

Recommends: Paris day trip to Épernay

The big Champagne houses

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Take the fast and comfortable [SNCF Train](#) from Paris to Épernay, the capital of Champagne, and then a seven-minute walk to Avenue de Champagne. Recommend avoiding Monday and Tuesday as some wineries are closed.

Itinerary:

- 9:55am Arrive Épernay (check prices for 2nd vs 1st class because sometimes the difference can be 3€)
- 10:15am Balloon (Esplanade Charles De Gaulle)
- 10:45am Museum (Château Perrier, 13 Av. de Champagne)
- 11:45am Tasting at Moët & Chandon (20 Av. de Champagne)
- 1:30pm Lunch/Tasting at Perrier-Jouët (26 Av. de Champagne)
- 2:30pm Tasting at Champagne Paul-Etienne Saint Germain (51 Av. de Champagne)
- 3:30pm Tasting at LeClerc Briant (67 chemin de la Chaude Ruelle)
- 4:29pm Leave Épernay

Transportation 8:36am from Paris Est arriving gare d'Épernay 1 hour 19 minutes later at 9:55am. For the return, recommend the 4:29pm from Épernay arriving in Paris Est at 5:53pm. Walk to the Avenue de Champagne and start your day at the balloon to get a 360 view of the area then visit the Champagne Museum.

Up to 29 people can take a 14 minute (14€) trip on the [Le Ballon d'Epernay](#) and travel 100 feet up in the air (while still tethered to the ground) for a 360 view of Reims Mountain, the Marne Valley, western hillside vineyards, mansions and the town of Épernay.

A visit to the [Musée du vin de Champagne et d'Archéologie régionale](#) (9,50€) will elevate your Champagne wine knowledge. The museum details the soils, early settlement, creation/history of wine as well as the explorers of the 19th century and the Belle Époque.

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- [Moët & Chandon](#): Explore 17 miles of underground caves in the largest Champagne house in the world. Recommend booking the 1 hour 30-minute Grand Vintage tour (50€) to learn about the history and production of their Moët Impérial, Rosé Impérial, Ice Impérial Rosé, Ice Impérial and their Grand Vintage Champagnes.



- [Perrier-Jouët](#): One of the oldest Champagne houses in the world, Perrier-Jouët has a lovely outdoor tasting area set in a garden environment serving their Champagne but also cocktails, spirits, tea or coffee and serving appetizers and delicious small plates.



- [Champagne Paul-Etienne Saint Germain](#): A small mom and pop operation that offers a nice outdoor seating area to enjoy their Grand Cru vineyard Blanc de Blanc, Blanc de Noir, Rose and Brut Champagnes. The Champagnes are all made using traditional methods and aged for a minimum of three years before release.



- [LeClerc Briant](#): A smaller Champagne house with a relaxed outdoor tasting area. They offer a variety of Champagnes and have [Le 25bis](#), a 5-room hotel, each with its own style with prices ranging from \$400-\$500 and a dedicated concierge service to help plan your trip.

