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Festive Christmas Markets break with added fizz

Fill your stockings with some vintage Champagne on a festive wine-tasting weekend during Reims' Christmas Market with specialist operator Grape Escapes.

Based in the heritage city of Reims in the heart of the prestigious Champagne region, Grape Escapes' one-off Christmas Markets Weekend runs from 4 – 6 December.

Wine lovers can stock up on their favourite festive fizz during the full-day guided tasting tour to three Champagne Houses followed by time exploring the colourful stalls of Reims' Christmas Market.

Reims was the site of the first French Christmas celebration in 496 and each year its Christmas Village lights up the city during the run up to Christmas with street entertainment, magicians, carol singers, and more than 125 wooden stalls selling seasonal gifts, decorations and delicious traditional local food and drink.

The Christmas Markets Champagne Weekend costs from £299 per person and includes return Dover to Calais ferry crossing with P&O Ferries for a car and two passengers; two-nights' bed and breakfast accommodation; a full day private coach tour including a visits to three Champagne Houses with tastings, four course gourmet lunch with accompanying wines and Champagnes; an English speaking guide for the tour who will provide information on the region and the wines.

For more information please visit www.grapeescapes.net or call 08456 430 860.

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About Grape Escapes

Grape Escapes is a specialist in travel to the French wine regions offering a selection of gourmet wine-tasting weekends in Champagne, Burgundy, Bordeaux, the Loire and the Rhone. Catering for all food and wine lovers from the serious connoisseur to enthusiastic beginner, Grape Escapes' small group tours average just 16 guests and blend tastings at prestigious chateaux and Champagne houses with more intimate invitations as the guests of

smaller family-run estates. Grape Escapes also offers longer tailor-made self-drive itineraries, private group tours for friends or social groups such as hen weekends and weddings. www.grapeescapes.net

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