

## Champagne, Burgundy and Alsace by Rail

From £1,149 per person // 9 days



Enjoy a lovely tour by rail around some of France's best loved wine regions. Start in Champagne capital Reims and then take a short train journey to Dijon, at the heart of Burgundy. Then, continue to Strasbourg, where you'll find half-timbered houses and cosy Alsatian wine taverns.

### The Essentials

- Combine three fantastic French regions in one rail holiday
- Stay in Reims and taste the local tittle at one of the city's prestigious Champagne houses
- Visit wine capital Dijon, medieval home of the Dukes of Burgundy
- Travel to Strasbourg, home to beautiful Petite France and the *tarte flambée*

### What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 8 nights' hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

### Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

## - Suggested Itinerary -



### Day 1 - London To Reims

Take the Eurostar from London St Pancras or Ebbsfleet to Paris and then make the easy change to the Gare de l'Est (a short walk or one metro stop). From here, it's only a 45 minute journey to Reims in the heart of the Champagne region. Check in for 3 nights at the Best Western Hotel de la Paix (or similar) before heading out to begin your exploration. Your hotel is in the centre of the city, so there will be plenty of options for a lovely meal for dinner.



### Days 2 & 3 - Reims

Reims is a fascinating city, combining medieval and Art Deco architecture (from rebuilding after the First World War). Among the sights worth a visit are imposing Notre-Dame Cathedral and the city's Musée des Beaux Arts which houses a great collection of European art from the 16th to the 20th century. You can also visit the interesting Musée de la Reddition, located at the site where Germany officially surrendered at the end of World War II. No visit to Reims is complete without a visit to one or two of the famous Champagne houses. Both Taittinger and Moët offer daily tours but if you're really interested in an afternoon of Champagne tasting, it's well worth heading to nearby Epernay, where there are some lovely boutique Champagne houses right in the city centre which don't require pre-booking.



### Days 4 & 5 - Dijon

Dijon is the capital city of the historical Burgundy region in eastern France, one of the country's principal wine-making areas. You'll be staying at the Oceania Hotel Le Jura (or similar), in the centre of the city, for 2 nights. Dijon is famous for its traditional mustard, wine & gastronomy and architectural styles ranging from Gothic to Art Deco. The prestigious Musée des Beaux-Arts, which occupies the beautiful Palais des Ducs de Bourgogne, is home to an impressive collection of paintings and sculptures. A short train journey takes you to Beaune, home to the stunning Hospices de Beaune with its distinctive tiled roof. There's a wide choice of wine-tasting tours available from both Beaune and Dijon, which are also perfect for getting out into rural Burgundy. Please let us know if you'd like to add this to your trip.



### Days 6, 7 & 8 - Strasbourg

A rail journey of just over 2 hours brings you to Strasbourg, close to the German border. In fact, Alsace has a history that is very much divided between Germany and France, and Strasbourg, one of two 'departement' capitals in the region, clearly combines these two influences along with a blend of architectural styles from medieval to ultra-modern. Spend 3 nights at the Hotel des Vosges (or similar). Don't miss a visit to the impossibly lovely Petite France district, full of half-timbered houses and narrow canals. The Gothic Cathedral and surrounding cobbled streets are also well worth an exploration. Nearby Colmar is a short train ride away and equally stunning.



### Day 9 - Strasbourg To London

Spend another morning in Strasbourg before collecting your bags from your hotel and returning to the station. Here, catch a train which will speed you back to the Gare de l'Est where you'll hop across to the Gare du Nord for your return Eurostar journey. If you'd like to extend your stay or stop for a night in Paris en route, just let us know.

## Pricing

From £1,149 per person

**Low season** (November-March) from **£1,149pp**

**High season** (April-October) from **£1,299pp**

Prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. The price includes Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations as necessary and the best available fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.