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Vintage Champagne or cheap fizz – Grape Escapes uncorks City Bonus packages for all budgets

Will the City boys be sipping vintage Champagne or cheap fizz this year? Following the controversy over bankers' bonuses, specialist operator Grape Escapes is offering Champagne discovery weekend breaks to suit either budget!

For the Dom Perignon budget:-

Vintage Champagne Weekend from £1,380 per person

Sip champagne in style and enjoy a personalised chauffeur-driven tour of the region's most prestigious Champagne Houses. Tour highlights include a VIP private cellar tour of Moët and Chandon with tastings of its iconic Dom Perignon Champagne, a visit to Champagne GH Mumm to sample Vintage and Cordon Rouge Champagnes followed by a trip to a smaller, family run house to learn the Art of Sabrage – uncorking a Champagne bottle with a sword!

Staying two nights at the Relais & Chateaux-listed property Les Crayères in an upgraded Baronne Room, the break includes a five-course dinner sampling the finest French Haute Cuisine with accompanying Champagnes in the hotel's acclaimed Le Parc Restaurant. Tailor-made tours cost from £1,380 per person based on two people travelling together and include first class Eurostar travel from London to Paris, then first class from Paris Est to Reims.

For the cheap and cheerful fizz budget:-

Budget Champagne Weekend from £184 per person

Based in the heritage city of Reims, Grape Escapes' new budget packages offer a flexible and affordable introduction to the Champagne region and its celebrated wines.

The tour include two nights' bed and breakfast accommodation, a half day guided vineyard tour to a small family run Champagne house with tastings, a 3-course lunch or dinner with a three glasses of different Champagnes (one glass of Chardonnay, one glass of Pinot Noir and one glass of Pinto Meunier), and an afternoon visit to a large prestigious Champagne house in central Reims.

Reims is located in the heart of the Champagne region just two and a half hours' drive from Calais or 45 minutes from central Paris by train. Optional ferry crossings from can be arranged just £35 per person.

The new budget tours are available year round, excluding Sundays and Wednesdays.

For more information on Grape Escapes' Champagne-tasting weekends and tours visit www.grapeescapes.net or call 08456 430 860.

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