

# Savoring the Wines of France

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France has always been a favorite destination of Hermes Travel and Tours. We enjoy showing the different culture, history and regions of this complex and picturesque country. Here is another tour of France that will give the wine lover a tour that they will never forget.

**Thursday May 6, 2010** we board Air France in Los Angeles and the following day we arrive in the *City of Lights*, **Paris, France**. When we arrive we take an orientation tour of Paris before checking into our centrally located hotel.

Saturday morning after our breakfast we board one of the fastest trains in the world, **the TGV** and head south to **Dijon** in **Burgundy**. The premium wines of Burgundy are from the pinot noir grapes. Our tour includes tours of wineries, a wine market and The **Hospices de Beaune** founded in 1443 as a pauper's hospital and remains famous today for the selling of local wines. We will return to Paris by way of the TGV.

Sunday we pack our bags and head further south to one of the top wine regions of the world, **Bordeaux** for two days. We will have an entire day of touring several wineries and cities (**Margaux, Pauillac, St. Julien, Medoc.. . .**) famous for their exquisite wines and scenic countryside.

Tuesday we say *au revoir* to Bordeaux and drive north to the **Loire Valley** – famous for its Castles and fine wines, such as Pouilly Fumé, Sancerre and the rosé of D'Anjou. The following day (Wednesday) we could not leave this area without a visit to one of the most beautiful Castles in the region, **Chenonceau**. We then head back to Paris.

Thursday after another splendid breakfast we board our coach and take a leisurely tour of the French countryside as we head north to the capital city of the **Champagne Region, Reims**. We tour the historic cathedral in Reims, where the earlier kings of France were crowned. We have a tour of one of the caves of Champagne and have a little taste of the bubbly, *ooh, C'est si bon*. You will have a little time to explore the city on your own before we board our bus and return to our hotel in Paris.

Friday we pack up after breakfast and head home to Los Angeles. If you prefer to remain in Paris for a few more days, Hermes Travel and Tours can make arrangements for you to stay longer.



***C'est Magnifique!***