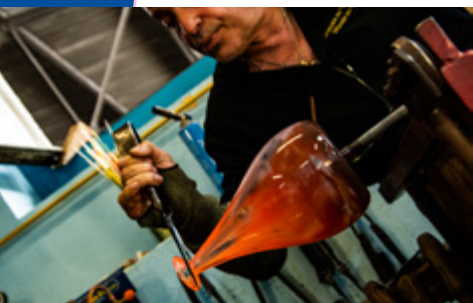




# Aube in Champagne: A Taste for the Gourmets

**Excite your taste buds with our gourmet getaways!**

Here, indulgence is a virtue: a glass of champagne to welcome you, a Troyes andouillette sausage served with pride, a perfectly creamy Chaource cheese, sweet treats from Maison Caffet, and a glass of Rosé des Riceys to wash it all down. And for the more adventurous? A chilled cider from the Pays d'Othe or, as a final touch, a robust Troyes sloe liqueur. Rustic, generous, and with a touch of mischief: the gastronomy of Aube will delight you... and surprise you!



## EXCURSION

### Between Champagne and Crystal

Distance: 20 km

Validity: Year-round

**From 66€\* per person** – transport not included

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

✦ The day begins with a **guided tour of Clairvaux Abbey**, founded in the 12th century by Saint Bernard. This impressive site tells the story of eight centuries of history: first a Cistercian monastery, it was transformed into a prison until 2023. **A unique place, where each era has left its mark.**

✦ Lunch on-site, in the unique setting of the abbey. In the afternoon, head **to Bayel and its Crystal Museum**. Enjoy a self-guided tour and discover the secrets of this precious craft before watching a **glassblowing demonstration**.

✦ To finish on a high note, take a **guided tour of a Champagne cellar, followed by a tasting**. And to extend the experience at home: a complimentary bottle for each participant.



## EXCURSION

### Apples, cheese, and bubbles

Distance: 48.4 km

Validity: Year-round

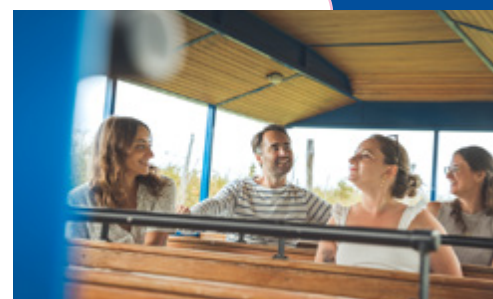
**From 66€\* per person** – transport not included

\*Price based on a group of 30 people, subject to change

✦ Arrive at **the cider museum for a guided tour** punctuated by a tasting of the farm's products. A video presentation immerses you in **the secrets of production**, before a ride on a miniature train through the heart of **the orchards of the Pays d'Othe**.

✦ Next stop: **Chaource for a generous, local lunch** served at a restaurant (drinks included!). In the afternoon, two options: a visit to a **cheese factory to discover the famous creamy Chaource**, still molded by hand as in the old days, or a visit to a **mushroom farm**, followed by a gourmet tasting.

✦ Finally, we head to **Les Riceys, the only village in Champagne to boast 3 AOCs** (Champagne, Coteaux Champenois and Rosé des Riceys). Guided tour of a cellar and tasting of the famous Rosé des Riceys, a wine of character, the favorite of Louis XIV!





## EXCURSION

### From the cellar to the workshop

Distance: 45.1 km

Validity: Year-round

**From 121€\* per person** – transport not included

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

- A day entirely dedicated to the champagnes of the Aube region — yes!
- On the program: **three cellar visits**, including one Cistercian cellar, **a champagne lunch in a cellar**, and of course... **a complimentary bottle** to extend the pleasure at home.

- In the afternoon, head to **Essoyes**, the village of **the painter Pierre-Auguste Renoir**. There you will discover the Espace des Renoir, the family home, the garden, and the painter's studio. An immersion into the artist's world, punctuated by a tasting... of the Renoir family champagnes, naturally.



## SHORT STAY

### Gourmet Getaway

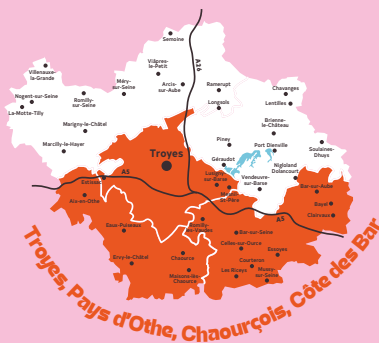
Duration: 2 days / 1 night

Distance: 115.4 km

Validity: Year-round

**From 234€\* per person** – transport not included

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



## Day 1

We begin with a leisurely stroll through the city of Troyes, where its half-timbered houses, cobbled streets, and churches with remarkable stained-glass windows tell the story of a rich medieval past.

Next, head to Cellier Saint-Pierre to taste **the famous Prunelle de Troyes**, whose recipe they keep secret. For lunch, treat yourself to the quintessential dish of Aube gastronomy: **the authentic Troyes andouillette sausage** (and for those less adventurous, we promise there are other options).

In the afternoon, it's time for **Champagne** with a cellar tour followed by **a tasting of three iconic cuvées**. Back in Troyes, enjoy some free time exploring the **covered market**: Troyes and Chaource cheeses, Champagnes, and the delicious pastries and chocolates of Pascal Caffet, a Meilleur Ouvrier de France (Best Craftsman of France)!

For those interested in the medieval period, step inside the **Taverne des Compagnons de la Table Ronde** (Round Table Tavern) and sample beverages of yesteryear—mead, ale, or spiced wines.

Dinner in the city centre and overnight stay in a 3-star hotel.

## Day 2

Discover **the cider museum**, complete with **a tasting** and a ride on a miniature train through the orchards of the Pays d'Othe. Then, a change of scenery: head to Chaource for a lunch featuring local flavours (drinks included!).

In the afternoon, you'll inevitably visit a **traditional cheese dairy** where Chaource cheese is hand-ladled into molds, following time-honored methods.

The day concludes in **Les Riceys**, the only village in Champagne with **three appellations** (Champagne, Coteaux Champenois, and Rosé des Riceys), for a tour of a winery and a tasting of Rosé des Riceys, Louis XIV's favourite wine.



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