

Reims Travel Guide

Reims: The City of Coronations & Champagne
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Things to do in Reims

Landmarks & Monuments

Reims boasts magnificent architectural landmarks that shaped European history, from grand cathedrals to classical buildings showcasing centuries of French heritage.



Must See
Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Reims
1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A masterpiece of Gothic architecture and **UNESCO World Heritage site** where 25 French kings were crowned. Built over two centuries with stunning rose windows, intricate sculptures, and soaring nave. The cathedral survived WWI destruction and remains a symbol of French grandeur.



Top Pick
Palais du Tau
1 hour No Booking Needed



Map

Former archiepiscopal palace adjoining the cathedral, now a museum housing **royal coronation treasures** and religious artifacts. Features the Archbishop's apartments, Gothic tapestries, and statuary from the cathedral's renovation.



Top Pick
Basilica Saint-Rémi
45 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

One of the finest examples of Romanesque architecture in France, this basilica housed the shrine of Saint Rémi. Features stunning stained glass, ambulatory with radiating chapels, and historical significance in Reims' religious heritage.

Tips for Landmarks & Monuments

- Visit the cathedral early morning to avoid crowds and enjoy natural light through stained glass
- The exterior is best photographed from the plaza at sunrise
- Combine cathedral and Palais du Tau visit for complete coronation history



Museums & Galleries

Reims hosts world-class museums celebrating art, history, and the region's champagne heritage through collections spanning ancient to contemporary works.



Must See Book Ahead

Champagne Houses (Veuve Clicquot, Mumm, Pommery, Taittinger)

1.5-2 hours Book Ahead



Map

Tour prestigious champagne cellars carved into ancient chalk quarries beneath Reims. **UNESCO-listed crayères** offer tastings of prestigious vintages while explaining production methods spanning centuries. Each house features unique histories and architectural styles.



Top Pick

Musée Saint-Rémi (Saint-Remi Museum)

1.5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Located in a former Benedictine abbey, this museum displays **archaeological collections, decorative arts, and military history** including medieval manuscripts, local artifacts, and WWI exhibits documenting Reims' wartime experiences.



Notable

Musée des Beaux-Arts (Fine Arts Museum)

1.5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Housed in a former royal abbey, this gallery features **European paintings from 15th-20th centuries**, sculpture, and decorative arts. Collections include works by Matisse, Monet, and contemporary artists representing diverse artistic movements.

Tips for Museums & Galleries

- Book champagne house tours online in advance, especially in summer
- Afternoon light is best for museum photography
- Consider a combined ticket package for multiple champagne houses
- Plan tasting visits before noon to enjoy flavors with fresh palate



Religious Sites

Reims holds profound religious significance as the coronation city of French monarchy, with multiple sites of spiritual and architectural importance.



Notable

Chapel of Sainte-Clotilde

30 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

A beautiful Romanesque chapel with precious stained glass and interior decoration. Features detailed reliefs and historical significance to Reims' religious heritage and medieval period.



Notable

Abbey Saint-Denis

45 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Ancient Benedictine abbey featuring Romanesque and Gothic architecture. Houses religious artifacts and showcases monastic life through the centuries with beautiful cloisters and period rooms.

Tips for Religious Sites

- Many churches close during midday; visit morning or late afternoon
- Bring modest clothing for religious sites
- Silent contemplation is encouraged in active parishes



Squares & Streets

Reims' elegant plazas and boulevards reflect centuries of urban design, featuring classical architecture, fountain monuments, and bustling commercial streets blending history with modern vitality.



Must See

Place Royale

45 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Reims' main square featuring **classical 18th-century arcaded buildings** surrounding an elegant plaza. The equestrian statue of Louis XV anchors the space. Perfect for cafés, shopping, and people-watching in the city's vibrant heart.



Top Pick

Rue de Vesle

1 hour No Booking Needed



Map

Historic street connecting the cathedral to Place Royale, lined with shops, galleries, and restaurants. Features Belle Époque buildings showcasing architectural evolution of Reims through centuries.



Top Pick

Place Drouet d'Erlon

45 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Grand tree-lined plaza with monuments and sculptures celebrating Reims' history. Vibrant public space for events, dining, and recreation, surrounded by Belle Époque facades and contemporary establishments.

Tips for Squares & Streets

- Explore squares during golden hour for exceptional photography
- Visit cafés on Place Royale for authentic Reims atmosphere
- Saturday mornings feature open-air markets on several plazas
- Early evening strolls reveal beautiful architectural details in warm light



Parks & Gardens

Reims offers peaceful green spaces perfect for relaxation and nature appreciation, from formal gardens to expansive parks ideal for walking and picnicking.



Top Pick

Parc de la Patte d'Oie
1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Beautiful public park spanning 14 hectares with lakeside paths, botanical plantings, and recreational facilities. Features **formal gardens, walking trails, and scenic viewpoints** perfect for leisurely strolls or family outings.



Notable

Jardin de la Paix
45 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Contemporary peace garden combining modern design with natural elements. Features water features, meditation spaces, and symbolic plantings celebrating themes of harmony and reconciliation.



Notable

Promenade des Jacobins
45 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Tree-lined botanical garden pathway featuring seasonal plantings, ornamental shrubs, and flower beds. Connects historic districts while providing peaceful walking through curated natural landscapes.

