

Discover the Secrets of Champagne



Pre-Cruise Adventure with the Willamette Valley Winery Association! April 12th – 15th, 2027

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Bonjour! Welcome to Paris! You will be met and transferred to Reims and the ideally located La Caserne Chanzy near the Reims Cathedral. This 5-star hotel is in Reims' former fire station, built in 1926. Spread over 5,500 square meters, the old fire station served the city for over 70 years and is part of the Art Deco architectural heritage that marked Reims' reconstruction in the 1920s. The hotel features a beautiful spa, a fine restaurant, and rooms with breathtaking views of Reims Cathedral. Located minutes from some of Reims' best restaurants, this is a perfect start to our adventures in Champagne. This evening, we will gather for a reception and tasting led by Grower Champagne producer Franck Bonville, while enjoying small bites with their exceptional wines, as we begin to discover the secrets of Champagne.



Reims Cathedral

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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 hosted the coronation ceremonies of French monarchs and has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1991. After your walking tour, board our VIP coach and drive to Canard-Duchêne, where we'll tour the historic cellars, hand-cut in the 19th century, spanning 6 kilometers across 4 levels. Enjoy the history and artistry revealed in the stained-glass windows of the old chapel. We will discover what makes this property so unique, then enjoy a tasting and lunch in its beautiful gardens. Following lunch, we will board our motor coach and return to Reims and the Ruinart Champagne House. Founded in 1729, Ruinart was the first-ever Champagne House, and today it is known as one of the most prestigious Champagne producers in the world. This success may be due to the magnificent "Crayères" cellars, where millions of bottles age patiently before being opened. Enjoy the atmosphere of these UNESCO-listed chalk cellars and discover what makes this wine so unique before tasting some of Ruinart's prestigious Champagnes. After our tour and tasting, we will return to the hotel, then head to a spectacular dinner at Château de Sacy, a charming 19th-century château with beautiful views over the local vineyards.

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After breakfast at the hotel, we will board our VIP coach and explore the Champagne Scenic Road, visiting Premier Cru and Grand Cru villages in the Montagne de Reims area. Our first stop is Hautvillers, home to the church where the famous monk Dom Pierre Pérignon is buried. Next, on the southern slopes of Épernay, you'll visit Champagne Vollereaux, a sixth-generation Champagne-producing family. You will first discover the winery and the full process behind the House's fine cuvées. Then enjoy a tasting of their



champagnes, followed by lunch featuring local delicacies and, of course, more Champagne! After lunch, we will discover the grandiose UNESCO-listed Avenue De Champagne in Epernay, where prestigious Champagne Houses settled during the 19th century: Moët & Chandon, Perrier Jouët, Pol Roger, and admire the buildings and magnificent villas owned by those iconic brands while your guide tells you more about the history of the men and women who created those Houses and built the grand reputation of "the richest avenue of the World". Our final stop is Le Gallais, a grower Champagne house in the Marne Valley with a remarkable commitment to organic farming, where we will learn about their Champagne-making process, from grapes to bottles to our glasses. We will then return to the hotel before

heading out for dinner at Le Millénaire, a Michelin one-star restaurant in the heart of Reims. In this elegant setting, which combines contemporary style with refined gastronomy, you will enjoy creative cuisine that highlights seasonal products and pairs beautifully with Champagne.

April 15, 2027

Indulge in breakfast before we board our motor coach for the drive to the Port of Dijon and the AMA Cello as we continue our journey down the Saône River through Burgundy to Lyon.



Exclusive Pre-Cruise Champagne Weekend Includes:

- **3 Nights' accommodation and daily breakfast at the 5-star La Caserne Chanzy Hotel (Upgraded Room Views Available)**
- **Two lunches at exceptional Champagne Houses**
- **Two Dinners, including the 1-Star Michelin Le Millénaire**
- **Transfers from Paris to Reims and to the ship in Dijon**
- **Tours and Tastings as described above!**

Availability is limited!

Rates: \$3,399 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$799

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