

Champagne CAMPAIGNS™

CULTURAL
EXPEDITION

14-22 MAY 2026 | CHAMPAGNE REGION & PARIS | LIMITED AVAILABILITY

Walk in the Footsteps of Heroes. Toast to Resilience.

Experience an extraordinary cultural journey through France's storied Champagne region, where American courage and French perseverance shaped history—and where the art of fine wine making rose from the ashes of war.

This immersive, small-group expedition combines private access to legendary Champagne houses, PhD-level historical interpretation on iconic WWI battlefields, and chef-curated dining experiences designed to engage every sense.

The Spirit Of The Tour From 1914 to 1918, the First World War devastated Europe. In the Champagne region, vineyards became battlefields, and entire communities faced unimaginable hardship. Yet from that devastation came renewal: vineyards restored, grand estates rebuilt, and a legacy of excellence reborn.

Vintage & Valor invites you to discover this remarkable transformation through curated experiences blending history, culture, and culinary mastery—all while traveling in luxury with expert guides.

Highlights Include

- Luxury Accommodations: 6 Nights In Champagne, 2 Nights In Paris • Private Winery Experiences • WWI Battlefields & Historic Sites • Michelin-Caliber Dining Featuring Locally Prepared Multi-Course Meals • Concierge-Level Travel Experience Including Private Ground Transportation

Itinerary (Overview)

May 14 – Guest arrivals at Champagne Bergère Estate; welcome dinner and gifts

May 15 – Reims cultural immersion: premier Champagne house tours & WWI museum visit

May 16 – Exclusive Bergère vineyard experience & free time in Épernay

May 17 – Blanc Mont Ridge Battlefield and Memorial & private cellar dinner at Champagne Michel Gonet

May 18 – Full-day Verdun battlefield and historical exploration

May 19 – Champagne Gonet-Médeville tour & leisure in Épernay

May 20 – Transfer to Paris via Belleau Wood battlefield; evening in Paris

May 21 – Free day in Paris with optional group dinner or museum visits

May 22 – Departures with airport transfers



Your Expert Hosts

Joe Dowdy, Colonel, USMC (Ret.) With decades of leadership experience in the U.S. Marine Corps, NASA, and Fortune 500 consulting, Joe brings a unique perspective on leadership, resilience, and the enduring lessons of history.

Peter Owen, PhD, LtCol, USMC (Ret.) A published military historian and author of acclaimed WWI histories, Pete has lectured at the Marine Corps University and National Museum of the Marine Corps and is an expert battlefield guide who brings history vividly to life.

Wesley Taylor

Award-winning wine expert, culinarian, and passionate explorer of French wine regions, Wesley has completed numerous trips to Champagne, Burgundy, and beyond—offering an unmatched depth of wine knowledge and culinary artistry.

Expedition Package

Cost: \$6,495 per participant
Accommodations, transport, tours, and most meals included; airfare not included

Reserve Your Place Today This inaugural journey is limited to 20 guests. Early registration is strongly encouraged. visit vintageandvalor.com/champagne

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