



France Wine and Food Tour

Champagne-Burgundy-Rhône

20 May – 30 May 2019



Do you fancy being a gastronome? Like to discover the grandeur of the great French wines with an Aussie Vin de Champagne Award Winner and Master of Wine?

Then jump on a Gallic grape escape with Uncorked and Cultivated. We deliver an exclusive experience to savour the l'art de vivre in the birthplace of wine culture and haute cuisine. Could any country offer a better mix of travel and pleasure than France?

If you are dreaming of an authentic epicurean experience off the beaten track, this inspirational itinerary leverages off Uncorked and Cultivated's established relationships in Champagne, Burgundy and the Rhône. We offer you introduction-only visits to wineries often difficult to access. Why not devote yourself to the sensuous enjoyment of travelling and savouring first class wine and food, hosted by Peter Scudamore-Smith, MW.



The heart of French culture is rooted in savouring the balance and flavours of its cuisines. A perfect

wine pairing elevates delectable tastes to greatness, and who better to advise you in his laconic fashion than Peter Scudamore-Smith, Master of Wine? This is an extraordinary opportunity to perfect your palate.

You can look forward to a themed lunch or dinner daily in each region to complement your winery visits. Expect the very best of specific local dishes: traditional, contemporary and post-modern styles; ingredients in season and fresh characterful wine varieties even grown on steep terraces. You'll be able to revisit your bon vivant holiday memories, as Peter's selections for taste pairings are all available for you to buy in Australia.

There's plenty of time to immerse yourself in the culture of the cities we visit. Highlights include the historic city of Valence in the Rhône Valley, once a Roman colony. In Beaune you can explore the Hospices de Beaune one of the finest examples of French 15th century architecture. In Reims you will have the chance to explore the Gothic architecture of its famed cathedral.

Uncorked's relaxed yet informative 11-day tour is strictly restricted to twelve places, starting in Paris and finishing in Lyon. Our guests receive the very best personalised attention, tasting expertise and menu explanations from an eminent international wine professional. A warm welcome awaits you at renowned châteaux, boutique cellars, authentic family bistrotts and gourmet restaurants. So book today!





Welcome to France! It's time to experience the delights of Champagne, the Côtes de Nuits (northern Burgundy), Hermitage and Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Rhône). Discover cool champagne caves beneath chalk hills, as you roam through shrouded tunnels housing racks of aging bubbles.

Day 1 – Monday 20 May

Your grape escape begins with a personal pick up from Paris at Place de la Republique by Uncorked and Cultivated. Our first stop is Reims, largest city of the Champagne province, a region famed for its effervescent blends of chardonnay, pinot noir and pinot meunier. We arrive at our central city hotel, settle in, then visit a nearby Champagne cave for a bubbly welcome, aperitif and a visit to one of the most fascinating and contemporary underground cellar sites in the region. Our welcome dinner is at a nearby bistro, thinking about old recipes re-invented with precision: langoustines, lobster, guinea fowl, Reims biscuits and rose champagne sorbets complemented by champagnes.

Day 2 – Tuesday 21 May

We leave for a vineyard and Champagne village tour, travelling south over the Montagne (mountain) de Reims. These southern and eastern slopes are famed for the red pinot noir grape, which gives champagne structure. We travel along the Marne River, to the tiny village of Ay for a Champagne house visit, where the locals believe 'life can be perfect' for our tasting at an iconic cellar still upholding the 'ancient' ways in Champagne.

We leave the Marne for lunch in a local restaurant. Think warm oysters with leeks, turbot pastry or red cabbage duck fillet. Afterwards we visit a nearby cellar with millions of bottles of wines aging underground in the Gallo-Roman caves (crayeres) for a tour and tasting. Your evening is free.

Day 3 – Wednesday 22 May

Today we travel further south of Reims for the Côtes des Blancs, where we discover Champagne's very best chardonnay. We visit regional specialist Veuve Fourny & Sons at Vertus. Here we enjoy a Champenois-hosted lunch: charcuterie, terrines overlooking the vines before departing for Epernay, Champagne's second city and the avenues of many champagne houses. It's time to tour a venerable family house with extensive relationships in Australia for a century. Here we taste the classic non-vintage house style of champagne, so reflective of the egalitarian nature of grapes from all regions. Enjoy the mesmerising tapestry of vines during our return to Reims. Your evening is free.

