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New Champagne Château Breaks from Grape Escapes

A fairytale Château, vintage champers and rowing on a historic moat – explore rural Champagne with Grape Escapes' new Champagne Château Break.

The new two-night Champagne Château escape is based at Château d'Etoges, located 36 miles from the historic city of Reims in the heart of the Champagne Region.

Built at the beginning of the 17th Century and set in 18 acres of expansive grounds, Château d'Etoges offers a luxury base for exploring the region and discovering the secrets of its iconic wines.

Highlights of the new Champagne Château break package include an exclusive private Dom Perignon tour at Moët and Chandon where guests will have access to some of the oldest areas of the cellars which are seldom visited by the public, followed by a flute of the iconic Dom Perignon in a private reception room at the Moët mansion.

Also included is a visit to a small, family-run producer of grand cru Champagnes, for a full tour of the fascinating Champagne making process from vine to bottle, with at least three tastings including vintage Champagne.

Château d'Etoges, once favourite of many French Kings, counts amongst its previous guests Louis XIV, the Sun King, who was particularly fond of the sensational gardens, and King Louis XVI who sought refuge at the Château during his escape to Varennes after the French Revolution.

The two-night Champagne Chateau Spa Break costs from £358 per person and is available all year round, mid-week and weekends.

The price includes return P&O Dover to Calais ferry crossings, two night's bed and breakfast in a Deluxe Room at the Château d'Etoges based on two sharing, a visit to a small, family run Champagne House in a grand cru village for a tour and 3-5 tastings, the exclusive Dom Perignon tour at Moët and Chandon which consists of a tour and a flute of Champagne and a four course gourmet dinner with Champagne and wines. Guest can also arrange a chauffeur and luxury car for the Champagne House tours for £275.

Special offer for arrivals between November 2010 and April 2011 (excluding Christmas and Easter): A bottle of Champagne is offered as a souvenir of your stay.

For further information visit www.grapeescapes.net or call 08456 430 860.

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About Grape Escapes

Grape Escapes is a specialist in travel to the French wine regions offering a selection of gourmet wine-tasting weekends in Champagne, Burgundy, Bordeaux, the Loire and the Rhone. Catering for all food and wine lovers from the serious connoisseur to enthusiastic beginner, Grape Escapes' small group tours average just 16 guests and blend tastings at prestigious chateaux and Champagne houses with more intimate invitations as the guests of smaller family-run estates. Grape Escapes also offers longer tailor-made self-drive itineraries, private group tours for friends or social groups such as hen weekends and weddings. www.grapeescapes.net

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