Tips for Parks & Gardens

- Spring (April-May) offers spectacular floral displays
- Bring a picnic for lakeside dining in parks
- Early morning visits provide peaceful experiences and wildlife observation
- Parks are ideal afternoon retreats during warm months



Tours & Activities

Engage with Reims through guided experiences exploring champagne production, history, gastronomy, and art with knowledgeable local guides.



Must See Book Ahead

Champagne Tasting Tours

2-3 hours Book Ahead

Professional sommelier-guided tastings through **prestigious champagne houses** featuring vineyard walks, production facility tours, and cellars with historical significance. Learn terroir, production methods, and vintage variations.



Top Pick Book Ahead

Cathedral & History Guided Tours

1.5-2 hours Book Ahead

Expert historian-led explorations of the cathedral's Gothic architecture, coronation history, and stained glass artistry. Tours explain medieval craftsmanship, restoration post-WWI, and symbolic meanings of architectural elements.



Top Pick Book Ahead

Gastronomic Food Tours

2-3 hours Book Ahead

Culinary walking tours discovering local markets, artisan producers, and regional specialties. Taste champagne biscuits, local cheese, pastries, and traditional Reims cuisine while learning food culture and market traditions.

Tips for Tours & Activities

- Book tours through official tourism office for guaranteed quality
- Champagne tours require advance reservations, especially May-September
- Bring comfortable walking shoes for food and history tours
- Morning tastings provide best flavor appreciation



Day Trips & Excursions

Explore the Champagne region beyond Reims through scenic vineyard routes, charming villages, and additional cultural attractions within short driving distances.



Top Pick

Épernay & Champagne Route

Full day No Booking Needed



Map

Sister city featuring champagne houses along **Avenue de Champagne**. Drive the scenic Wine Route through vineyard villages like Hautvillers, Ay, and Oeuilly with stunning countryside views and additional champagne producers.



Top Pick

Hautvillers Village

Half day No Booking Needed



Map

Picturesque champagne village famous as birthplace of Dom Pérignon. Explore the abbey, charming streets, vineyard terraces, and family-run producers offering personal tastings and authentic champagne experiences.



Notable

Amiens Cathedral Day Trip

Full day with 2.5-hour drive No Booking Needed



Map

UNESCO World Heritage Gothic cathedral featuring **Europe's largest medieval nave**. Located 120km away, this architectural masterpiece rivals Reims Cathedral in grandeur, offering comparison of regional Gothic styles.

Tips for Day Trips & Excursions

- Rent a car for wine route exploration and maximum flexibility
- Drive scenic wine routes in spring or fall for optimal weather
- Visit smaller producers for more personal experiences than major houses
- Combine multiple villages in single day for diverse champagne education



Christmas Market

Reims turns its Belle Époque city centre into a festive stage each December, anchored by wooden-chalet markets along **Place Drouet d'Erlon** and a Ferris wheel that lights up the pedestrian boulevard. Rather than a single mega-market, the tradition here is spread across a few squares near the cathedral and train station, paired with the city's signature pink biscuits and mulled Champagne.

Illuminated facades, an ice rink, and small artisan stalls near the Cathédrale Notre-Dame round out a walkable winter itinerary that pairs naturally with a Champagne house visit earlier in the day.



Must See

Marché de Noël de Reims (Place Drouet d'Erlon)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



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Reims's main **Christmas market** fills the long pedestrian square of Place Drouet d'Erlon with wooden chalets selling mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, regional cheeses, and the city's famous *biscuits roses de Reims*. In December 2026 the market is expected to run on its usual schedule, opening in the final third of November and continuing through the holiday period into early January, similar to prior years.

Local artisans sell ornaments, toys, and gifts alongside the food stalls, and string lights turn the square into the favourite evening stroll for both visitors and Champagne-house workers. Weekday evenings are noticeably calmer than weekends. The market sits an easy ten-minute walk from Reims train station, making it simple to combine with a Champagne cellar tour earlier in the day.



Top Pick

Grande Roue and Ice Rink on Place Drouet d'Erlon

30-60 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

A seasonal **Ferris wheel** and an outdoor *patinoire* (ice rink) typically set up alongside the Christmas market on Place Drouet d'Erlon each winter, giving views over the market chalets and the square's Belle Époque facades. The wheel usually operates through the same window as the market, roughly late November into early January 2027, weather permitting.

Skate rental is available on site and no advance booking is normally required, though queues build up on weekend afternoons and school-holiday days. It's a good stop after browsing the market stalls, especially once the lights come on at dusk. Families with young children should check opening hours locally, as the wheel and rink sometimes close earlier on weekdays than on weekends.



Notable

Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Reims Winter Illuminations

30-45 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Reims's Gothic **cathedral**, where French kings were once crowned, gets a festive treatment each December as its floodlit facade and the surrounding square become a natural gathering point for the holiday season. Some years bring projected light shows onto the west front after dark, echoing the summer *son et lumière* tradition the cathedral is known for.

Even without a scheduled show, the illuminated facade paired with nearby market stalls makes for one of the best free evening experiences in Reims during December 2026. Arrive around dusk to see the transition from daylight to floodlighting, and allow time to walk around to Place du Cardinal Luçon on the cathedral's south side, which tends to be quieter than the main square.





Optional

Champagne House Winter Cellar Visits

1.5-2 hours Book Ahead



Map

December is a naturally festive time to pair the city's Christmas market with what Reims is truly famous for: **Champagne**. Major houses near the centre, including *Taittinger*, *Pommery*, and *Veuve Clicquot*, keep their chalk-cellar tours running through the holiday season, often with seasonal tastings or decorated cellars for December visitors.