Day 4 – Thursday 23 May

We depart Reims for the world's most respected pinot noir-producing region, the Côte d'Or. Burgundy is a region entirely based on small growers, small plots and often shared vineyard names. It's a refreshing discovery for wine lovers weaned on massively textured wines like the gutsy Barossa shiraz. We arrive in the village of Chambolle, enjoying the wines of the Chambolle Musigny appellation with lunch at a local bistro; afterwards arriving at our picturesque hotel in the historic centre of Beaune. We are then received for an extensive tour and tasting at a local negociant cellar inside the old ramparts of the town. Your evening is free.



Day 5 – Friday 24 May

We venture north of Beaune along La Route des Grands Crus in the Côtes de Nuits for a visit, tasting and lunch underground in Nuits-Saint-Georges sampling traditional Burgundian fare of confit, sauces based on pinot noir, followed by crème brûlée with saffron. Witness the Cistercian and Cluniac abbeys and monasteries where monks once combined prayer with growing vines amongst the wooded hillsides and rolling slopes now so famous for burgundy wines. In Beaune we visit the cellars of a famous and old-established burgundy shipper near our hotel, have a tasting of many appellations and tour to be memorable. Your evening is free.

Day 6 – Saturday 25 May

We leave to explore white grape territory at a chardonnay domaine in Puligny-Montrachet, one of the most prestigious white wine villages in the world. Here we delve into the beauty of this oft-worshipped grape and taste across all the appellations. Afterwards we return to Beaune to catch the weekly market and your lunch is free time. Late afternoon we tour and taste under the foundations of the city in 500 year-old cellars. Dinner is at a local restaurant where you can expect pork charcuterie, the famed Bresse-origin chicken or beef braised in pinot.



Day 7 – Sunday 26 May

Free day in Beaune, the capital of Burgundy wines. You can wander through its cobblestone streets and explore a city of art, monuments and museums. For dinner we drive outside the town to experience one of the hottest new restaurants in Burgundy. Indulge in a carapace-sauced veal shank, roast pigeon with morels or an olive oil influenced chocolate mousse. Expect some nearby Pommard and Volnay crus to excite your evening.



Day 8 – Monday 27 May

We sojourn south this morning, hugging the Rhône River along its central ramparts, for the hillside village of Tain l'Hermitage on a syrah-filled mountain. We visit the wine producer M Chapoutier, a far-sighted brand magician whose reputation spans many shores. Its vineyards have been nurtured with the greatest respect for natural balance and terroir since 1808. You will get to taste some of these single vineyard selections in an upstairs saloon surrounded by intriguing works of art. Lunch is served in the Chapoutier cellar; rustic vigneron-style plates and older wines are carefully paired for a sumptuous experience of the fullest bodied white and red wines in France. We depart afterwards for our hotel situated in the centre of old Valence, in the mid-Rhône. Your evening is free.

Day 9 – Tuesday 28 May

We head north to the tip of the region for a tasting and visit to Ampuis in the heart of Côte Rotie (roasted slopes), a rugged and rocky terrain where syrah grows on angled terraces together with a whiff of white viognier. Here we visit the Guigal family winery which once cradled this region. This house makes one of the finest Rhône Valley regional blends, has its own oak barrel-making division and a well-rounded product range, all the way up to grippy single-vineyard syrahs with worldwide reputations. We venture south for an innovative luncheon in the mountains alongside Lake Ternay near Annonay. Enjoy a menu of tiny seasonal asparagus, scallop mousseline with peas, guinea fowl supreme and new-wave lemon tart. Afterwards take a lakeside stroll through the carpets of white spring flowers. We return to Valence. Your evening is free.





Day 10 – Wednesday 29 May

We leave Valence for Châteauneuf-du-Pape, stopping for a tasting at a rising star Rhône modernist north of the town. Take a short walk around the village afterwards to view the dilapidated summer Château of ancient Popes who once resided in Avignon, before the days of the Vatican. After a light and casual bistrot stop, we leave for Valence and have a free afternoon. Ready your tastebuds at our final tour celebration dinner at a local high end restaurant with delights of bouillabaisse jelly, minted lamb shoulder confit and vanilla rhubarb dome, perfectly paired with outstanding white and red Rhônes.

