



Trip description

5-day bike ride from Strasbourg to Colmar

You will discover a rich and varied landscape between vineyards, medieval towns and Romanesque churches along the Vineyard cycle route.

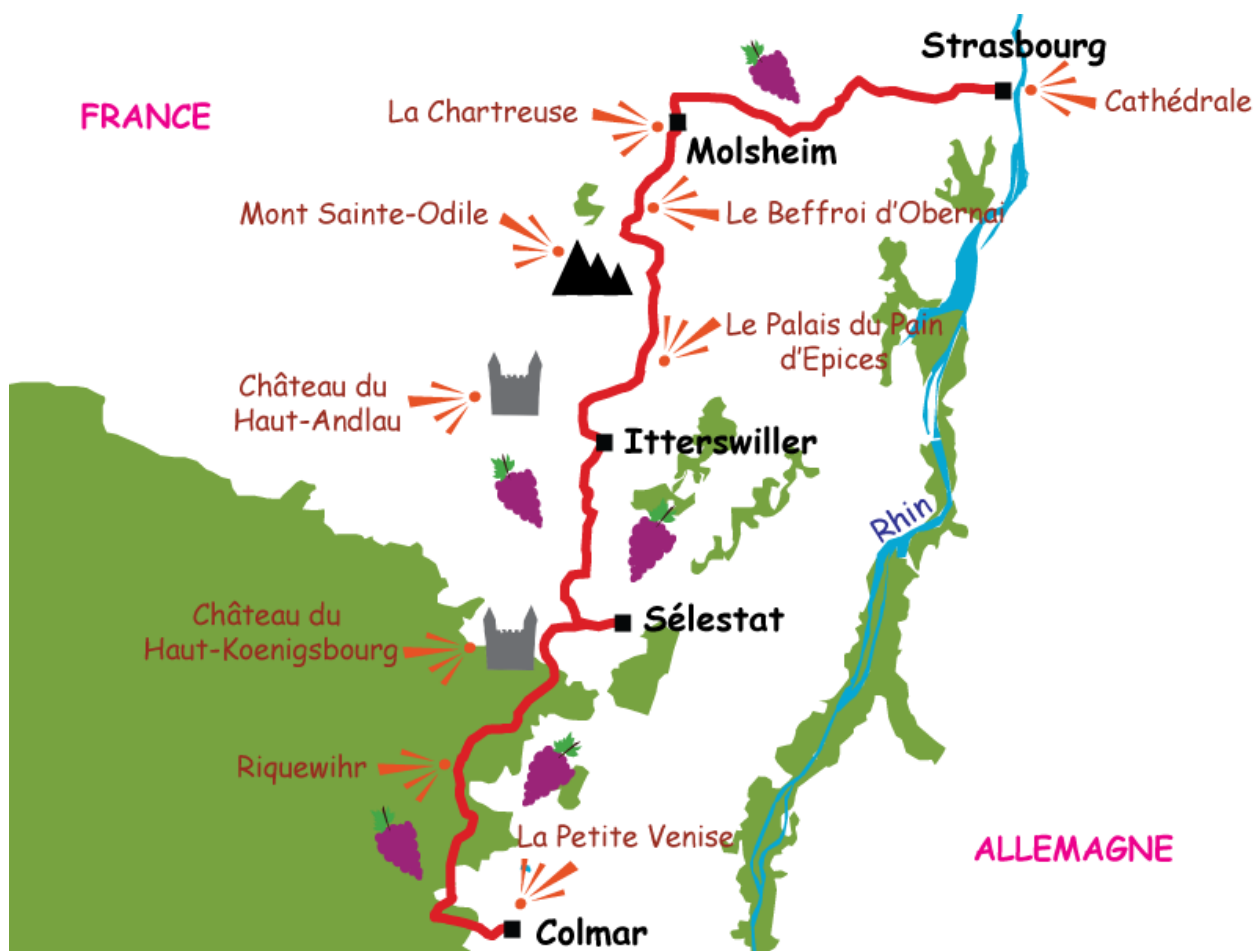


Destination	France
Location	Alsace
Duration	5 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	from april to november
Minimum age	12 years
Reference	AL0401

