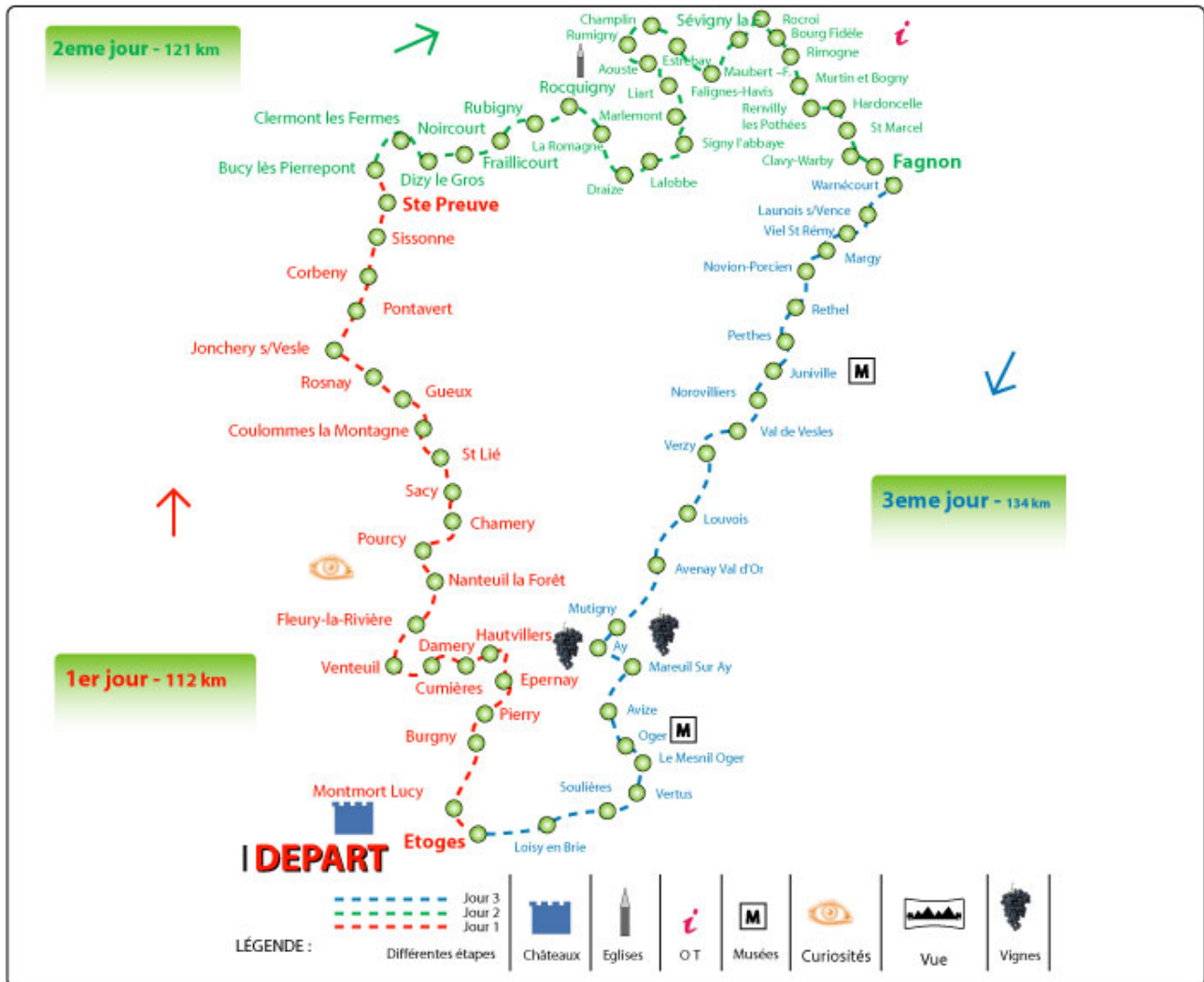


## Champagne vineyards and fortified churches of Argonne Circuit N°44



La Champagne, a region more famous for its sparkling wine than for its heritage. And yet you will be attracted by the beauty of the crossed vineyards, by the regional Park panoramas of the Mountain of Reims and by the originality of the fortified churches.

<i>The travel book recommend the number of minimum days which can be devoted to the itinerary.</i>



At the door of Burgundy and at the Belgium border, the region Champagne Ardennes attracts the visitor with a rich and varied religious heritage, its scenic villages in bloom, its numerous forests and its champagne vineyard, the only evocation of which symbolises the feast.