Day 11 – Thursday 30 May

Uncorked and Cultivated's France Wine and Food Tour concludes. You will depart Valence at 10am for drop-off at Lyon Station or Lyon's Saint Exupery Airport.

Tour details

The price for Uncorked and Cultivated's Wine and Food Tour of France (10 nights) is \$8100 per person twin share. The single supplement is \$1450. This is a land-only price. We are happy to coordinate other travel arrangements for you including air travel and other tours. Numbers are strictly limited to 12 people.

Included in the tour:

- Personalised service of tour leader by Peter Scudamore-Smith, Master of Wine, owner and director of Uncorked and Cultivated
- Accommodation in unique historic hotels with private facilities, hotel taxes and service charges
- Full breakfast daily and either lunch or dinner each day. Premium wine typical of the regions visited is provided with each lunch and dinner
- Transfers from Paris Central and to Lyon Airport and Lyon Central. All land transfers within France during the tour are by air-conditioned luxury minibus
- Wine tastings at each winery visited

Uncorked and Cultivated tours have visited. CHAMPAGNE: Pol Roger, Krug, GH Mumm, Canard Duchene, Charles Heidsieck, Taittinger, Bollinger, Billecart Salmon, Veuve Fourny, Pommery, Veuve Clicquot, Club Trésors, BURGUNDY: Joseph Drouhin, Louis Jadot, Bouchard Pere et Fils, Lupe-Cholet, J Faiveley, Olivier Leflaive, Louis Latour, Domaine Chanson, Domaine Grivot, RHÔNE: M Chapoutier, Guigal, Delas Freres, Jaboulet Ainé, Y Cuilleron, Chateau Mont-Redon, Clos des Papes, Vieux Telegraph and Rene Rostaing.

Not included in the tour:

- Passport and visa fees
- International airfares, taxes and excess baggage
- Travel insurance
- Meals not specifically mentioned in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary

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Book now on Uncorked and Cultivated's France Wine and Food Tour

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To secure your booking, forward this booking form together with your deposit of \$800 per person to Uncorked and Cultivated, PO Box 8016, Woolloongabba Qld 4102 or fax your credit card payment to (07) 3391 1894.

1. Title _____ First Name _____ Surname _____

2. Title _____ First Name _____ Surname _____

(Names must be as per passport)

Mailing address _____

City/suburb _____ Postcode _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Emergency contact person _____ Tel No _____

Room type preferred Single _____ Double _____ Other _____

Dietary requirements (if any) _____

FRANCE Price for 2019 is \$8100 per person twin share (single supplement \$1450)

Payment

I enclose my cheque (payable to Uncorked and Cultivated) for the registration of _____ participants @ \$800 per person = \$ _____

I authorise Uncorked and Cultivated to debit my credit card (details below) for the registration of _____ participants @ \$800 per person = \$ _____

Visa MasterCard Card Number: _____

Expiry date: _____ Signature: _____

(Please note the applicable credit card fee for Visa and MasterCard is 2.2%)

I have transferred to Uncorked and Cultivated's bank account (BSB: 064128 Account No: 0049 1441) for the registration of _____ participants @ \$800 per person = \$ _____

Booking Conditions: Price per person is based on twin share accommodation in historic hotels. Price is subject to availability at the time of booking and may vary due to currency fluctuations. \$800 deposit (non-refundable) per person is required at the time of booking. 50% of the price is due by 15/12/2018. Full payment is due by 15/03/2019. All prices quoted are based on current exchange rates with the Euro, and accordingly are subject to change without notice until paid for in full.

This document forms the tax invoice when you make payment. ABN: 15 054 157 685

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Uncorked & Cultivated tour terms and conditions

By booking a Tour with Uncorked and Cultivated you are entering into a contract with Uncorked and Cultivated Pty Ltd of Suite 2, Unit 4/723 Stanley St, Woolloongabba QLD 4102, ABN 15054157685 (**We/Us**). These terms and conditions, together with the Itinerary and quotation We provide for your specific Tour, form the terms of the contract and your agreement with Us.

You must not confirm any booking (by providing us with a signed booking sheet) unless you understand and agree with the following terms and conditions. Once payment is made for the booking, you are deemed to have accepted these terms and conditions.