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



From Strasbourg to Colmar, discover in 5 days the Alsatian vineyards. The cycle route takes both scenic bike paths along the Bruche canal and small country roads with little traffic surrounded by vineyards. You start your tour in Strasbourg, a city with a rich cultural heritage with its cathedral Notre Dame, its covered bridges and its old medieval district "Petite France". Then join the Wine road cycle trail in Molsheim that leads you through many wine villages: Rosheim, Andlau Itterswiller, Châtenois, Bergheim ... On your way enjoy the view on old medieval castles including the famous Haut-Koenigsbourg, the most visited monument in Alsace. Then you ride to the hilltop villages of Ribeauvillé, Riquewihr and Hunawihr, little gems of the Alsace Valley. Finally, end your tour in the beautiful city of Colmar, capital of Alsace wines. An Alsatian glass of wine with a bretzel (local pastry) brings your stay to a close with style!

Day 1

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 2

Molsheim - Itterswiller

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. Today's ride ends in Itterswiller, a beautiful flowery village nestled in the heart of the vineyards.

Day 3

Itterswiller - Sélestat area

Bike
~20km

Choice between 2 itineraries

2 routes options lies before you to reach Sélestat.

You can continue through the vineyards passing the charming villages of Blienschwiller, Dambach-la-Ville and Scherwiller, where you can see above you the ruins of the castle of Ortenbourg.

The other route is a little sportier. You leave the vineyards and discover the Vosges towards Val de Villé. Ride on wooded slopes and pass the villages Saint-Pierre-Bois and Thanvillé. From there, you take the former Salt Road, on which salt was transported from Lorraine to Germany and then you reach Sélestat.

Day 4

Sélestat area - Colmar

Bike
~37km

You'll leave the Sélestat area and overlook the famous 12th-century-old castle Haut-Koenigsbourg, witness to the various rivalries that moved the Europe's history over the centuries. Then ride into the fortified village of Bergheim, one of the few Alsatian villages, which has preserved almost all of its medieval fortifications. Then you leave the Alsace Wine Route cycle path and ride up the hill to Ribeauvillé and its picturesque streets, Riquewihr, the "Pearl of the Alsatian vineyards," and Hunawihr, both referred to as one of the most beautiful villages in France.

Finally, you ride quietly down through the vineyards and apple orchards to reach the beautiful city of Colmar, capital of Alsace wines.

Day 5

Colmar

Enjoy a last stroll in Colmar. Stroll in the neighborhood of "Little Venice" and admire the "house of heads" and the "Pfister house".

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.



** Example of the type of accommodation*

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.raileurope.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 12.90€/adult). There are several trains per day. You will find the timetable in your travel documents.

Meeting time:

You pick up your bikes in the morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm. We recommend you to arrive around 10am to enjoy your day fully without rushing and be able to do the visits on the way.

If you chose luggage transport, you must arrive before 10am to drop off your luggage. Bikes pick up point and luggage drop off point are located next to the train station and will be given in your travel documents.

Price description

Category A

485 €/pers

Double room fare

4 nights in **/** hotels

4 breakfasts

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

a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes

the return of the bikes

local visitors' taxes

sending charge of the travel documents in France

7/7 hotline

Half-board

25 €/dinner

Single occupancy extra

48 €/night

High season extra (*)

30 €/pers

Extra night in Strasbourg

60 €/pers

Extra night in Colmar

60 €/pers

Category B

548 €/pers

Double room fare

4 nights in *** hotels

4 breakfasts

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

a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes

the return of the bikes

local visitors' taxes

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7/7 hotline

Half-board

32 €/pers

Single occupancy extra

60 €/night

High season extra (*)

40 €/pers

Extra night in Strasbourg

70 €/pers

Extra night in Colmar

70 €/pers

Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (4 days)

55 €/pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-65 €/pers
Luggage transport (4 persons basis)	47 €/pers
Luggage transport (2 persons basis)	94 €/pers

(*) High season :

from 27.04.2019 to 12.05.2019

from 29.05.2019 to 02.06.2019

from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019

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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