



## BARGAIN FESTIVE FIZZ WITH GRAPE ESCAPES

Grape Escapes are excited to offer an exclusive opportunity to enjoy a four day trip to Champagne in the run up to Christmas. Combine the delights of the traditional French Christmas markets with the opportunity to purchase as many bottles of Champagne as required to see you through the festivities of Christmas and New Year (the more the merrier!)

From as little as £340 per person, Grape Escapes guests can enjoy three nights' bed and breakfast accommodation in Reims. Based at the 4\* Hotel de la Paix, and available mid-week or weekends, Eurotunnel crossings are also included as part of the Festive Fizz package, so that guests can fill their boot to the brim with bargain bubbles!

Bottles of Grand Cru quality Champagne from Grape Escapes' carefully selected boutique Champagne Houses are priced from just €15 a bottle, and clients will have the added bonus of meeting the Champagne makers themselves. Knowing exactly where your Champagne came from and seeing how it was made will make for great tales to tell at those Christmas parties, where everyone will no doubt be complimenting the fabulous choice of Champagne!

The four day/three night package includes three nights' accommodation with breakfast, return Eurotunnel crossings, a full day guided and transported tour to visit three Champagne Houses with lunch included, and free time to explore the magnificent Christmas market in Reims.

Reims is said to be where the first French Christmas celebrations took place in 496AD, when King Clovis and his 3000 warriors were baptised on Christmas Day! Reims' Christmas market includes over 125 fairy-lit chalets, offering Christmas gifts and local produce. Street entertainers such as carol singers and magicians entertain the crowds, and there is a grotto where children can meet Father Christmas.

Whilst indulging in the festive spirit of the region, it's worth looking out for the famed *Biscuits Rose de Reims* – 'pink biscuits', which are traditionally dipped into Champagne; the distinctive feature of these biscuits is they don't break even when wet, making them the perfect accompaniment for Champagne on Christmas day!

The package is valid for November and December travel only.

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<http://www.grapeescapes.net/destinations/champagne/the-tours/champagne-tasting-reims/>

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**Notes to Editors:**

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