1. ITINERARY AND QUOTATION

We will prepare an Itinerary of the Tour and provide it to you, together with a quotation for the cost of the Tour. The Itinerary will specify the services we will provide, or will not provide, as part of the quoted price.

All prices are quoted in \$AUD unless otherwise specified. In the event any third-party increases their costs between the issue of our quotation and the Tour taking place, We may seek to recover those increased costs from you.

2. DEPOSIT AND BALANCE OF PAYMENT

A non-refundable deposit, in the amount nominated on the quotation/Itinerary, will be payable at the time you confirm your booking. Payment of the balance of the quoted price is required as noted on the quotation/Itinerary before the departure of the quotation by the due date may result in a late payment fee or cancellation, as determined by Us.

3. CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

Credit card surcharges will apply when paying by credit card and will be determined by credit card type, as advised on the quotation.

4. EXCLUSIONS

The Tour price only includes the accommodation, transportation, services, meals and beverages specified on the Itinerary. No other products or services will be provided by Us, unless We specifically agree in writing to provide those services to you.

5. CHANGES TO THE ITINERARY

We will use our best endeavors to deliver the services nominated on the Itinerary. However, our Itineraries are usually prepared well in advance of the Tour and from time to time, We may have to make changes to the Itinerary prior to or during the Tour, which may incur additional cost or change the activities included in the Tour. If We have to change your Itinerary after you have paid for the Tour, We will provide you with as much notice of the change as possible and, where possible, offer an alternative arrangement and notify you of any additional cost. If the change occurs before the Tour commences, and means that the Tour is materially different from the original Itinerary, you have the right to withdraw from the Tour and all monies already paid will be refunded less any charges imposed by suppliers. If the change occurs during the Tour, We may in our absolute discretion, offer you a partial refund.

We are not responsible for any other costs, losses, damages or expenses you suffer as a result of a change to the Itinerary during the Tour, including consequential losses such as changes to your travel arrangements.

6. CANCELLATION CHARGES

All cancellations must be made by providing Us with written notice, and will be subject to the following cancellation charges. Cancellations advised between 120 and 60 days prior to the Tour date will incur a cancellation fee of 50% of the total quoted price. Cancellations advised less than 60 days prior to the tour date will result in the loss of all monies paid.

7. TRAVEL INSURANCE

We do not arrange or provide travel insurance or any other insurance. You must arrange a full comprehensive travel insurance policy to cover you and your property for the duration of the Tour. You must provide Us with your travel insurance policy details prior to departure.

8. MINIMUM GROUP NUMBER

The Tour is subject to a minimum number of participants as determined by Us, which will be notified to you at the time the Itinerary is supplied. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, the Tour will be cancelled and We will refund any money We have received from you; or We may provide you with a revised quotation, which you may accept or reject.

9. PASSPORTS AND VISAS

It is your responsibility to ensure that your passport is current and valid, with at least 6 months currency, and to arrange any necessary visas or travel permits. We are not liable for any loss or expense you incur if you fail to arrange a valid

passport, visa or permit. You must provide Us with accurate information. If you do not provide the correct information and We have to amend your booking, you will be responsible for any additional costs incurred.

10. SINGLE PARTICIPANT

If you are travelling alone and wish to share a room, we will endeavor to match you with another single participant. We accept no responsibility for the suitability of the rooming partner. If at any time during the tour you consider the rooming partner to be unsuitable, We will arrange single accommodation (if available) the additional cost of which will be borne by you. If We are unable to find a rooming partner prior to departure, you will be required to pay the applicable single supplement to undertake the Tour.

11. REFUNDS

No refund will be given for any pre-booked accommodation, coach tours or other pre-booked services or other travel which is not used by you. Participants who do not conform to the Itinerary will not be entitled to refunds for any parts of the Tour missed. No allowances or refunds will be made for lost or unused tickets or coupons.

12. ACCOMMODATION

Whilst every effort is made to ensure hotel accommodation conforms to your requirements and is as noted on the Itinerary, We are not responsible for any variations to the booking made by the hotel. You are responsible for any costs incurred as a result of damage or excess cleaning fees related to your accommodation.

