

# Trip description

# Alsace Wine Road cycle trail from Strasbourg to Colmar

Possible departure days (subject to availability) on : Sundays & Mondays (first day cycling)

Be charmed by Alsace and its generous flair. Over the vineyards, half-timbered houses omed with geraniums and castle ruins, discover varied and mind-blowing landscapes!



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Destination	France
Location	Alsace
Duration	8 days
Difficulty Level	Moderate
Validity	from april to november
Minimum age	12 years
Reference	AL0801

# Itinerary



On this cycle tour you discover the Alsace region very at your own pace. You start your bike tour in Strasbourg, a dynamic city listed on as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The historic downtown is perfect for cycling. Do not miss the Notre Dame cathedral, the covered bridges and the picturesque medieval quarter "Petite France". Then follow the Bruche Canal, which leads to the Alsatian vineyards. You meander through the vineyards on the Alsace wine road cycle trail and pass charming villages with half-timbered houses, adorned with geraniums. On your way you will pass through the beautiful small towns Rosheim, Obernai, Barr and Bergheim. Overlooking the bike paths, you can admire the proud castle of Haut-Koenigsbourg on its rocky outcrop.

Ride further to the most beautiful Alsatian mountain villages, Ribeauvillé, Riquewihr and Hunawihr before reaching Colmar, also called "the little Venice", a city rich of architectural heritage. From Colmar on you can also take a day trip to the beautiful village of Eguisheim.

A rich and varied cycling holiday combining culture, nature and gastronomy. The perfect equation for a great holiday!

## Day 1

#### Strasbourg

You start your cycling holidays in the capital of the Alsace region: Strasbourg. This city has a rich cultural heritage, so do not miss its architectural treasures including the majestic Notre Dame cathedral, the covered bridges and the Palais Rohan. Then take the time to stroll in the picturesque district of "Petite France" (Little France) with the beautiful half-timbered houses, where once fishermen and tanners lived.

#### Day 2

## Strasbourg - Molsheim

Bike 25km You'll leave the cobblestone streets of Strasbourg's old city center to follow south of the city the channel "Canal de la Bruche". The canal was built by Vauban to transport the sandstones of the Vosges to Strasbourg for the construction of the city's fortifications. You ride on a bike path along the shady banks and the old locks. This scenic route will take you to charming Alsatian villages with their colorful and blooming facades. Then reach to the famous Alsace Wine Route cycle path in Molsheim, a very pretty wine town, birthplace of the Bugatti automobile brand.

#### Day tour around Molsheim

Bike **30/40km** 

This day tour takes you north of Molsheim. You start the tour by passing the charming village of Avolsheim. We advise the little detour to admire the Dompeter church isolated in the middle of the fields. The building is considered the oldest church in Alsace. Then you leave the Alsace Wine road cycle trail and explore the Alsatian countryside. Through vineyards and apple orchards, you pass typical Alsatian villages: Dangolsheim and its wash house dating from the sixteenth century, Westhoffen, capital of the Alsatian cherry or Wangen and its medieval walls. Then in Marlenheim, you reach again the bike path to leisurely return to Molsheim along the Mossig river.

#### Day 4

# Molsheim - Itterswiller area

Bike 35km You reach the Alsace Wineroute cycle path and ride on the hillside through the Alsatian vineyards and wine villages.

Pass Rosheim and its Roman-style church, Obernai and its belfry, Gertwiller and its Gingerbread House and later the pretty village of Barr. Take small country roads that meander through vineyards, old railway lines and segments of the former Roman road. Todays ride ends in Itterswiller, a beautiful flowery village nestled in the heart of the vineyards.

#### Day 5

#### Itterswiller - Ribeauvillé

Bike 28km

Altitude ±155m

Cycle road

You go down to the Alsacian plain and pedal along the mountainside on the cycle route through the vineyards. You will cycle along old railroad lines and sections of the old Roman road, passing through numerous wine-producing villages. Enjoy the picture-postcard landscapes of Alsace; castles and flower-filled villages await you along the way. Spend the night in Ribeauvillé, a medieval village set between mountains and vineyards.

