

**OCEAN HOUSE EXPANDS GONDOLA DINING EXPERIENCE AND  
INTRODUCES THE FONDUE VILLAGE**  
*The Relais & Châteaux Resort's One-of-a-Kind Culinary Pop-Up Concept  
Is Available for a Limited Winter Run*

**WATCH HILL, R.I.** (2019) -- Following the popularity of last year's exclusive Fondue Express, the first in-gondola dining experience in North America, [Ocean House](#) is expanding the successful concept in collaboration with Veuve Clicquot with the new Fondue Village (#fonduevillage).

The iconic AAA Five Diamond and Forbes Five-Star Ocean House resort will unveil the next chapter of its one-of-a-kind winter culinary pop-up experience, bringing good taste and whimsy to New England this December.

On top of a bluff of the scenic Atlantic Coast, adjacent to Ocean House and amidst sparkling Christmas trees and ski lodge décor, the Fondue Village includes three thoughtfully designed ski gondolas in gleaming Veuve Clicquot yellow lacquer. Stationed around a crackling fire pit, each gondola features radiant heated custom wood floors, plush seating and an authentic cuckoo clock, providing a wondrous luxury experience. Guests can indulge in an exclusive Alpine-themed four-course menu with select champagne pairings from Veuve Clicquot.



To further elevate the experience, guests of the Fondue Village will be provided with a comfortable white Titanium outerwear from Columbia's Extreme Eco down jacket line. Both sustainable and stylish, each coat is comprised of 100% recycled fabric from 27 plastic bottles.

Lunch or dinner guests will arrive to the Ocean House's North Lawn and enjoy a glass of Veuve Clicquot Rich champagne before being led by their personal server to The Fondue Village. As part of Relais & Châteaux's emphasis on Delicious Journeys, Ocean House's culinary team has created a distinct four-course prix-fixed menu with optional Veuve Clicquot champagne pairings. Highlights include a traditional Swiss Raclette; a meat plate of Bresaola, Black Forest ham, cornichons and pickled vegetables; cheese fondue, and Swiss plum tart with cinnamon ice cream and assorted Christmas cookies. Guests will also receive a collection of Swiss chocolates as a departure gift.

"The Fondue Village concept is an example of how our team continues to create experiences that surprise and delight our guests year after year," said Daniel A. Hostettler, president and group managing director of Ocean House Management. "With inspiration from my Swiss heritage, our Ocean House team brought this playful yet sophisticated concept to life. The Fondue Village represents how we creatively celebrate and the holidays on our corner of the coast," he added.

Beginning December 2, 2019 through March 31, 2020, The Fondue Express will accommodate groups of two to 16 people. With Veuve Clicquot champagne pairings, the gondola dining experience is available for \$560 for up to four people (plus gratuity and tax) and \$840 for up to six (plus gratuity and tax). For guests who prefer not to have pairings, the cost is \$400 for up to four people and \$600 for up to six people (plus gratuity and tax).

A portion of all proceeds will benefit the Ocean House Fund for Charitable Giving, to help children and families in need. Reservations are required by going to [oceanhouser.com/fonduevillage](http://oceanhouser.com/fonduevillage).

In addition to The Fondue Village, Ocean House and nearby sister property, Weekapaug Inn, will offer more than 40 holiday ways for people of all ages to celebrate the season. Ocean House will feature a Charlie Brown-theme Christmas celebration that includes a Gingerbread Village Competition, Children's Christmas Tea with Penguins, Santa visits, the New Year's Eve Gala, Veuve Clicquot tastings and more. For a complete list of activities, visit [oceanhouseevents.com](http://oceanhouseevents.com) or call 401.584.7000. Follow the experiences on social media @oceanhouser #oceanhouser, #fondueexpress and #fonduevillage.

### **About Ocean House**

The Ocean House, one of New England's grand hotels, re-opened its doors in June 2010 after a \$140 million rebuild and restoration. Originally built just after the Civil War, is perched high on the bluffs in Watch Hill, Rhode Island. Guests enjoy views of the Atlantic Ocean, Montauk and Block Island from the resort's 49 guestrooms and 18 signature suites. Farm-to-table casual and fine dining, the 12,000-square-foot OH! Spa and more than 10,000 square feet of event space make the Ocean House ideal for mid-week business retreats, close-to-home family vacations, weekend luxury escapes and destination weddings. Ocean House is a member of Relais & Châteaux, an exclusive collection of more than 500 of the finest hotels and gourmet restaurants in 60 countries that has set the standard for excellence in hospitality. This stately property is the only AAA Five-Diamond and Forbes Five-Star rated resort in Rhode Island, for accommodations, dining and the award-winning spa.

### **About Veuve Clicquot**

Since its creation in 1772, Veuve Clicquot played an instrumental role in establishing and evolving the champagne industry as we know it today. Located in Reims, France, Veuve Clicquot prides itself on using only the most distinct grapes reflecting Madame Clicquot's motto "only one quality, the finest." Now, more than 200 years later, Veuve Clicquot Champagne inspires the world to "Be Clicquot": modern, audacious and premium quality. These values, set forth by the ground-breaking and extraordinary Madame Clicquot and maintained by generations of Clicquot drinkers, promise a remarkable experience with each sip of Veuve Clicquot Champagne. For more information, please visit [www.veuveclicquot.tumblr.com](http://www.veuveclicquot.tumblr.com).

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