



Trip description

Alsace wine road and Doubs river by bike

On the menu of this nice bike trip: you will enjoy a mix of vineyards, explore some of the most beautiful hamlets of the region and relax in a natural environment.



Destination	France
Location	Alsace
Duration	8 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	from April to November
Minimum age	12 years
Reference	AD0801

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



Get on your bike from Colmar, a city with an atypical architecture and canals, and cycle through the Alsatian vineyards. Taste a glass of Riesling or

Gewürtz and cross some lively hamlets.

You leave viticultural landscapes and immerse yourself in the Alsatian plains: ride on comfortable cycle paths along the rivers. Enjoy the rich historical heritage of Mulhouse, Belfort or Montbéliard. Each town had an animated past and it is very surprising to gaze at its marks and sense how each city has been building its future differently.

After this much culture, you will be thrilled to be amazed in front of the magnificent landscapes of the Doubs valley. Ride along the Doubs river for the last part of your bike trip and let the luxuriant nature and the peaceful atmosphere be your guides. Besançon is your final destination. You have plenty of choices to have fun: visit the citadel of Vauban or the museum of Time, stroll in the lively city center or taste the local cheese!

Day 1

Arrival in Colmar

You arrive in your own time and drop-off your luggage at your accommodation. Stroll in the district of "Little Venice" and admire the "house of heads" and the "Pfister house" before tasting one of the many culinary specialities of the region (we advise you the delicious Kougelhopf cake).

Day 2

Colmar - Guebwiller

Bike
40-50km

You leave Colmar to cycle the southern part of the Alsace Wine cycle route. We recommend a stop in Guebwiller to admire its half-timbered houses and its Romanesque bell tower. Your route continues on the hillside through the Grand Cru Goldert vineyard before reaching Rouffach, recognizable by its beautiful yellow sandstone church. Then, you cycle to Soultzmatt located in the heart of the Vallée Noble, where once stood proudly seven castles that have now disappeared. The village has preserved beautiful vestiges of this prosperous period. Your day's stopover ends in the Lauch valley, in Guebwiller.

For those who wish to extend the day, we recommend a 10km detour to the Murbach Abbey, a treasure hidden in the heart of the valley.

Day 3

Guebwiller - Mulhouse

Bike
56km

You take the Alsace Wine cycle route to Cernay, nicknamed the city of storks. You may be lucky enough to come across them freely in the city or in the stork park. Then, you leave the vineyards and the Wine Route to cross the great plain of Alsace on small country roads. In Ungersheim, you can stop at the Alsace Ecomuseum. This open-air museum immerses you in an Alsatian village from the beginning of the 20th century and share with you the popular traditions of Alsace.

Your path then continues to the flowered town of Ensisheim. Cycle through the plain and follow the cycle path and the meanders of the small rivers. You arrive in Mulhouse, the city of a hundred chimneys.

Day 4

Mulhouse - Belfort

Bike
60km

After a last stroll in the historic town center of Mulhouse or at the National automobile museum for people mad about nice cars, get on your bike along the canal of the Rhone and Rhin rivers and follow peacefully EuroVelo Route 6 (EV6).

In Montreux, leave the canal to reach a small countryside road where you can admire the foothills of the Vosges. You will enjoy some magnificent views over mountain landscapes before arriving at a large pond. A few pedal pushes later, Belfort welcomes you. Come to visit Bartholdi's original lion and turn back time at the citadel.

Day 5

Belfort - Montbéliard

You leave Belfort along the banks of the Savoureuse river. You can choose to continue

Bike
31km

straight along the canal or cross the forest and follow along the Rhine to the Rhone Canal. Your bike route takes you to Sochaux and the Peugeot Museum. Discover this industrial epic before entering the small Renaissance town Montbéliard.

Climb to the castle of the Dukes of Württemberg, visit the Saint-Martin temple, the oldest religious building of the Reformation in France and stroll through the medieval streets admiring the houses with their colorful facades. Do not miss in the evening to taste the famous sausage of Montbéliard!

Day 6

Montbéliard - Baume-les-Dames

Bike
63km

Today your bike ride leads you to discover the beautiful loops of the river Doubs. First you have to leave the city and Montbéliard to meander leisurely on bike paths the bucolic edges of this river. From Isle-sur-le-Doubs on the valley becomes majestic and very wild. You wind through the incised valley by steep cliffs, which are the delight of climbers. Very beautiful arrival in the small town Baume-les-Dames, labeled "City of character" at the foot of the rift of Babre.

Day 7

Baume-les-Dames - Besançon

Bike
39km

The Doubs valley is particularly spectacular after leaving Baume-les-Dames. The bike route is very varied: green banks under steep karst cliffs reverberating in the peaceful waters of the Doubs, small villages with bell towers of colored tiles, towpaths lined with plane trees and old brick paper mills tending their chimneys to the sky. At the bend of a loop you arrive without even noticing at the foot of the citadel of Besançon. Big favorite for this student, vibrant and cultural city.

Day 8

Departure from Besançon

Besançon has a very rich historical and cultural heritage. But it does not boil down to its citadel, which includes not only the Vauban fortifications, but also several museums and a zoo. It is also a vibrant city!

Before leaving, stroll through the semi-pedestrian shopping streets of the city center and do not miss the astronomical clock and the superb museum of time.

Accommodation

Category B

You'll get a good night's sleep staying in these 3-Star hotels or Bed and Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and the friendliness of the staff. A hearty breakfast is included!





* Example of the type of accommodation

Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: flight for Basel or Strasbourg and then shuttle to the city center.

By train: Regional train or TGV to Colmar. From Paris: duration 2h20; from Strasbourg: duration 30min. To plan your trip: <https://www.thetrainline.com/>

Parking:

If you drive to Colmar, you can park your car in a secured car park located close to your hotel. The location and contact details of the car park will be given in your travel documents.

To reach back the starting point:

Regional trains and TGV take you back to your starting point if you wish. The duration of the journey is between 1h45 and 2h30 with one or two connection(s). You have to buy your ticket on spot. There are several trains per day.

Price description

Category B

Double room fare

Basis 2-3 persons

1250€/pers

Basis 4-5 persons

1035 €/pers

960 €/pers

Basis +6 persons

7 nights in *** hotels or B&B

7 breakfasts

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

the luggage transport

the delivery and the return of the bikes

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

7/7 hotline

High season (*)

40 €/pers

Single occupancy extra

58 €/night

Solo traveller extra

500 €

Extra night in Colmar

95 €/pers

Extra night in Besançon

66 €/pers

Options

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

200 €/pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle

-120 €/pers

(*) **High season :**

from 01.05 to 17.09.

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

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

The package doesn't include :

the journey to the tour location
the drinks
the meals which are not included
tourist taxes (to pay on the spot)
the entrance fee to sites
insurances (optional)

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