Tours typically run daily but fill up around the holidays, so booking a slot a few days ahead is worthwhile. Most cellars are a short taxi or tram ride from Place Drouet d'Erlon, making it easy to spend a morning underground among the bottles and an evening at the Christmas market above ground. It's a distinctly Reims way to round out a winter visit that a generic market alone would not capture.

Tips for Christmas Market

- **Dress warmly** — the market and ice rink are outdoors and Reims winters are damp and cold.
- Visit the market on a **weekday evening** for smaller crowds than weekend afternoons.
- Try the *biscuits roses de Reims*, a pink sponge biscuit unique to the city, as an edible souvenir.
- **Book Champagne cellar tours in advance** during December — slots fill quickly around the holidays.
- Combine an evening cathedral visit with the market, since both sit within a short walk of each other.



Nightlife & Entertainment

When the champagne cellars close, Reims shifts into a lively after-dark scene centred on a compact grid of streets near the cathedral. Expect convivial wine bars, a handful of energetic clubs, and cafes that stay loud and lit well past midnight, especially from Thursday to Saturday.



Must See

Rue de Talleyrand and Rue du Barbâtre Bar District

2-4 hours No Booking Needed



Map

This tight cluster of streets just off the city centre is where Reims goes for its evening out. Wander a few blocks and you will pass **wine bars**, student-friendly pubs, and small cocktail spots that spill onto the sidewalk on warm nights. It is less polished than the grand boulevards nearby, which is exactly the appeal: relaxed terraces, chalkboard drink menus, and a mix of locals and visitors trading tips on the best *coupe* of the night. Many bars pour regional champagne by the glass alongside standard cocktails, so it is an easy way to keep tasting without committing to a full house tour. Things get going around 9pm and stay busy until the early hours on weekends. Come hungry too, as several spots serve simple plates of cheese and charcuterie to soak up the bubbles.



Top Pick

Circus Café

1-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A long-running fixture of Reims nightlife, this bar and lounge draws a steady crowd of locals for its late hours and easy-going energy. The interior mixes exposed brick with warm lighting, and the bar staff pour a solid range of cocktails alongside regional champagne. It works equally well as a first stop for early evening drinks or a last stop once other venues wind down, since it tends to stay open later than most cafes nearby. Weekend nights sometimes bring a DJ set or themed music night, pulling the room into a proper party atmosphere. Expect a mixed-age crowd rather than a strictly student scene, which keeps the mood relaxed instead of rowdy. It gets busy fast on Friday and Saturday, so arriving before 10pm secures an easier spot at the bar.



Top Pick

Book Ahead

Live Jazz and Music Nights at La Renaissance

2-3 hours Book Ahead



Map

For an evening built around music rather than just drinks, this venue hosts regular **live jazz and acoustic sets** in a cosy setting that favours conversation over shouting over speakers. The programme rotates between local trios, solo pianists, and the occasional touring act, with a small stage and close seating that makes every show feel intimate. Drinks lean toward wine and champagne, in keeping with the city, though a full bar is available for those after something stronger. It suits an evening that starts with dinner elsewhere and ends with a relaxed set and a nightcap. Check ahead for the week's lineup, as some nights are ticketed while others are free with a drink minimum. It is a good pick for travellers who want Reims after dark without the club-scene volume.





Top Pick Book Ahead

Rooftop Champagne Lounge

1-2 hours Book Ahead



Map

A handful of hotel rooftop bars in central Reims open their terraces in the warmer months, offering sweeping views over the city's rooftops and, on clear evenings, a glimpse of the cathedral's spires lit up in the distance. The drinks list is unsurprisingly champagne-forward, with flights and by-the-glass pours from smaller regional producers alongside the big-name houses. Seating is limited, so these spots feel more like a quiet aperitif stop than a late-night destination, best enjoyed in the golden hour before dinner. Some terraces require a reservation or table minimum on weekend evenings. It is a fitting way to end a day of cellar visits: watching the sun go down over the city that put the drink on the map, glass in hand.



Notable

Le Sacre Nightclub

2-4 hours No Booking Needed



Map

The most established late-night dance floor in Reims, this club keeps the energy going well past 2am on weekends with resident and guest DJs spinning house, hip-hop, and chart remixes. The layout includes a main dance floor plus a quieter side bar for anyone who needs a break from the bass. Dress code leans smart-casual, and lines can form after midnight once the earlier bars empty out, so arriving a little before then avoids the wait. Entry sometimes carries a small cover charge on weekends, occasionally waived before a certain hour. It draws a younger, mostly student and twenty-something crowd, and the sound system is genuinely loud, so this is the pick for dancing rather than conversation. Bags and coat check are available at the door.

Tips for Nightlife & Entertainment

- Most bars and clubs cluster within walking distance of Place Drouet d'Erlon, so a night out rarely requires a taxi between stops.
- Weekends get busy after 11pm; arrive earlier if you want a seat rather than standing room.
- Some clubs apply a cover charge or dress code after midnight, so check ahead if you plan a late arrival.
- Trying champagne by the glass at a bar is a low-commitment way to taste multiple producers in one evening.



With Kids

Reims may be famous for cathedrals and cellars, but the city also has plenty to keep younger visitors entertained. From playful parks to hands-on science and space adventures, families can easily fill a day with fun outside the historic center.