What to discover : Langres a jewel of Medieval architecture, Sedan fortified castle (the most important stronghold in Europe), Reims and its cathedral, Epernay and its Champagne vaults, the Der-Chantecoq lake (the largest artificial lake in France) a paradise for the ornithologists.

Wines : still wines (Riceys and Champenois hills)

Local Produce/Gastronomy : Champagne, chitterlings sausages from Troyes, Ham from Ardennes, truffles, pink biscuit from Reims, cheeses (Langres, Chaource, Rocroi, cendré des Riceys), trouts, pikes, salmon.

Traditional Craft : textile factories, hosiery, crystal-factories, basket work.



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### Day 1 :

In Etoges, you will notice the XII th century church and its Renaissance gate. Then you will discover below a mound your evening home, a splendid XVII th century castle which reflects in the green waters of its moats.

In a landscape scattered with woods and ponds you will start your itinerary in Champagne. The entrance of the Summelin valley was commanded by the Montmort-Lucy castle (XVI th century).

You will reach the southern hills of Epernay. The square keep of the Brugnny castle stands out facing the small valley of Cubry and a bit farther the Pierry castle.

In Epernay you will encounter great champagne names by visiting one of the cellars dug among the tens of kilometres of chalk galleries.

In Hautvillers you will discover the origins of this unstable wine mastered by the monk Dom Pérignon who has rested since XVIII th century in the church abbey Saint-Syndulphe.

Travel down towards the Marne. Cumières is the starting point for cruises along the water stream. In Damery a very beautiful XII th century church overlooks the banks of the river.

When travelling northbound you will reach the wooden spaces of then regional natural Park of the Reims Mountain. You will have the opportunity to visit the botanic centre of la Presle in Nanteuil-la-Forêt and the Park House in Pourcy.

On the Road of Champagne which overlooks the city of Reims in the distance you will discover the Roman church of Coulommès-la-Montagne and the chapel of Saint-Lié.

You will cross the Vesle valley to reach your evening gîte in the Picarde plains.

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### Day 1 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
ETOGES	D18	0.0	
MONTMORT-LUCY	D951	6.0	
BURGNY	D951	0.0	
PIERRY	D951	0.0	
EPERNAY	D386	15.0	
HAUTVILLERS	D	5.0	
CUMIERES	D1	2.0	
DAMERY	D1	0.0	
VENTEUIL	D22A	7.0	
FLEURY-LA-RIVIERE	D22	4.0	
CROISEMENT	D386	4.0	
NANTEUIL-LA-FORET	D386	0.0	
POURCY	D22	5.0	
CHAMERY	D26	6.0	
SACY	D26	0.0	
SAINT-LIE	D	4.0	
COULOMMES-LA-MONTAGNE	D	0.0	
GUEUX	D27	6.0	
ROSNAY	D228	3.0	
JONCHERY-SUR-VESLE	D28	5.0	
MONTIGNY-SUR-VESLE	D28	0.0	
VENTELAY	D28	6.0	
ROUCY	D19	0.0	
PONTAVERT	D19	0.0	
CORBENY	D18	14.0	
SISSONNE	D60	14.0	
SAINTE-PREUVE	D60	6.0	

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#### . CHAMPILLON

Royal Champagne (Hôtel) - 51160 CHAMPILLON  
Phone : 0326528711 - fax 0326528969 - @ : reservation@royalchampagne.com

#### . IGNY-COMBLIZY

Château du Rû Jacquier (Hôtel) - 51700 IGNY-COMBLIZY  
Phone : 0326571084 - fax 0326578280 - @ : ru.jacquier@wanadoo.fr

#### . TINQUEUX

Château de la Muire (Hôtel) - 40 avenue Paul Vaillant-Couturier - 51430 TINQUEUX  
Phone : 0326846464 - fax 0326041569 - @ : assiette.champenoise@wanadoo.fr

#### . ETOGES

Château d'Etoges (Hôtel) - château d'Etoges - 51270 ETOGES  
Phone : 0326593008 - fax 0326593557 - @ : contact@etoges.com

#### . MONTMORT-LUCY

Hôtel du Cheval Blanc (Hôtel) - Route de Sézane - 51270 MONTMORT-LUCY  
Phone : 0326591003 - fax 0326591588 - @ : contact@hotelrestaurantlechevalblanc.com

#### . EPERNAY

Les Berceaux (Hôtel) - 13 rue des Berceaux - 51200 EPERNAY  
Phone : 0326552884 - fax 0326551036

La Villa Eugène (Hôtel) - 82-84 avenue de Champagne - 51200 EPERNAY  
Phone : 0326324476 - fax 0326324498

