

## 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, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 1<sup>st</sup> class because sometimes the difference can be 3€)
- 10:15am [Le Ballon d'Épernay \(Esplanade Charles De Gaulle, 51200 Épernay\)](#)
- 10:45am [Museum of Champagne wine and regional archaeology \(13 Av. de Champagne, 51200 Épernay\)](#)
- 11:45am Tasting at [Moët & Chandon \(20 Av. de Champagne, 51200 Épernay\)](#) [Reservations](#)
- 1:30pm Lunch/Tasting at [Perrier-Jouët \(26 Av. de Champagne, 51200 Épernay\)](#) [Reservations](#)
- 2:30pm Tasting at [Paul-Etienne Saint Germain \(51 Av. de Champagne, 51200 Épernay\)](#) No reservations
- 3:30pm Tasting at [Le 25bis by Leclerc Briant \(25 bis Av. de Champagne, 51200 Épernay\)](#) [Reservations](#)
- 4:29pm Return to the [Gare d'Épernay \(Pl. de la Gare, 51200 Épernay\)](#) for the train ride back to Paris

**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.

The 14 minute (16€) trip on the Le Ballon d'Épernay and travel 100 feet up in the air (while still tethered to the ground) for a 360 view of Reims Mountain, the Marne Valley, mansions and the town of Épernay.

The Musée du vin de Champagne (10€) will elevate your Champagne wine knowledge with details about the soils, early settlement, creation/history of wine as well as the explorers of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the Belle Époque.

### Champagne houses

- [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.



### Alternates

- [Champagne Collard-Picard \(15, Avenue de Champagne, 51200 Épernay\)](#)
- [Champagne de Venoge \(33 Av. de Champagne, 51200 Épernay\)](#) [Reservations](#)
- [Champagne Mercier \(68 Av. de Champagne, 51200 Épernay\)](#) [Reservations](#)
- [Champagne Comtesse Lafond \(79 Av. de Champagne, 51200 Épernay\)](#)