Top Pick

Le Cryptoportique and Place du Forum Play Area

30-45 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Beneath the lively **Place du Forum** lies a Gallo-Roman underground gallery that fascinates curious kids with its mysterious arches and tunnels, while the square above offers open space to run around. Children enjoy peeking into the ancient ruins through the glass viewpoints, imagining life in Roman Reims. The surrounding cafes make it easy for parents to relax while kids explore the plaza. It is a short, easy stop that blends a bit of history with open-air play, perfect for breaking up a longer sightseeing day. Best visited in the late afternoon when the square is less crowded and the light through the arches is especially fun to photograph with the family.



Top Pick

Book Ahead

Cosmos Planetarium Reims

1 hour Book Ahead



Map

This small planetarium offers immersive dome shows about planets, stars, and space travel that captivate children and curious adults alike. Sessions are designed to be accessible for younger audiences, with bright visuals and simple narration explaining the solar system and constellations. It is a great rainy-day option and a nice contrast to the city's many churches and museums. Shows run on a set schedule, so checking times in advance is recommended, especially during school holidays when sessions can fill up quickly. Kids often leave wanting to learn more about astronomy, making it an educational treat that does not feel like a lesson. *Comfortable seating* makes it enjoyable even for wiggly younger children.



Notable

Parc Leo Lagrange

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A spacious green park with playgrounds, open lawns, and shaded paths, this is where local families come to let kids burn off energy. Younger children can enjoy the play structures and swings, while older kids have room to run, cycle, or kick a ball around. The park is calm and unhurried, offering a relaxed break from the busy attractions of central Reims. Benches scattered throughout make it comfortable for parents to supervise while little ones play. Ducks and greenery near the water add a bit of nature to explore, and the park is especially pleasant on sunny afternoons. It is free to enter and easy to combine with a picnic lunch.





Notable

Reims Aventure Treetop Adventure Park

2-3 hours Book Ahead



Map

Just outside the city center, this treetop adventure park offers rope courses, zip lines, and climbing challenges suited to a range of ages, including gentle circuits for younger children. Kids love testing their balance and courage on the platforms while staying securely harnessed throughout the activity. Staff supervise safety briefings before each session, making it approachable even for first-time climbers. The wooded setting adds a fun, adventurous atmosphere that feels far removed from museum visits and city streets. It is an ideal way to spend an active afternoon and burn off extra energy, especially for families traveling with energetic children who need a break from walking tours. Sturdy shoes are recommended for the best experience.

Tips for With Kids

- Check planetarium show times in advance, as sessions are limited and popular during school holidays
- Pack a picnic for Parc Leo Lagrange to make a relaxed midday break for the family
- Wear comfortable shoes for the treetop adventure park and bring a change of clothes just in case
- Combine the Cryptoportique visit with nearby Place du Forum cafes for a quick parent recharge while kids explore



Hidden Gems

Beyond the cathedral and the champagne cellars, Reims hides a quieter side: Roman ruins tucked under a square, an Art Deco market hall still buzzing at dawn, and a chapel painted by a Japanese master. These spots see a fraction of the crowds but reward the curious traveler with real local texture.



Top Pick

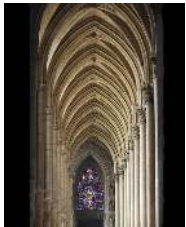
Cryptoportique Gallo-Romain

30-45 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Beneath the Place du Forum lies a half-buried **Gallo-Roman gallery** dating to the 1st century AD, once part of the ancient forum of Durocortorum, the Roman name for Reims. The vaulted stone corridors are eerily quiet compared to the square above, and information panels explain how the structure supported the forum's terrace. It's *free to enter* and rarely crowded, making it an easy stop for anyone curious about the city's pre-medieval past. Bring a light jacket, as the underground chambers stay cool year-round. The site is compact, so it pairs well with a stroll through the surrounding streets rather than standing alone as a destination. Local guides sometimes offer short talks on weekends, but even without one, the atmosphere of standing in a 2,000-year-old passage is worth the short detour from the main tourist track.



Top Pick

Chapelle Foujita

20-30 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

This tiny chapel, formally called Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix, was entirely designed and painted in 1966 by **Léonard Foujita**, a Japanese-French artist who converted to Christianity late in life and treated the building as his final masterpiece. Inside, delicate frescoes blend Japanese brushwork with Christian iconography, covering nearly every surface in soft, luminous tones. The space seats only a handful of visitors at a time, which keeps it intimate and largely missed by bus-tour crowds. Because it functions more like a private art installation than a working church, opening hours are limited, so checking ahead is worthwhile. Photography is usually restricted to protect the pigments. For anyone interested in *20th-century religious art* or the unexpected cultural crossovers found in provincial France, this is one of the most surprising stops in Reims.



Notable

Halles du Boulingrin

30-60 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

An Art Deco covered market built in 1929 by architect Emile Maigrot, the Halles du Boulingrin was restored in the 2010s and remains a working food market rather than a museum piece. Its sweeping concrete-and-glass roof was innovative for its era, and beneath it local vendors sell cheese, produce, seafood, and regional specialties on market mornings, typically Wednesday and Saturday. Visiting early lets travelers see **daily Reims life** up close, away from souvenir shops, and grab a coffee or fresh pastry among locals doing their weekly shopping. Even outside market hours, the exterior architecture is worth a look for fans of interwar design. It sits an easy walk from the cathedral, so it's simple to fold into a morning itinerary without needing a special trip.





