Château-Thierry

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