

# Discover the Secrets of Champagne

## with Philippe Thibault



## Stone Edge Farm Pre-Cruise Adventure!

### April 23rd – 26th, 2026

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Bonjour! Welcome to Paris! You will be met and transferred to Reims and the Hotel Le Continental, ideally located in the Art Déco city center. This unique, high-end hotel, built in a 19th-century mansion, has preserved all its character and charm. Enjoy the hotel's Champagne and Cocktail bar, restaurant, as well as its location minutes away from some of Reims' best restaurants. This evening, we will gather for a welcome glass of champagne with some small bites as we begin to discover the secrets of Champagne.



Cathedral Reims

#### April 24, 2026

Savor a sumptuous, included breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a walking tour of the famous 'Notre Dame de Reims' Cathedral, an impressive and highly symbolic monument. From 1027 to 1825, this Gothic masterpiece of Gothic art hosted the coronation ceremonies of French monarchs. It has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1991. After your walking tour, board our VIP coach for a short drive to Champagne Veuve Clicquot, where you will be treated to a private cellar tour while learning about the extraordinary life of Madame Clicquot, named by her contemporaries "La Grande Dame de Champagne" - "The Great Lady of Champagne." Following the tour, we will delight our senses with a fabulous multi-course lunch at the beautiful Le Jardin des Crayères, a Michelin 2-star restaurant. Then, specifically for Stone Edge Farm, enjoy a curated tasting at Trésors de Champagne, a boutique wine bar in the heart of Reims, where we will sample unique cuvées from independent producers, handpicked for their authenticity, craftsmanship, and expression of terroir. After resting at our hotel, we will proceed to Le Fuch, a Michelin-recognized restaurant, for dinner.



Veuve Clicquot

#### April 25, 2026

After breakfast at the hotel, we will board our VIP coach, where we will marvel at the Champagne Scenic Road and visit the Premier Cru and Grand Cru villages in the Montagne de Reims area. Our first stop is the village of Hautvillers, home to the church where the famous monk Dom Pierre Pérignon is buried. Next, we visit the boutique producer Levasseur, a family-owned Champagne House and personal favorite of Philippe's, located in the heart of the vineyards, where we will taste exclusive cuvées.



Hautvillers



Then, we stop at Canard-Duchêne for a tour of the historic cellars, cut by hand in the 19th century, which extends over 6 kilometers and 4 levels. Enjoy the history and artistry revealed in the stained-glass windows of the old chapel. We will discover what makes this wine so unique before enjoying a tasting and a refined Champagne paired lunch in an elegant setting. Our final stop is Lelarge-Pugeot, a small grower Champagne with a remarkable commitment to organic farming where we learn about the entire Champagne-making process, from grapes to bottles. Stimulate your senses while tasting the diverse cuvées of the House. We will return to the hotel before heading out for dinner at the Michelin-starred Arbane. 'Meilleur Ouvrier de France' Philippe Mille has

opened this restaurant in this elegant abode dating back to 1874. Chef Mille's open kitchen reflects a culinary vision rooted in Champagne terroir.

#### April 26, 2026

Indulge in an early breakfast before we board our coach for the drive to Lyon and the S.S. Catherine for our incredible journey to Arles. On our way to Lyon, we will stop in Vougeot for a special visit to the historic Château de Clos du Vougeot. Standing in the largest Grand Cru vineyard in Burgundy, the Château was originally a wine farm built in the 12th century by monks from the nearby Abbey of Cîteaux. We will have an exclusive tour and lunch at the Château, featuring distinctive wines from the local vineyards, before continuing our journey to Lyon.



### Exclusive Pre-Cruise Champagne Weekend Includes:

- 3 Nights' accommodation and daily breakfast at the Le Continental Hotel
- Three lunches, including a 2-star Michelin restaurant
- Two Dinners at Michelin-recognized restaurants
- Transfers from Paris to Reims and to the ship in Lyon
- Tours and Tastings as described above!

**Availability is limited!**

**Rates: \$3,199 per person, double occupancy**  
**Single Supplement: \$899**

**To reserve your space now, click on the "reservation request" form!**

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