Notable

Bibliothèque Carnegie

20-30 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

Funded by a grant from American industrialist Andrew Carnegie after World War I devastated the city's original library, this 1928 building is a showcase of **Art Deco design**, with ornate wrought-iron doors, stained glass skylights, and geometric stone carvings. It still operates as a public library today, so visitors can quietly wander in to admire the reading rooms and architectural details without paying an entrance fee. The building represents an unusual chapter of Franco-American history, built as reconstruction aid rather than a typical tourist monument. Architecture enthusiasts in particular will appreciate the symmetrical facade and period detailing, which has been carefully preserved. It's a short walk from the city center and makes a peaceful, air-conditioned break between busier sightseeing stops, especially on a hot afternoon.



Notable

Fort de la Pompelle

1.5-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Just outside the city, this restored fort played a critical defensive role in **World War I**, withstanding repeated German assaults and helping protect Reims from occupation. Today it houses a well-curated museum of uniforms, weapons, and personal soldiers' effects from both French and German forces, along with preserved trenches and underground galleries visitors can walk through. It's far less visited than the city's central landmarks, which makes for an unhurried, reflective visit for anyone interested in military history. The surrounding earthworks and gun emplacements are still visible, giving a tangible sense of the front line that once ran near the city. A car or short taxi ride is the easiest way to reach it, and it pairs naturally with a broader look at the region's WWI battlefield heritage.

Tips for Hidden Gems

- The Cryptoportique and Chapelle Foujita both have limited or seasonal opening hours, so check ahead rather than showing up unannounced.
- Visit Halles du Boulingrin in the morning, ideally on a Wednesday or Saturday, when the market stalls are actually open.
- Fort de la Pompelle requires a car, bike, or taxi since it sits outside the walkable city center.
- Combine the Cryptoportique, Bibliothèque Carnegie, and Chapelle Foujita into one walking loop since they sit relatively close together.



Food & Dining

Real, highly-rated Restaurants in Reims, sourced from Google Places (rating above 4★).



Must See

ARBANE★★★★★ 4.9 (1,342)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

ARBANE is a highly-rated restaurant in Reims, rated 4.9★ from 1342 reviews. Located at 7 Rue Noël, 51100 Reims, France.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:30 – 8:30 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:30 – 8:30 PM
- Wednesday: Closed
- Thursday: Closed
- Friday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:30 – 8:30 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:30 – 8:30 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Must See

Restaurant La Fontaine★★★★★ 4.9 (475)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Restaurant La Fontaine is a highly-rated restaurant in Reims, rated 4.9★ from 475 reviews. Located at 131 Rue du Barbâtre, 51100 Reims, France.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 4:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 4:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 4:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 4:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 4:00 PM





Must See

L'Extra★★★★★ 4.9 (651)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

L'Extra is a highly-rated restaurant in Reims, rated 4.9★ from 651 reviews. Located at 23T Rue du Temple, 51100 Reims, France.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 7:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 7:00 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, 7:00 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Must See

Restaurant L'Assiette Champenoise★★★★★ 4.9 (127)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Restaurant L'Assiette Champenoise is a highly-rated restaurant in Reims, rated 4.9★ from 127 reviews. Located at 40 Av. Paul Vaillant-Couturier, 51430 Tinquieux, France.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM, 7:00 – 9:15 PM
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: Closed
- Thursday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM, 7:00 – 9:15 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM, 7:00 – 9:15 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM, 7:00 – 9:15 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM, 7:00 – 9:15 PM



Must See

Le Millénaire★★★★★ 4.8 (1,374)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Le Millénaire is a highly-rated restaurant in Reims, rated 4.8★ from 1374 reviews. Located at 4-6 Rue Bertin, 51100 Reims, France.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:00 – 9:30 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:00 – 9:30 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:00 – 9:30 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:00 – 9:30 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 1:30 PM, 7:00 – 9:30 PM
- Sunday: Closed





Must See

L'Atelier Entrecôte et Volaille - Reims★★★★★ 4.8 (5,997)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

L'Atelier Entrecôte et Volaille - Reims is a highly-rated restaurant in Reims, rated 4.8★ from 5997 reviews. Located at 89 Pl. Drouet d'Erlon, 51100 Reims, France.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:45 AM – 2:30 PM, 6:45 – 10:30 PM
- Tuesday: 11:45 AM – 2:30 PM, 6:45 – 10:30 PM
- Wednesday: 11:45 AM – 2:30 PM, 6:45 – 10:30 PM
- Thursday: 11:45 AM – 2:30 PM, 6:45 – 10:30 PM
- Friday: 11:45 AM – 2:30 PM, 6:45 – 10:30 PM
- Saturday: 11:45 AM – 3:00 PM, 6:45 – 10:30 PM
- Sunday: 11:45 AM – 3:00 PM, 6:45 – 10:30 PM



Must See

Sacré Brunch★★★★★ 4.8 (1,787)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Sacré Brunch is a highly-rated restaurant in Reims, rated 4.8★ from 1787 reviews. Located at 59 Rue Cérès, 51100 Reims, France.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Saturday: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Sunday: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM





Must See

LA TABLE SAINT THOMAS★★★★★ 4.8 (539)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

LA TABLE SAINT THOMAS is a highly-rated restaurant in Reims, rated 4.8★ from 539 reviews. Located at 58 Rue Dr Thomas, 51100 Reims, France.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM, 7:15 – 8:45 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM, 7:15 – 8:45 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM, 7:15 – 8:45 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM, 7:15 – 8:45 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Must See