13. BAGGAGE AND CUSTOMS

Any excess baggage fees for international and any domestic flights will be incurred at your cost. You are responsible for complying with any customs laws and regulations, including regarding taking particular goods on flights into and out of Australia.

14. PARTICIPATION, HEALTH REQUIREMENTS, MOBILITY

Subject to your Itinerary, the Tour is likely to require a basic level of fitness, including the ability to walk on uneven ground and stairs comfortably and unaided. You should be able to walk up to 2 kilometers over 1.5 hours, as most winery visits will require walking. Many Tours include visits to cellars which require participants to be in confined spaces and walk up and down steps for 20 to 30 metres below ground. To fully participate in the Tour, you must be in a physical condition to walk comfortably and unaided on terrain and steps which may be steep and/or uneven.

All participants warrant that they have the physical capacity to participate fully in the Tour without any assistance from the Tour escort or other participants. Any important health, disability (physical or mental) issues which may prevent you from participating in any of the Tour activities should be made known to Us before the booking is confirmed. We reserve the right to ask for a letter from your doctor confirming you are fit to participate in the Tour, if necessary. We reserve the right to decline any person as a Tour participant if We believe that you are unable to participate in the Tour safely because of a health condition. Unless you notify Us in writing prior to the commencement of the Tour that you wish to opt out, you agree that We may take photographs and films of you whilst you are on Tour and that those may be added to our brochures and advertising without any further consent from you.

It is your responsibility to take steps to protect your health whilst on the Tour, including any immunizations or medication that may be recommended by a medical practitioner before travelling to particular countries.

We reserve the right to refuse to allow you to continue on the Tour if you behave in a way that is dangerous, disorderly or causes discomfort to other Tour participants or third-party service providers, and no refund will be provided to you.

15. CONSULAR ADVICE

We recommend that you review information issued by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade by calling +61 2 6261 3305 or 1300 555 135 or by visiting their website at www.smarttraveller.com.au

16. ARRANGEMENTS WITH THIRD PARTIES

We co-ordinate the arrangements for the Tour as specified in the Itinerary, which may include airfares, transfers, transportation, some meals and hotel accommodation (third parties). Those services are not carried out by Us, but by third parties such as airlines, hoteliers, transportation companies and other service providers which are not under our control. While We take all reasonable care to select the third parties and to monitor their performance, We accept no responsibility whether in negligence or contract for any accident, injury,

death, sickness, damage, loss, cancellation, delay, failure to deliver or partial or inadequate delivery of services, disappointed expectation, additional expenses or other unforeseen events caused in connection with those third parties, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. All coupons, vouchers, receipts and tickets issued by third parties are issued subject to the terms and conditions of liability contained in those documents, which may limit or exclude liability for death, personal injury, delay, and loss of or damage to baggage and are subject to the laws of the country where the services are provided.

17. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

We do not accept any liability in any amount caused directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events beyond our control, including but without limitation to the delivery of services by third parties, war or threat of war, acts of government, acts of terrorism, fire, strikes, civil disturbances, quarantines, floods, weather conditions, natural disasters, incidents at sea, accidents or failure of machinery or equipment, theft, or other disturbances of any kind which cancel, interfere with, or add cost to the services requested. We recommend you obtain insurance which covers these risks, prior to the commencement of the Tour.

You take part in the Tour at your own risk. We are not liable for any accident, injury, death, property damage or loss in relation to such activities.

18. OUR WEBSITE

We make every effort to ensure all information displayed on our site is accurate; however we do not guarantee the accuracy of all information nor are we able to guarantee that the site is free of errors or faults. We reserve the right to change information displayed on our site, and withdraw offers or prices (including these terms and conditions) at any time without notice to you.

19. COMPLAINTS

If you have any complaint about the Tour or our services, you must notify us as soon as possible and we will endeavor to resolve the issue. If at the end of the Tour you feel your complaint has not been properly dealt with, you must notify us in writing within 30 days of the end of the Tour.

20. GOVERNING LAW

This contract is governed in all respects by the law of the State of Queensland and any legal action arising under the contract shall be litigated only in the appropriate court having jurisdiction in that state.

These terms, together with the Itinerary and quotation, form our entire agreement with you. No representation, term, warranty or condition can be expressed or implied by reference to any other writing, advertisement or conversation. This contract may only be varied in writing by mutual agreement.

