



## **Put some fizz into autumn with wine and Champagne short breaks in France**

**London, 12 September 2011:** Those looking for something kid free and quiet this autumn can head off on a short break to Champagne, Bordeaux or Burgundy with Grape Escapes. The wine tour specialist offers two night getaways with escorted winery and Champagne House visits. These are accompanied by gourmet meals and multiple tastings. Prices start at £225 per person.

### **Deluxe Champagne House visits in Reims**

Champagne lovers can get their fill on Grape Escapes' Deluxe Champagne tours from *30 September- 2 October* and *21- 23 October*. The two night tours are based in a hotel of choice in Reims. From here, guests indulge in a guided luxury minibus tour with a visit to Veuve Cliquot for a tour and taste of La Grande Dame followed by a private tour of Moët and Chandon with samplings of its iconic Dom Perignon. There is also a four course gourmet lunch at a top local restaurant and a visit to a small Grand Cru Champagne House.

The tour price starts at £358 per person including two nights bed and breakfast, all guided tours, the lunch and return Dover to Calais ferry crossings for a car and two passengers.

### **Vineyard tours in Burgundy**

The two night Burgundy tour is based in Beaune, the capital of Burgundy wines. Guests are given a guided vineyard and wine estate tour in either the Côte de Beaune or the Côte de Nuits wine producing areas. The Côte de Beaune is famous for its Chardonnay wines from the vineyards of Meursault, Puligny-Montrachet and Chassagne-Montrachet and the Côte de Nuits is where Pinot Noir reigns supreme. Guests then return to Beaune for an evening tasting session in a traditional Burgundian bar with cheeses and meats. There is also a four course gourmet dinner in a premium city centre restaurant on the first night of their stay.

Tour prices start at £225 per person including two nights accommodation, the guided tours, the tasting session and dinner. There are no specific dates for this trip and the tour is available mid week and at weekends throughout the year.

## **Napoleon III's classic clarets in Bordeaux**

From 28-30 October Grape Escapes is running its annual two night 'Classic Clarets' tour in Bordeaux. This visits the four principle villages of the Medoc which were chosen by Napoleon III to showcase the best wines of France in 1855. The Medoc includes the wine villages and estates of Margaux, St Julien, Pauillac and St Estephe. These are visited on a wine tasting tour in a luxury mini coach and complimented by a four course lunch at Pauillac with local wines.

The tour price starts at £297 per person and includes two nights bed and breakfast at a chosen hotel in Bordeaux, a guided transported tour of the Médoc, tastings and the lunch.

Enquiries and bookings can be made at [www.grapeescapes.net](http://www.grapeescapes.net) or by calling 08456 430 860.

**Ends**

### **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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