Basta★★★★★ 4.8 (1,711)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Basta is a highly-rated restaurant in Reims, rated 4.8★ from 1711 reviews. Located at 30 Rue de Mars, 51100 Reims, France.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 7:00 – 11:30 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 7:00 – 11:30 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 7:00 – 11:30 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 7:00 – 11:30 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 5:30 – 11:30 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 11:30 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 11:30 PM



Must See

Racine★★★★★ 4.8 (577)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Racine is a highly-rated restaurant in Reims, rated 4.8★ from 577 reviews. Located at 6 Pl. Godinot, 51100 Reims, France.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 7:15 PM – 12:00 AM
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: Closed
- Thursday: 7:15 PM – 12:00 AM
- Friday: 12:15 – 4:15 PM, 7:15 PM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 12:15 – 4:30 PM, 7:15 – 8:30 PM
- Sunday: 12:15 – 4:30 PM, 7:15 PM – 12:00 AM





Must See

Le Petit Basque★★★★★ 4.8 (2,084)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Le Petit Basque is a highly-rated restaurant in Reims, rated 4.8★ from 2084 reviews. Located at 13 Rue du Colonel Fabien, 51100 Reims, France.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- Wednesday: Closed
- Thursday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 2:00 PM, 7:00 – 9:00 PM



Must See

La table des sacres, Reims★★★★★ 4.7 (795)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

La table des sacres, Reims is a highly-rated restaurant in Reims, rated 4.7★ from 795 reviews. Located at 6 Rue Gambetta, 51100 Reims, France.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 2:30 PM, 7:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 2:30 PM, 7:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 2:30 PM, 7:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 2:30 PM, 7:00 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 2:30 PM, 7:00 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed





Must See

La Brigade - Restaurant Reims★★★★★ 4.7 (1,288)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

La Brigade - Restaurant Reims is a highly-rated restaurant in Reims, rated 4.7★ from 1288 reviews. Located at 45 Pl. Drouet d'Erlon, 51100 Reims, France.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM, 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM, 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM, 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM, 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 11:30 AM – 10:30 PM
- Saturday: 11:30 AM – 10:30 PM
- Sunday: 11:30 AM – 10:30 PM



Must See

Le Crypto★★★★★ 4.7 (884)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Le Crypto is a highly-rated restaurant in Reims, rated 4.7★ from 884 reviews. Located at 14 Pl. du Forum, 51100 Reims, France.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 12:15 – 2:00 PM, 7:30 – 9:45 PM
- Wednesday: 12:15 – 2:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:15 – 2:00 PM, 7:30 – 9:45 PM
- Friday: 12:15 – 2:00 PM, 7:30 – 9:45 PM
- Saturday: 12:15 – 2:00 PM, 7:30 – 9:45 PM
- Sunday: Closed





Must See

Harold Le Restaurant★★★★★ 4.7 (2,207)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Harold Le Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Reims, rated 4.7★ from 2207 reviews. Located at 27 Rue de Vesle, Pass. du Commerce, 51100 Reims, France.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM
- Sunday: 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM



Events Calendar

Reims keeps a lively calendar of recurring festivals that trace the city's history from Joan of Arc to Champagne harvest traditions. From open-air summer concerts to a glittering Christmas market beneath the cathedral, this rhythm of seasonal happenings gives visitors a reason to return throughout 2026.

Top Pick

Fetes Johanniques de Reims

3 days (event runs annually) No Booking Needed



Map

Every year Reims relives the coronation of Charles VII, crowned in the cathedral in 1429 with Joan of Arc at his side. In **2026** the Fetes Johanniques unfold from **May 29 to June 1**, filling the historic center with medieval market stalls, jousting displays, and a torch-lit evening pageant. Costumed performers in armor and period dress parade from the Basilique Saint-Remi to the cathedral square, recreating the coronation procession with banners, drums, and heraldic flags. Craft workshops let children try archery and calligraphy, while food stalls serve medieval-inspired fare. The *closing procession* on the final evening is the highlight, drawing thousands of spectators along Reims's illuminated streets. It is a rare chance to see the city's founding legend brought vividly to life against its actual Gothic backdrop.

Top Pick

Flaneries Musicales de Reims

Ongoing over 4 weeks, individual concerts 1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

This beloved summer concert series turns Reims into an open-air stage for six weeks running from **June 18 to July 12, 2026**. Free and low-cost performances span classical recitals, jazz combos, and world music, staged in courtyards, parks, and the Grand Theatre. Many concerts take place at dusk in the Parc de la Patte d'Oie or the cloisters near the cathedral, where the acoustics and setting create an intimate atmosphere. The programme typically mixes rising conservatory talents with established touring orchestras, and a handful of family matinees introduce children to instruments up close. Locals bring picnics and blankets for the outdoor evening shows, making it as much a social gathering as a music festival. It is one of the most anticipated *cultural traditions* of the Reims summer, running for over three decades.

Top Pick

Book Ahead

Reims Champagne Harvest Days

Full weekend, individual tastings 1-2 hours Book Ahead



Map

As the Champagne vineyards surrounding Reims ripen each autumn, the city marks the grape harvest with a weekend of tastings and open cellars from **September 11 to 13, 2026**. Champagne houses on the Avenue de Champagne and in the Saint-Nicaise district open their cellars for guided tours explaining the pressing and blending process, while the Place du Forum hosts a producers' market with regional cheeses, breads, and sparkling wine by the glass. A grape-picking demonstration in a nearby vineyard plot lets visitors try harvesting by hand under the guidance of local vignerons. Evening tasting sessions pair vintage cuvees with live acoustic music. The weekend captures the agricultural heartbeat behind Reims's most famous export, connecting the city's monuments to the fields that made it wealthy. Advance registration is recommended for cellar tours.

