

# Best Wine Regions in France to Visit in 2020

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Wine regions of France have many things that attract travelers. First-class grapes and celebrated wines are just some. Varied countryside, scenic vineyards, and numerous historical monuments are other reasons why you should visit the best French wine regions in 2020.

While touring wineries in France, discover diverse production techniques applied in Champagne, Burgundy, and Aquitaine. Finally, learn to combine renowned wines, such as Bollinger, Chablis, and Mouton Rothschild, and food for the best experience.

## Champagne Wine Region



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Champagne is the northernmost of the best French grape-growing regions, located northeast of Paris, the capital of France. It features plains abounding with lakes in the south and forested hills of the Ardennes in the north.

If you like water sports, go east of Troyes, the former capital of Champagne. Visit the Ardennes to enjoy hiking through forests. If you are a fan of wine or intend to become one, explore the area located between Reims, Epernay, and Châlons-en-Champagne.

Your way to the center of the region takes you through the vineyards of the signposted 'Route de Champagne' (Champagne Tourist Route). Alternatively, you can get from Paris, the capital of France, to Reims in 90 minutes by train. Either way, you will traverse relatively flat agricultural areas broken with an occasional hill.

Reims, Epernay, and the hills between them form the principal grape-cultivating area in Champagne. Visit local wineries to learn how winemakers produce famous sparkling wine. Contrary to the common belief, Champagne is a type of sparkling wine, not vice versa.

Many aficionados of this grape drink consider the province the best wine region of France to visit. Since your tour will almost certainly take you to Reims, take time to visit Reims Cathedral.

Reims Cathedral is a masterpiece of Gothic architecture and the traditional crowning place of French kings. Its west façade boasts three portals, detailed sculpture, and Great Rose Window, which you should see at sunset. Before leaving the city, take a tour of historic cellars.

For the best experience, go to Epernay. Visit the town's cellars, located in Renaissance-style mansions, for insightful tours and wine tastings. Vaults of the 18th-century Moët & Chandon winery are almost 30km/20mi long.

You can tour Champagne for days if wine, nature, and history are among your interests. A quick visit to this particular region is also possible if time is a limiting factor. You can book a day trip that offers excellent value for money in Paris.