



# Food & Wine: France through Burgundy & Champagne

11 days | 14 days with Aix-en-Provence extension

Treat your taste buds to a mouthwatering array of local specialties. Sip and savor the best of French cuisine as you travel through rustic vineyards, historic cities, and charming villages in Champagne and Burgundy on your way to Lyon.



## Your tour package includes

- 9 nights in handpicked hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- 2 lunches
- 4 dinners with beer or wine
- 3 wine tastings
- 1 cooking lesson
- 7 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

## Included highlights

- Eiffel Tower photo stop
- Parisian food markets
- Champagne cellar tour
- Burgundy wine tasting
- Château de Cormatin
- Lyon Cathedral
- pastry-making class

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 3.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with some hills and stairs.

## Group size

12-22

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Paris today.

## Paris → 2 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Paris

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Get acquainted with Paris before meeting your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Paris

*Included meals: breakfast*

A guided sightseeing tour introduces you to the architecture, scenery and cuisine of the City of Light's many neighborhoods, called *arrondissements*.

- Drive down the Champs-Élysées to view the Arc de Triomphe
- Pass the legendary Notre-Dame Cathedral, on an island in the Seine River
- See the Eiffel Tower, the Palais Garnier opera house and Place de la Concorde
- Marvel at the eclectic and iconic architecture of the Louvre
- Sample traditional French pastries and cheeses on a culinary walk

Enjoy a free evening or add an excursion.

+ Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise

## Champagne Region → 2 nights

### Day 4: Reims via Chantilly

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

On your way to Reims, part of the famous Champagne region, stop in Chantilly for a tour of the magnificent château and taste of the town's famous vanilla whipped cream.

### Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Reims

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Explore Reims, home to the world's most renowned Champagne estates.

- Visit the Gothic-style Reims Cathedral, a UNESCO-recognized site

- Step inside the Basilica of Saint-Rémi, the oldest church in Reims
- Pass by the Palace of Tau, a palatial 13th-century Gothic chapel and hall
- Tour one of the most reputed wine cellars in Champagne, where you'll enjoy a tasting of the famous bubbly

## Burgundy Region → 2 nights

### Day 6: Dijon via Troyes & Chablis

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Travel through the world-famous Burgundy region.

- Stop in the medieval town of Troyes to admire the unique architecture on a walking tour, followed by free time for lunch
- Visit Chablis, the center of Burgundy's winemaking heritage
- Enjoy a Chablis tasting paired with a charcuterie board of meats and cheeses

Arrive in Dijon, home of the famed mustard, for an included group dinner.

### Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Dijon

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Soak in Dijon's sights and sample its fare on a guided tour.

- Stop at the Palace of the Dukes and Estates of Burgundy
- Take in the Church of Notre-Dame de Dijon and Dijon's medieval streets
- At lunch, feast on boeuf bourguignon, a classic French dish

Enjoy a free afternoon or add an excursion.

+ Historic Beaune & Burgundy Cellars

## Lyon → 3 nights

### Day 8: Lyon via the Burgundy & Beaujolais Regions

*Included meals: breakfast*

Make your way to Lyon, the gourmet capital of France, with a few stops along the way.

- Journey to the Burgundy region where you'll take a tour of the Château de Cormatin, an elegant private castle surrounded by a moat and formal gardens
- Visit nearby Tournus to see the town's Benedictine abbey
- Stop in the Beaujolais region to taste some of the area's rustic red wines

### Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Lyon

*Included meals: breakfast*

A local guide introduces you to the country's culinary capital on a sightseeing tour.

- Take in the Gothic and Renaissance architecture as you pass by the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière
- See Lyon Cathedral and walk through centuries-old *traboules*, or underground passages
- End your tour in the city's famous indoor market, Halles de Lyon
- Learn the French art of pastry-making during a cooking lesson with local chefs

### Day 10: Free day in Lyon

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

Spend the day exploring on your own or add an excursion. Later, say goodbye to your fellow travelers during a farewell dinner at a traditional *bouchon* restaurant.

