



CHRISTMAS IN CHAMPAGNE



The Harvest's over; the vines are sleeping; all seems quiet, yet there are still 1 billion bottles of champagne resting in the cellars and there's magic in the air.

In fact it's a great time to visit this wonderful region. The busy tourist season has passed and now you can discover the things that summer-time visitors never get to experience.

Perhaps the highlight of this weekend is the **Habits de Lumières**, the weekend when Epernay, quite literally, lights up the night sky.

It's a rare opportunity to see a different side of champagne and to treat yourself and partner to an inside look at the world's most elegant drink.

There's something for everyone: champagne tasting, fine dining, a little history and time to do a bit of shopping for Christmas presents and, most importantly, to relax, enjoy comfortable surroundings and pamper yourself a little.

Take a look at what's in store for you on this exclusive weekend and then please contact us as soon as possible to reserve your places. We hope you'll join us in December for an unforgettable experience

Jiles & Yvonne Halling

Day 1 Friday 10th December

On this special pre-Christmas weekend we waste no time in getting you into the champagne spirit

On Friday evening we're off to Epernay (Capital du Champagne) to join in with the *Habits de Lumières* festivities.

On this wonderful weekend, all the magnificent champagne houses up and down the length of the famous Avenue de Champagne put on a spectacle that you have to see to believe.

If these buildings are impressive by day, you'll find them truly mesmerizing by night



Each 'maison' is decked out in fairy lights and candles whilst in the street there are parades, clowns, musicians and a fairy-tale atmosphere with the crowds enjoying one of the best evenings of the year.

As we stroll along the Avenue we'll step into to one of the champagne houses for a flute, or two, of champagne.



We'll watch the firework display and soak in the magic of this very special place.





To round off the evening there will be a superb champagne dinner awaiting you at a local restaurant.

Then it's back to your 'home from home' in the vineyards to a warm and luxurious bed.



Day 2 Saturday 11th December

A trip to Champagne just isn't right without some time for champagne tasting and on Saturday morning you'll visit one of the 'great little' champagne makers that we know.



You'll not only find a warm welcome but you'll have the chance to sample some superb champagnes that you'll rarely find outside France and, of course, to stock up for Christmas if you wish.

After a leisurely lunch with the champagne makers, the next stop is

Reims, the largest town in Champagne and the historical centre of the region.

Although the city was badly damaged during the First World War when Reims was practically on the front line, many beautiful buildings survived, amongst them the magnificent cathedral where the kings of France were always crowned .





There'll be time for a visit to the annual Christmas market too for a little shopping and to enjoy strolling around the pedestrian precinct surrounded by bars and restaurants on all sides

The city is full of chic boutiques too and if you are still looking for some exclusive gifts this will be a great opportunity to find something really different.

It will be chilly outside in December so we'll make sure there's time for a warming aperitif, a mulled wine perhaps or a(nother) flute of champagne, but don't worry about driving anywhere, transport is all taken care of. All you need do is relax and enjoy the ride.

In the evening you'll have another chance to discover the surprising range of different champagnes when we enjoy a gourmet dinner with champagne matched with each course. Each dish and each champagne will be explained to you so you get the maximum enjoyment and you'll end up being a bit of a champagne expert yourself!



Day 3 Sunday 12th December

Enjoy a relaxed start to the day and linger over your croissants and coffee – funny how they always taste better in France.

After breakfast you can set off back home if you wish. If you want to spend the rest of the day in Champagne, or even stay an extra night, we'll recommend lots of fascinating things for you to do and see.

As usual on our special champagne weekends, places are limited to 10 people (5 couples) so that we can give you our best attention and so that you get the most out of your visit.

If you'd like to join us then please do contact us as soon as possible by e-mailing jiles@madaboutbubbly.com or by telephoning + 33 326 48 20 52

Costs and further details can be found on the next page

CHRISTMAS IN CHAMAPGNE WEEKEND

DECEMBER 2010

Programme

Friday 10th December

Arrive in Champagne by own means of transport. Full directions will be provided to all guests

Please be sure to arrive by 16.00 h to give yourselves time to settle in to your room and be ready to leave for Epernay at 17.30

17.30 Depart by private taxi for *Les Habits de Lumières* in Epernay

Enjoy the magical spectacle followed by a sumptuous champagne dinner

Return to your accommodation around midnight

Saturday 11th December

10.30 Depart for a visit to a first class little champagne house you will never have heard of, but will always remember. Lunch with the champagne maker

14.30 Depart by private taxi for Reims

Afternoon free to stroll, shop, visit the cathedral and the Marché de Noël

17.00 Meet for an aperitif (or two)

18.00 Depart in taxi back to your accommodation

20.00 Leave by taxi for a champagne dinner

Sunday 12th December

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.

Prices

617 euros /(approx 515 pounds per person based on two people sharing a double room.

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What's NOT included

Transport to and from Champagne

Any purchases you may make of wine and champagne to take home.

Option for accommodation and activities on Sunday 12th December

Terms & Conditions

Deposit

200 euros / 165 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 refunded
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.

For guests flying into Paris CDG, transfers from and to the airport can be arranged at an additional cost as follows:

2 people	186 Euros per person (total for both for arrival and departure journeys)
4 people	102 Euros per person
6 + people	76 Euros per person

What to do now

E-mail jiles@madaboutbubbly.com to confirm that you'd like to reserve your places. You will 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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