



Finish the summer with a weekend break in Champagne with Grape Escapes

London, 30 August 2011: The Champagne region is enjoying its earliest harvest in 180 years- now Champagne tour specialist, Grape Escapes, invites lovers of the bubbly stuff to see the freshly picked grapes being pressed and bottled first hand on its Prestige Weekends. These run from 9-11 or 16-18 September and prices start at £318 per person. Grape Escapes is offering a free magnum of Grand Cru Champagne per couple.

The two night tour is based in the historic city of Reims. From here, guests are taken on a small group tour in a luxury minibus to three Champagne Houses with a local, English speaking guide. The first stop is at a small, family run producer of Grand Cru Champagnes where there is a demonstration of the Champagne making process. This is followed by tastings at a smaller producer and a visit to one of the prestigious Champagne Houses such as Moët & Chandon, Ruinart or Pommery in Reims.

The tours are complemented by a gourmet four course lunch at a premium local restaurant with accompanying wine and Champagne.

The starting price of £318 per person includes return Dover to Calais ferry crossings for a car and two passengers, two nights bed and breakfast at Hotel Bristol in Reims, all Champagne visits and the lunch. The price changes depending on the choice of accommodation which ranges from two star hotels to park view rooms at Château Les Crayères

Enquiries and bookings can be made at www.grapeescapes.net or by calling 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 12 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.

Media Information

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