+ Medieval Village of Pérouges

## Flight Home

### Day 11: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to explore Aix-en-Provence.

## + Aix-en-Provence extension

You won't find more quintessentially French charm than in Aix-en-Provence. Take a train ride, then set off to explore a region so pretty it could be (and probably is) a painting. You'll soak in the picturesque scenery on a sightseeing tour.

## Aix-en-Provence Region → 3 nights

### Day 11: Travel to Aix-en-Provence

*Included meals: breakfast*

Take the high-speed TGV train to Aix-en-Provence, and enjoy a free afternoon or add an excursion.

+ Provençal Dinner & Wine Tasting

### Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Aix-en-Provence

*Included meals: breakfast*

Embark on a guided walking tour of the city to uncover the quintessential charms of Southern France.

- Discover Aix's beautiful boulevards, the intricate medieval cathedral and enter the former studio of Cézanne
- Depending on the season, your tour may end with a stroll through the city's vibrant markets to admire fresh flowers, sample the region's famous herbs and seek out *calisson*, a traditional Provençal candy

### Day 13: Free day in Aix-en-Provence

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend the day exploring on your own or add an excursion.

This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

+ Marseille & Cassis: Coastal Cuisine & Cruise

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## Flight Home

### Day 14: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the Marseille airport for your flight home.

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: [goaheadtours.ca/TOF](http://goaheadtours.ca/TOF) | 1-800-754-5066

## Day 3: Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise

\$175CAD/\$185CAD\* (5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Take in the nighttime allure of the City of Light on a special evening excursion. The event begins with dinner at a local restaurant. After you dine, board a boat cruise along the Seine. As you coast along the river and under Paris' bridges, you'll behold the illuminated monuments of the city glittering alongside the riverbanks. Please note: The dress code may vary depending on the restaurant for your dinner. Your Tour Director will advise you on what to wear, but shorts and sneakers are likely to be considered inappropriate attire.

Spend a day on France's stunning Mediterranean coast. Your excursion starts in bustling Marseille, where a local guide shows the diverse character of the city. Notre-Dame de la Garde, the artsy quarter of Le Panier and the Old Port highlight Marseille's rich heritage, while visits to the Euroméditerranée district and the Palais Omnisports show its more modern appeal. After your tour, sit down for an included lunch and get a taste for Marseille's fresh, flavorful cuisine. In the afternoon, head to nearby Cassis for a scenic boat ride around the dramatic cliffs and calanques that have made this French Riviera city famous.

## Day 7: Historic Beaune & Burgundy Cellars

\$100CAD/\$110CAD\* (5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Nicolas Rolin, the Duke of Burgundy's chancellor, built the Hospices de Beaune in the hope that his good works would earn him a place in heaven. With his wife, Guigone de Salins, Rolin devoted much of his fortune to caring for the thousands who were left poor and starving after the Hundred Years' War. Nearly 600 years later, income from the town's vineyards along with profits from annual wine auctions continue to fund the organization. You'll tour the Hospices before enjoying a wine tasting in Beaune's Patriarche wine cellars.

## Day 10: Medieval Village of Pérouges

\$95CAD (4 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Make your way to the charming village of Pérouges, a favorite among the French for its winding cobblestone streets and medieval architecture. Visit the central Place du Tilleul for a panoramic view of the area and explore the fortress-church of Sainte Marie Madeleine. After taking in the scenery, stop at a local bakery to sample some of the region's sweetest specialties. Taste a galette—a round, flat tart filled with berries—and hypocras, a spiced wine flavored with honey, ginger, and cinnamon. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 11: Provençal Dinner & Wine Tasting

\$185CAD/\$195CAD\* (6 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Travel to a rustic Provençal village outside of Aix-en-Provence. Start your evening with a tasting of red, white, and rosé wines at a vineyard and learn how each one is produced. Then, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant featuring the traditional herb-accented Provençal dishes, which the region is known for.

### Day 13: Marseille & Cassis: Coastal Cuisine & Cruise

\$190CAD/\$200CAD\* (8 hours, departs in the morning with lunch)

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.ca/terms](http://goaheadtours.ca/terms)