#### Day 6

#### Ribeauvillé - Colmar

Bike 28km Altitude ±352m You leave Ribeauvillé through the vineyards, stopping by Riquewihr, "the Pearl of the Alsace vineyards", or Hunawihr, one of France's most beautiful villages. Stop off in Kaysersberg, one of Alsace's most charming towns. Then pedal along country roads to Colmar, capital of Alsace wines.

#### Day 7

## Day-trip to Eguisheim

Bike 35km



You leave Colmar and reach the shady banks of the Thur river. Then keep biking in the Alsatian countryside until Eguisheim, ranked among the most beautiful French villages and many times awarded for its flowers. Admire its beautiful 16th century-old houses with their bright colors and stroll through its cobbled streets. Continue through vineyards to the pretty village of Turckheim where a night watchman continues every night to make his rounds from May to October. You can pause in Ammerschwihr to enjoy a glass of Kaefferkopf, before returning to Colmar.

## Accommodation



# Category A

You stay in hotels with \*\*/\*\*\* standards offering all the necessary comfort after a day outdoors. These family hotels welcome you warmly. Breakfast is included.



\* Example of the type of accommodation



# Category B

You stay in hotels with \*\*\* standards selected for their style and quality. Breakfast is included.



<sup>\*</sup> Example of the type of accommodation



# Category C

You will enjoy a higher level of service in these \*\*\*/\*\*\* hotels. Breakfast is included.





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# Practical information

## To get to departure point:

By plane: flight to Strasbourg

By train: TGV (fast trains) from Paris Gare de l'Est. The duration of the trip is between 2h20. To plan your trip, www.sncf-connect.com.

## **Parking**

If you drive to Strasbourg, you can park your car in a secured car park located close to the train station. The weekly rate is 55€. The location and contact details of the car park will be given in your travel documents.

# To get back to starting point:

Regional trains take you back to your starting point if you wish. They are accessible without booking in advance and bicycles are free. You have to buy your ticket on spot (full rate 15€/adult). There are several trains per day. You will find the timetable in your travel documents.

## Meeting time:

The first day is an arrival day without cycling. You arrive whenever you want depending on from where you come. Please note that rooms are usually available in the middle of the afternoon depending on your accommodation. We thank you to advise us if you plan to arrive late.

# Price description

Category A 1069 €/pers

Double room fare

7 nights in \*\*/\*\*\* hotels

7 breakfasts

6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information

luggage transport

a cellar visit and wine tasting

the return of the bikes

7/7 hotline

Half-board (4 dinners) 155 €/pers

Single occupancy extra (\*\*) 51 €/night

High season extra (\*) 10 €/pers

Extra night in Strasbourg 75 €/pers

Extra night in Colmar 64 €/pers

#### Category B

Double room fare

1289 €/pers

7 nights in \*\*\* hotels

7 breakfasts

6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)

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Half-board (4 dinners)	160 €/pers
Single occupancy extra (**)	85 €/night
High season extra (*)	10 €/pers
Extra night in Strasbourg	90 €/pers
Extra night in Colmar	1 <b>0</b> 5 €/pers

Category C 1349 €/pers

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Half-board (4 dinners)	190 €/pers
Single occupancy extra (**)	100 €/night
High season extra (*)	60 €/pers
Extra night in Strasbourg	110 €/pers
Extra night in Colmar	12 <b>0</b> €/pers

## Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (6 days)

Discount if you ride your own bicycle

-130 €/pers

Extra for solo traveller 280 €/pers

(\*\*) These prices are guaranted for 2 participants minimum.

## (\*) High season :

from 07.05 to 12.05.2024 from 17.05 to 21.05.2024 from 01.07 to 16.09.2024

Children discount (in the same room as 2 full rate participants)

0-4 year : -70% 5-11 year : -50% 12-17 year : -30%

#### The package doesn't include:

the journey to the tour location the drinks the meals which are not included the entrance fee to sites insurances (optional)

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