La Briqueterie (Hôtel) - 4 route de Sézanne-Vinay - 51200 EPERNAY  
Phone : 0326599999 - fax 0326599210 - @ : briqueterie@relaischateaux.com

#### . LIESSE

Château de Barive (Hôtel) - Ste Preuve - 02350 LIESSE  
Phone : 0323221515 - fax 0323220839

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#### . MONTMORT-LUCY

Château de Monmort -Lucy (Château) - 52000 MONTMORT-LUCY  
Phone : 0326591004

#### . PIERRY

Château de Pierry (Château) - 52000 PIERRY  
Phone : 0326540287

#### . EPERNAY

Moët et Chandon (Viticulteur) - 18 Avenue de Champagne - 51201 EPERNAY  
Phone : 0326512020

Mercier (Viticulteur) - 73 Avenue de Champagne - 51201 EPERNAY  
Phone : 0326512222

De Castellane (Viticulteur) - 57 rue de Verdun - 51201 EPERNAY  
Phone : 0326511911

Achille Princier (Viticulteur) - 9 rue Jean Chaudon-Moët - 51207 EPERNAY  
Phone : 0326540406 - fax 0326591690

#### . POURCY

Maison du Parc Régional de la Montagne de Reims (Curiosité) - 52000 POURCY  
Phone : 0326594444

### Day 1 : The Notebook practises of french-itinerary.com

#### . CHALONS EN CHAMPAGNE

Office de Tourisme - 3 quai des Arts - 51000 CHALONS EN CHAMPAGNE



Phone : 0326651789 - fax 0326653565

Collard Cycles (Location de vélos) - 20 avenue du Parc des Expositions - 51000 CHALONS EN CHAMPAGNE

**. EPERNAY**

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### 2 Day 2 :

The Barive castle, a pleasant XVII th century home lost in the countryside will be your place of stay at the borders of Picardie.

Your itinerary will continue in a region where the hilly pre-Ardennois landscapes and the Champenoise plains follow one another.

The variety of the landscapes and the genuinely rural feature of the habitat constitute the charm of the Porcien.

In Thiérache you already will be in the Ardennes where the waving hills and the yellow stone villages with cobs and bricks follow one another. The most typical feature is the multitude of fortified buildings : each farm, each church look like a fortress flanked of towers pierced with arrow slits and thick walls.

After having reached the Signy broad-leaved tree forest you will discover the fortified church of Notre-Dame-de-Lierre in Liart.

The visit of the Saint-Rémi d'Aouste church rebuilt in the XVII th century explains the utility of the fortified churches, a refuge for the villagers at the time of the barbarian invasions.

Outside the Potées woods you will see the fortified town of Rocroi a small XVI th century town which is organized around an arm square and fortifications were reinforced by Vauban. Rocroi was the site of a memorable battle won by the future prince of Condé. You will have the opportunity to visit the museum which retraces this feat of arms.

After having crossed the Harcy wood and before arriving at the former abbey of Sept-Fontaines, you will notice the former strong house and the impressive porch church tower of the Remilly-les-Pothées church.

### 2 Day 2 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
SAINTE-PREUVE	D60	0.0	
BUCY-LES-PIERREPONT	D977	3.0	
CLERMONT-LES-FERMES	D592	4.0	
DIZY-LE-GROS	D18	7.0	
NOIRCOURT	D36	8.0	
FRAILLICOURT	D36	6.0	
RUBIGNY	D36	0.0	
ROCQUIGNY	D136	7.0	
LA ROMAGNE	D136	0.0	
DRAIZE	D2	8.0	
LALOBBE	D2	0.0	
SIGNY-L'ABBAYE	D27	9.0	
MARLEMONT	D27	0.0	
LIART	D27	0.0	
AOUSTE	D27	0.0	
RUMIGNY	D877	18.0	
CHAMPLIN	D	7.0	
ESTREBAY	D	0.0	
FLAIGNES-HAVYS	D36	6.0	
MAUBERT-FONTAINE	D31	8.0	
SEVIGNY-LA-FORET	D	5.0	
ROCROI	D22	4.0	
BOURG-FIDELE	D22	0.0	
RIMOGNE	D	9.0	
MURTIN-ET-BOGNY	D	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D978	2.0	
CROISEMENT	D	1.0	
REMILLY-LES-POTHEES	D9	2.0	
HARDONCELLE	D209	1.0	
SAINT-MARCEL	D40	3.0	
CLAVY-WARBY	D34	1.0	
FAGNON	D34	6.0	



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### . LIESSE

Château de Barive (Hôtel) - Ste Preuve - 02350 LIESSE  
Phone : 0323221515 - fax 0323220839