Top Pick

New Year's Eve at Place Drouet d'Erlon

One evening, approx. 6 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Reims rings in the new year with a free open-air celebration centered on **Place Drouet d'Erlon** on the night of **December 31, 2026 into January 1, 2027**. A stage hosts live bands and a DJ set through the evening, building toward a midnight fireworks display synchronized with music over the square's fountain. Cafes and brasseries along the pedestrian strip stay open late, many offering special New Year menus, and the crowd spills out onto the street to countdown together. Families often attend the earlier part of the evening while a younger crowd stays on for dancing after midnight. The illuminated Christmas market stalls, still standing on their final night, add a warm glow to the festivities. It is the liveliest single night of the Reims calendar and a fitting close to the market season.



Marche de Noel de Reims

5 weeks, visits typically 1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

From **November 27 to December 31, 2026**, wooden chalets fill the Place Drouet d'Erlon and the cathedral square with a traditional Christmas market. Stalls sell mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, regional biscuits called croquignoles, and handmade ornaments, while a large ice rink draws skaters of all ages near the fountain. In the evenings the cathedral facade is lit with a projected light show recounting scenes from the city's history, drawing crowds who gather on the square each night at nightfall. A carousel and small Ferris wheel add a festive backdrop for families, and weekend choirs perform carols beneath the market's fairy lights. Many visitors combine an evening stroll through the stalls with a look inside the illuminated cathedral. The market's final days overlap with New Year celebrations, keeping the city center animated through the holidays.

Tips for Events Calendar

- Book Champagne cellar tours during the September harvest weekend well in advance, as slots fill quickly
- Arrive early to Flaneries Musicales evening concerts in the park to secure good picnic spots on the lawn
- Check exact 2026 dates closer to each event, as several festivals shift by a week year to year
- Combine a Christmas Market evening visit with the cathedral light show for the best atmosphere after dark
- Public transport and parking near Place Drouet d'Erlon get crowded on New Year's Eve, so consider walking or arriving early

Practical Information

Best Time to Visit

Spring (April-May) offers mild weather, blossoming gardens, and emerging champagne season. **Summer (June-August)** brings warm temperatures and festivals but larger crowds. **Fall (September-October)** features harvest season with vineyard activity and excellent wine tourism. **Winter (November-March)** is quieter with holiday markets and elegant, cooler ambiance. May and September are ideal for comfortable temperatures, moderate crowds, and peak tourism infrastructure.

Season	Temperature	Rainfall	Best For
Spring	8-15°C	Moderate	Gardens, outdoor activities
Summer	15-24°C	Low	Festivals, street cafés
Fall	10-18°C	Moderate	Harvest season, wine tours
Winter	2-8°C	High	Holiday markets, museums

Getting Around Reims

By Train: High-speed TGV connections from Paris (45 minutes), Amiens, and other French cities. Train station (Gare de Reims) is centrally located near city center.

By Air: Paris CDG or Orly airports (1.5 hours by train) are nearest major hubs. Regional airport serves select destinations.

Local Transport: **CITURA bus network** covers entire city with frequent service. Buy carnet of 10 tickets or day passes at reduced rates. Buses are modern, clean, and reliable.



Taxis & Ride-sharing: Uber and local taxi services available. Taxis congregate at station and major plazas. Phone reservations recommended during peak hours.

Cycling: Reims offers bike rental stations (Vélo+ system) with routes through city and surrounding vineyards. Separate cycling paths connect major attractions.

Walking: City center is highly walkable with pedestrian-only streets. Comfortable shoes recommended for cobblestone areas.

➔ Airport Transfer

Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) to city center:

- **Direct TGV train:** High-speed rail links the airport's own TGV station straight to Reims in about 45 minutes, roughly 35-45 euros one way
- **Taxi:** Door-to-door ride covering the 130 km trip in around 1 hour 30 minutes, typically 180-220 euros
- **Private transfer:** Pre-booked chauffeur car to any Reims address in about 1 hour 30 minutes, usually priced from 150-190 euros
- **Rental car:** Self-drive via the A4 motorway reaches Reims in roughly 1 hour 30 minutes, with economy rentals starting around 40 euros per day

Shopping in Reims

Place Royale & Rue de Vesle feature major fashion brands, boutiques, and department stores (Galeries Lafayette, Printemps) alongside specialty shops.

Champagne Bottles: Purchase directly from houses for best selection and sometimes lower prices than retail. Carry heavy bottles carefully when traveling.

Local Delicacies: Pink biscuits (biscuits roses de Reims) are traditional souvenirs. Fromage and wine available at markets and specialty food shops.

Markets: Saturday and Wednesday mornings host vibrant food markets on Place Drouet d'Erlon featuring produce, cheese, flowers, and local specialties.

Shopping Hours: Most shops open 9am-7pm, with Sunday and Monday closures common. Some boutiques close during lunch (1-3pm). Markets operate morning hours (8am-1pm).

VAT Refund: Non-EU visitors can claim VAT refunds on purchases over €100. Request forms from retailers and submit at airport.

