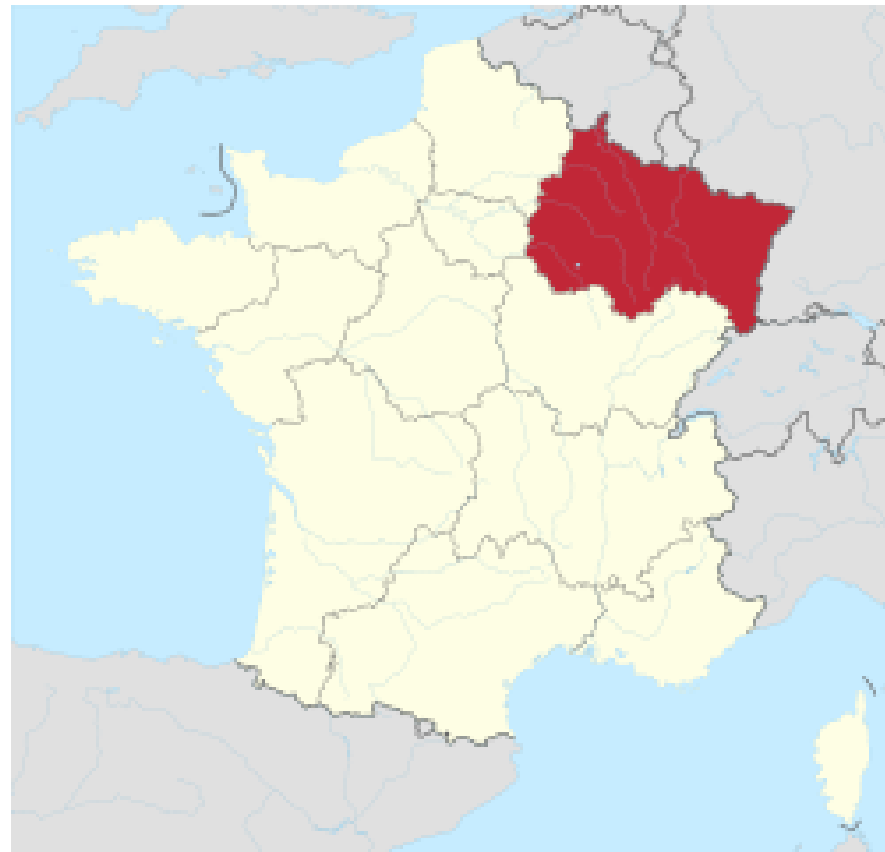


Trip To *Grand Est*

Where and When

- Grand Est
 - formerly *Alsace-Champagne-Ardenne-Lorraine*
- April 25th - May 5th



The Grand Est Region

- Blend of German and French influences
- Flammekueche (tarte flambée), choucroute, bretzel, quiche, brie and munster cheeses
- White wines, Champagne, Beer
- Timber-framed houses, grand cathedrals, art nouveau neighborhoods
- World War I history
- The Vosges Mountains

Itinerary

	Hotel	Stops and Tours
Day 1	Reims	Free time to visit the Cathedral, guided tour in the afternoon
Day 2	Reims	Vineyard and Champagne cave with tasting
Day 3	Reims	Châlons-en-Champagne, Epernay, and WWI Fort tour
Day 4	Metz	Verdun WWI History, Metz, evening concert
Day 5	Metz	Nancy: Place Stanislas, Art Nouveau houses
Day 6	Strasbourg	Crystal Glassworks visit, historic brewery
Day 7	Strasbourg	Highlights of Strasbourg
Day 8	Strasbourg	Alsatian Wine Route, Reisling tasting, Mont St. Odile, Colmar
Day 9	Strasbourg	Haut Koenigsbourg castle, Free time in Strasbourg
Day 10		Return home via Paris

Itinerary subject to change, specific excursions and tours TBA

Reims



The cathedral Notre-Dame de Reims was the traditional site of the coronation of the kings of France.

Champagne

Vineyards & Caves



The wine-making region surrounding Reims is best known for the production of Champagne, the famous sparkling white wine. The laws of most countries reserve the term exclusively for wines that come from this area. The champagne is aged underground in chalky caves.

Épernay

The most famous street in Épernay is the Avenue de Champagne, which is home to great Champagne houses including Moët et Chandon, Mercier and De Castellane.

It is said to be the most expensive avenue in the world due to the millions of bottles of champagne stored below ground



WWI Forts



Fort de la Pompelle and Fort de Douaumont are two of a number of forts built around this region in the late 19th century. The forts saw combat during the First World War.

The Battle of Verdun, the longest battle of the First World War (Feb - Dec 1916), occurred at Fort de Douaumont.

Nancy

A nighttime photograph of Place Stanislas in Nancy, France. The Grand Ducal Palace is brightly lit, showing its many windows and ornate facade. In the foreground, there is a large, ornate Art Nouveau iron gate and a street lamp. The sky is a deep blue, and the square is paved with cobblestones. A small sign on the left reads 'RUE S^{te} CATHERINE'.

Notable landmarks in Nancy include the Place Stanislas, named after king of Poland and duke of Lorraine Stanislaus I, and many buildings in the Art Nouveau style.



Lorraine Glassworks



The Alsace-Lorraine region has been well-known for its glass production since the Gallo-Roman Era (1st century BCE to 5th century CE). In the 17th and 18th centuries, these glassmakers began manufacturing stronger (and sparklier) crystal.

Well-known glassmakers in the region include Baccarat, Lalique, and Saint-Louis.

Strasbourg



The largest city in the Grand Est region, Strasbourg is chiefly known for its sandstone Gothic cathedral with its famous astronomical clock, and for its medieval cityscape of black and white timber-framed buildings in Petite France. It's also referred to as the "Capitale de Noël" with its famous Christmas market that dates back to the 1500s.

Alsace Wine Route



The Alsace Wine Route is a winding highway that stretches from Strasbourg in the north to Colmar in the south (and beyond), passing through many typical Alsatian villages, picturesque views, and white wine vineyards. We'll enjoy a local Riesling tasting along our way.

Haut Koenigsbourg Castle



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Erected in the 12th century, Haut-Koenigsbourg castle offers an exceptional panorama of the Alsatian plain, the Vosges mountains, the Black Forest and sometimes even the Alps.

Hotels - REIMS

- **HÔTEL RESTAURANT CONTINENTAL******
 - 3 nights
 - 93 Place Drouet d'Erlon 51100 Reims



Hotels - METZ

- **HÔTEL LA CITADELLE METZ ******
 - 2 nights
 - 5 Avenue Ney 57000 Metz



Hotels - STRASBOURG

- **L'HÔTEL DU DRAGON ******
 - 4 nights
 - 12 Rue du Dragon 67000 Strasbourg



Cost of the Trip

TOTAL = \$6207

Single Supplement = \$508

Pay by check or cash to receive a 3.5% discount!

Includes flights, hotels, meals, and guided excursions.

This price reflects the standard trip package as-is.

Changes or upgrades may incur additional costs.

Payment Schedule

- Non-refundable deposit due at registration: **\$1000**
- 1st payment due on **January 5, 2026: \$2603.50**
- 2nd payment due on **March 2, 2026: \$2603.50**

How do I sign up?

- Fill out the registration form
- Place your \$1000 deposit
- Keep an eye on your email for more details and reminders as they become available

Sign up soon!

- For this exciting trip to go ahead as planned, we'd like to reach a **minimum of 20** confirmed travelers by mid-January
- If you intend to participate, please submit your deposit as soon as you can!

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