## A VERY SPECIAL VISIT TO CHAMPAGNE

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## MAD ABOUT BUBBLY

## **NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> 2010**

Thank you for your interest in coming to Champagne I do do hope you decide to join us for what will be a memorable event. Take a look at the next couple of pages to discover what a fabulous weekend we have planned for you.

Then, to make your reservation, e-mail me at <u>jiles@madaboutbubbly.com</u> as soon as you can to be sure to secure your room before they are all gone. Remember that we can only welcome 10 people on this exclusive champagne experience.

- 'Tour' all the French wine regions in a single day and discover wonderful wines at terrific prices.
- A rare opportunity to take part in a personalised champagne tasting with
   one of the world's leading champagne experts.
   Whether you're a novice or a connoisseur you'll be amazed how much you'll learn.
- Relax in luxury accommodation and enjoy two mouthwatering champagne dinners prepared by our local super chef. Let us take care of you while you soak up the atmosphere.
- Delve into the heart of Champagne that most tourists never get to find out about. A private tour of the vineyards to take you to places that most people never go.



#### 1) Le Salon des Vignerons Indépendants

Whether you're looking for some superb Christmas presents to take home or just want to stock up on some exceptional wines for your own enjoyment, you're sure to find just what you're looking for.

It beat's going to the supermarket!

You'll find literally hundreds of wine makers from all over France who come to show off their wares. Whether you like Bordeaux, Burgundy, Alsace, Loire, Cognac... you name it you'll find dozens of each of them at this wonderful show.

It's an amazing festival of colour, taste and smells. Not just the wines but gourmet foods galore.



When you want a break from sipping wine you can browse the array of delicious looking fare on the stalls all around: cheeses like you never seen (or smelled) them before, charcuterie, the

most gorgeous chocolates, olive oil and lots more.



Lunch on fresh oysters with your choice of wine or perhaps foie gras and any one of the gourmandises that will tempt your taste buds.

The best thing though is meeting and chatting to the wine makers who will be only too happy to regale you with stories of how wonderful their wine is.

You'll absolutely love it and I'd be prepared to bet that this won't be your last visit to this spectacular fair.

As if that wasn't enough to tempt you we've lined up more unique champagne experiences for you to discover...



to come.

# 2) A personalised champagne tasting in the company of a Master of Wine, no less.

In the world of wine MW is the highest accolade you can get.

Very few people have ever met a Master of Wine, there are only 250 in the entire world, so to be able to sit and have a one-to-one chat and champagne tasting with an MW is the chance of a lifetime for any champagne-lover. An experience on which you'll be able to dine out for years

I have pulled a few strings and arranged for my friend Steve Charters MW (nicknamed Professor Bubbles by The Daily Telegraph) to join the 10 lucky members of our group for a two hour private session on champagne at which you can bet we'll be tasting something a bit special, to say the least.

But there's more....

#### 3) Discover the real Champagne

Most visitors to Champagne rarely get off the beaten track and into the heart of the vineyards, but this November you'll be able do just that.

Spend an unforgettable morning touring the vineyards in a super smart 4 x 4 guided by a young *champenois* whose knowledge of the vineyards is unsurpassed.



You'll be staggered by what you'll learn in the course of a few short hours – things very few people ever get to hear about yet which will make every glass of champagne you ever drink from now on so much more than just another glass of wine.

And of course we'll be rounding off this adventure with a special private tasting at one of the very finest small 'grower' champagnes in the region

#### 4) Luxury Accommodation that is a million miles away from the usual hotels

• You'll be staying in beautifully restored 'Maisons de Vignerons' in the heart of the

vineyards. Stroll out of the door and into the vineyards.







#### Last but not least

• Two sumptuous champagne dinners prepared by our local wonder chef, Christophe.We'll be matching the food to the champagne rather than the other way round. Christophe's culinary skills will have you clamouring for his recipes

In the words of the well-known advert: "You're worth it", so join us on November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> for your best champagne experience ever.

#### **Prices**

**547 euros** per person (approximately £450 at current exchange rates) based on two people sharing a double room.

For the programme and terms & conditions please go to the next page

#### CHAMPAGNE DISCOVERY WEEKEND NOVEMBER 2010

#### **Programme**

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Arrive in Champagne by own means of transport. Please be sure to arrive by 16.00 hr Full directions will be provided to all guests

17.30

Champagne Tasting with Steve Charters MW followed by dinner

#### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November

09.30

Depart for the vineyard tour followed by a visit to a first class little champagne house you will never have heard of, but will always remember

12.30

Arrive at The Reims Wine Fair

Afternoon free to browse and taste.

There is no shortage of 'eateries' at the fair for your lunch.

Assistance will be on hand during the afternoon to help you with translation if you need it

17.30

Depart in minibus back to your accommodation.

Don't worry, there'll be room in the bus to put all the wine you've bought

19.30

Leave by taxi for a champagne dinner

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Depart at your leisure or, take the option of staying an extra night to explore a little more. We'll be happy to help you plan your activities for the day: cultural, sporting or champagne tasting. Whatever your interest may be, we can help you.

#### What's NOT included

Transport to and from Champagne

Any purchases you may make of wine and champagne during your stay

Lunch on Saturday

Option for accommodation and activities on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Terms & Conditions**

#### Deposit

£ 150 (pounds) per person payable immediately to reserve your places.

The balance is due no later than 1 month before the start of the weekend

#### Cancellations

More than 6 weeks prior to the weekend Deposit refunded, less £ 50

Between 6 weeks and 1 month before the event No deposit refund

Less than 1 month before the event Full price of the weekend is payable

Please note that the language used during the weekend will be English.

#### What to do now

E-mail <u>jiles@madaboutbubbly.com</u> to confrim that you'd like to reserve your places. You will immediately be sent an invoice for the deposit which you are kindly asked to pay upon receipt of the invoice.

Or call 00 33 326 48 20 52 if you have any questions

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