Annual Events & Festivals

Flâneries Musicales d'Été (July-August): Prestigious classical music festival featuring international orchestras and musicians performing in venues including the cathedral.

Champagne Weekend (September): Harvest celebration with open houses at champagne producers, tastings, vineyard walks, and regional entertainment.

Christmas Markets (November-December): Festive holiday markets on Place Royale and surrounding streets with crafts, ornaments, food, and warm drinks.

Joan of Arc Festival (May): Historical reenactments and events celebrating the city's association with the iconic saint.

Festival Météore (June): Contemporary music and performing arts festival featuring outdoor performances and installations.

Opening Champagne (January): Celebration of new champagne vintage with house events and special promotions.



5-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Historic Heart

Morning: Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Reims (1.5 hours). Afternoon: Palais du Tau museum. Evening: Dinner on Place Royale, explore surrounding arcaded streets. Stay near cathedral for central location.

Day 2: Champagne Immersion

Morning: Guided champagne house tour with production facility visit. Afternoon: Lunch with champagne tasting. Late afternoon: Stroll Rue de Vesle shops. Evening: Casual wine bar or bistro dinner.

Day 3: Art & Culture

Morning: Musée Saint-Rémi archaeological collections. Afternoon: Musée des Beaux-Arts paintings and sculpture. Evening: Explore Place Drouet d'Erlon nightlife.

Day 4: Vineyards & Villages

Full day: Rent car or join wine route tour. Visit Épernay's Avenue de Champagne, Hautvillers village, and multiple champagne producers. Vineyard walks and tastings throughout day.

Day 5: Leisure & Discovery

Morning: Farmer's market shopping. Mid-morning: Basilica Saint-Rémi visit. Afternoon: Parc de la Patte d'Oie relaxation or shopping final items. Evening: Gourmet dinner experience before departure.

Instagram & Photography Hotspots

Cathédrale Notre-Dame (Sunrise): Photograph from Place du Cardinal Luçon for perfect western facade composition. Golden hour light reveals architectural details beautifully. Sunrise avoids crowds while providing optimal lighting.

Place Royale (Golden Hour): Arcaded buildings and equestrian statue of Louis XV capture elegantly. Evening light bathes classical facades in warm amber. Café tables provide foreground interest.

Rue de Vesle (Afternoon): Belle Époque storefronts and architectural details. Afternoon light highlights facade ornaments. Shopping crowds add authentic urban energy.

Basilica Saint-Rémi (Side View): Romanesque arches and carved stonework visible from gardens. Morning light shows architectural details clearly. Fewer tourists than cathedral.

Champagne House Vineyards (Autumn): Golden grape vines against rustic stone buildings. Late afternoon light creates rich colors. Vertical compositions emphasize vineyard scale.

Parc de la Patte d'Oie (Mirror Reflection): Lake creates stunning reflections of surrounding trees and sky. Early morning mist adds atmospheric quality. Spring blossoms frame water beautifully.

Electricity & Adapters

Voltage: France operates on 230V AC, 50Hz electrical system.

Plug Types: **Type E (CEE 7/5)** and **Type F (Schuko)** plugs are standard. Two-pin round socket receptacles accommodate both plug types.

Adapter Requirements: Visitors from North America (120V) need voltage converter AND plug adapter. UK/Irish visitors need only plug adapter (230V compatible).

USB Charging: Many hotels and cafés offer USB charging ports. Bring USB power adapter and cables for convenience.

Outlets: Most accommodations have outlets in rooms, though older buildings may have limited placement. Request outlet locations when checking in.

Power Management: Heavy appliances (hair dryers, electric kettles) work well. Never force plugs into sockets; adapters should fit easily.



Regional Cuisine & Dining

Must-Try Dishes: **Jambon de Reims** (local ham) appears in traditional meals. **Mousseline** (light forcemeat) features in classical French preparations. **Calf sweetbreads** represent regional specialties. **Biscuits roses de Reims** (pink almond biscuits) pair perfectly with champagne for traditional pairing.

Cheese & Charcuterie: Champagne region produces excellent fromages including Époisses and Langres. Local charcuteries showcase regional cured meats and prepared specialties.

Dining Recommendations: Place Royale offers casual to upscale options. Rue de Vesle features bistros with excellent local cuisine. Street-level wine bars serve glasses paired with charcuterie boards. Markets (Wednesday/Saturday) provide ingredients for picnics.

Restaurant Etiquette: Dinner service typically 7pm-11pm. Lunch 12pm-2pm. Reservations essential for upscale establishments. Tipping (5-10%) appreciated but not obligatory. Dress modestly for fine dining.

Budget Guide: Casual bistro €12-20 per person. Mid-range restaurant €25-45. Fine dining €60+. Market meals €8-15.

Tourist Passes

Reims City Card

Comprehensive city pass offering **free entry to major museums** (Saint-Rémi, Beaux-Arts), **free public transport** on CITURA buses, and discounted rates at champagne houses. Available 24, 48, or 72-hour options.



www.reims-tourism.com

Champagne Region Pass

Multi-house champagne tasting pass covering **entry and tastings at participating houses** including Veuve Clicquot, Mumm, Pommery, and Taittinger. Often bundled with transportation packages.



www.champagne-ardenne-tourism.com

Museum Pass - Grand Est

Regional museum pass providing **unlimited entry to participating museums** throughout Champagne-Ardenne region. Covers Reims museums plus regional attractions in Épernay and surrounding areas.



www.reims.fr