### . FAGNON

Abbaye des Sept Fontaines (Hôtel) - abbaye des Sept Fontaines - 08900 FAGNON  
Phone : 0324373824 - fax 0324375875 - @ : abbaye-7-fontaines@wanadoo.fr



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### . AOUSTE

Eglise d'Aouste (Eglise) - 08000 AOUSTE  
Phone : 0324544032

### . RUMIGNY

Château de Rumigny (Château) - 08000 RUMIGNY  
Phone : 0324542006

### . EVIGNY

Maison de Pays (Curiosité) - 08000 EVIGNY  
Phone : 0324396800



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### . REIMS

Automobile club ACTION+ CHAMPAGNE ARDENNE (Automobile club) - 7 rue du Colonel Fabien - 51100 REIMS  
Phone : 0326473476 - fax 0326778816 - @ : champarden@automobileclub.org

Office de Tourisme - 12 boulevard du Général Leclerc - 51100 REIMS  
Phone : 0326774500 - fax 0326774519

### . ROCROI

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### 3 Day 3 :

The magnificent home where you will stay for the evening was built on the ruins of an abbey founded by the Prémontrés in the XII<sup>th</sup> century. In the 30 hectare park and during your stay you will have the opportunity to learn how to play golf.

At the Sept-Fontaines abbey you will discover the bucolic setting where le Général de Gaulle liked to meet his in-laws.

In Evigny two local houses illustrate the peasant life during the XIX<sup>th</sup> century.

The ArdennaiseThiérache was crossed by the coach road connecting Amsterdam to Marseille. Launois-sur-Vence shelters a former XVII<sup>th</sup> century coach and message inn in perfect condition.

After having crossed the Signy forest you will discover Novion the Porcien capital situated on a Roman way which linked Reims to Cologne. From the levees in a Roman camp on the Mounts of Sery you will enjoy a superb panorama over the area.

You will reach the Aisne valley and Rethel where Verlaine was a teacher of history and geography. Then you will follow a road which runs along the Mourmelon military camp. At the village of Verzy you will find back and its nearby highest peak the Mount Sinai.

In the regional Natural Park of the Mountain of Reims along the wine-producing villages you will admire the Louvois castle and an outstanding view over the Côte des Blancs.

Be sure to make a detour across one of the Most Beautiful Villages in France. Oger which owns one of the "first vintages" of this prestigious vineyard. Have a last glance at the church of Saint-Martin de Vertus built on piles in the XI<sup>th</sup> century before ending this very beautiful itinerary.

### 3 Day 3 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
FAGNON	D34	0.0	
WARNECOURT	D3	1.0	
LAUNOIS-SUR-VENCE	D	14.0	
VIEL-SAINT-REMY	D103	3.0	
MARGY	D103	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D3	4.0	
NOVION-PORCIEN	D3	0.0	
SERY	D10	8.0	
ARNICOURT	D10	0.0	
RETHEL	D985	9.0	
PERTHES	D985	0.0	
JUNIVILLE	D985	0.0	
MOROVILLIERS	D34	28.0	
VAL-DE-VESLES	D34	0.0	
CROISEMENT	N44	18.0	
CROISEMENT	D34	1.0	
VERZY	D34	0.0	
LOUVOIS	D9	8.0	
AVENAY-VAL-D'OR	D	6.0	
MUTIGNY	D	0.0	
AY	D1	4.0	
MAREUIL-SUR-AY	D9	2.0	
CROISEMENT	D19	7.0	
AVIZE	D10	1.0	
OGER	D10	0.0	
LE MESNIL-SUR-OGER	D	3.0	
VERTUS	D36	4.0	
CROISEMENT	D37	1.0	
SOULIERES	D37	0.0	
LOISY-EN-BRIE	D37	0.0	



ETOGES

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#### . BERGERES-LES-VERTUS

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#### . FAGNON

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#### . ETOGES

Château d'Etoges (Hôtel) - château d'Etoges - 51270 ETOGES  
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#### . JURNIVILLE

Musée Verlaine - 08000 JURNIVILLE  
Phone : 0324396800

#### . VERZENAY

Musée de la Vigne  
Phone : 0326078787

#### . AY

Henri Giroud (Viticulteur) - 71 Bd Charles de Gaulle - 51160 AY  
Phone : 0326551855 - fax 0326553349

#### . OGER

Musée des traditions de l'Amour et du Champagne  
Phone : 0326575089

#### . VERTUS

Colin (Viticulteur) - 101 avenue du Général de Gaulle - 51130 VERTUS  
Phone : 0326588632 - fax 0326516979 - @ : info@champagne-colin.com