



The Stars of the Aube in Champagne

They made history; today, they inspire your getaways.

A land of inspiration for Chrétien de Troyes, Bernard of Clairvaux, Renoir, Napoleon, and Camille Claudel, the Aube has seen the birth or passage of many brilliant minds. In the Middle Ages, local history was intertwined with the grand sweep of history, and intellectual influence spread throughout Europe.

Today, these illustrious figures invite you to follow in their footsteps... Here, history doesn't gather dust: it's lived, shared, and full of surprises!



EXCURSION

Bubbles and Brushstrokes with Renoir

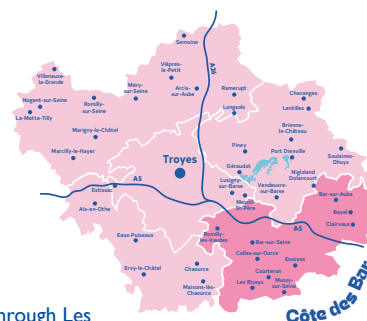
Distance: 20 km

Availability: All year round

From 90€* per person – transport not included

*Price based on a group of 25 people, subject to change

- ✦ Let yourself be captivated by **the Côte des Bar** as you stroll through Les Riceys, a charming village with character and three AOCs (Champagne, Coteaux Champenois, and Rosé des Riceys). Go on a hunt for the cadoles, those quirky stone shelters nestled among the vineyards.
- ✦ Step inside **a passionate winemaker's cellar for a tour...** before tantalizing your taste buds with **a Champagne tasting**.
- ✦ After **a lunch featuring local flavours**, discover an iconic figure of the Côte des Bar, **the renowned painter Renoir**: visit the Renoir Cultural Centre, his house, and his gardens.



EXCURSION

Treasures and Swords with the Templars

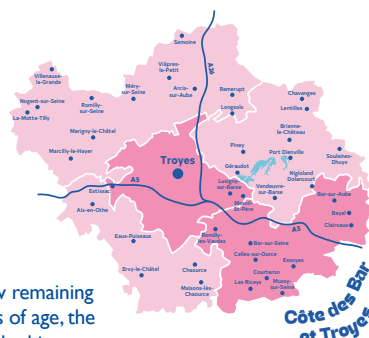
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Availability: All year round

From 57€* per person – transport not included

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- ✦ Take a leap into the past by stepping through the gates of the **Templar commandery of Avasseur**, one of the few remaining Templar sites in France. Almost untouched, despite a few signs of age, the site has retained all its charm – which speaks volumes about the history it has witnessed...
- ✦ **After a break enjoying local delicacies, it's time to discover Troyes**, a medieval city with a rich past, closely linked to the history of the Knights Templar. The visit leads to **the majestic cathedral**, for it was here that Bernard of Clairvaux secured the approval of the Order of the Temple at the council of 1128.
- ✦ **Finish with a guided tour of the Hugues de Payns Museum.** An opportunity to (re) discover the history of the founder of the Order of the Temple, and to explore the archaeological discoveries.





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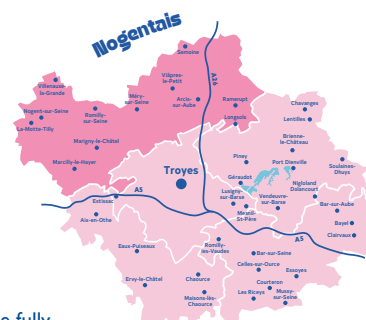
Life in a Chateau and Sculpture with Camille Claudel

Distance: 6 km

Availability: Wednesday to Sunday

From 56€* per person – transport not included

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- ✦ Step back in time to the 18th century in the corridors of the fully furnished **Château de la Motte Tilly** and its 60-hectare park, designated a «remarkable garden.»
- ✦ Enjoy a **gourmet lunch in Nogent-sur-Seine**, in its charming historic centre where the Seine River plays muse.
- ✦ Immerse yourself in the world of **Camille Claudel**: her beginnings, her struggles, her talent. It was in Nogent-sur-Seine, in 1874, that the artist met the sculptor Alfred Boucher, a pivotal encounter. Welcome to **the Camille Claudel Museum**, a unique place to discover the woman behind the legend!

SHORT BREAK

Following in the footsteps of our local stars from the Aube region

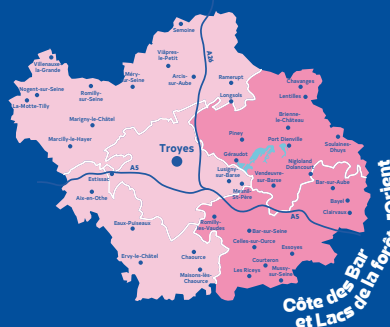
2 days / 1 night

Distance: 106 km

Availability: All year round

From 284€* per person – transport not included

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Day 1

Walk in the footsteps of Saint Bernard on a guided tour of the majestic **Cistercian Abbey of Clairvaux**, founded in the 12th century.

A journey through time... before a break for lunch featuring local flavours.

The afternoon takes you to Brienne-le-Château, an imperial city with a remarkable history.

Two emperors left their mark here, including **Napoleon Bonaparte**, who was very attached to this city where he first learned his trade. **A visit to the Napoleon Museum** then immerses you in his epic story.

To end the day in a relaxing way: free time in the wellness area, followed by a gourmet dinner and a peaceful night in your 3-star hotel.

Day 2

Step through the gates of the **Avalleur Commandery**, a rare witness to the Templar epic in France. Then, a change of pace: **head to a champagne cellar**, where a sparkling tasting awaits you in front of a Renoir painting.

After a local lunch on the heights of Essoyes, it's time for art with a walk through the village in the footsteps of **Pierre-Auguste Renoir**, visiting his house, his studio and the cemetery where he rests.



A question, a quote request?

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