



Trip description

A cycling week in Alsace from Strasbourg to Colmar

Discover Alsace by bike for a week along the Wine cycle route. Be charmed by the half-timbered houses orned with geraniums and castle ruins along your way.



Destination	France
Location	Alsace
Duration	7 days
Difficulty Level	Challenging
Validity	from April to November
Minimum age	12 years
Reference	AL0701

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



This week-long cycling trip will introduce you to the must-sees of Alsace: its charming towns, its hillside vineyards, its flowered half-timbered

houses, its wine villages, its fortified castles, its Romanesque churches... From the covered bridges of Strasbourg to the romantic canals of Colmar, explore one of the most beautiful cycle routes in France. Your route will be punctuated by charming picturesque villages: Rosheim, Barr, Bergheim, Riquewihr, Kaysersberg... Take a day-trip to Haut-Koenigsbourg castle perched on its rocky outcrop from where you can admire breathtaking views over the valley. Discovering Alsace also means tasting its many local food specialties with a glass of wine of course!

A beautiful week by bike in the heart of Alsace for unforgettable holidays!

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-Obernai

Bike
39km

Altitude
±145m

+ optional loop-tour 30km

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. You continue your ride on the hillside through the Alsatian vineyards and wine villages to reach Obernai and its belfry.

For the more courageous ones, you can add to your stage a nice cycle loop north of Molsheim (+30km).

Day 3

Obernai - Sélestat area

Bike
~40km

Altitude
±230m

Choice between 2 itineraries

Leave Obernai behind and visit in Gertwiller the 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. Near Blienschwiller 2 routes options lies before reaching 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, a beautiful cycle path through the forest to Sélestat.

Day 4

Day-trip to the Château du Haut-Koenigsbourg

Bike
43km

Altitude
±741m

Enjoy a rest day to visit the Château du Haut-Koenigsbourg, witness to the various rivalries that moved the Europe's history over the centuries. There are 2 choices :

- You leave your bikes for the day. A shuttle takes you from Sélestat to the castle and also stops at two animal parks on the way : the Eagle Park and the Monkey Mountain.

- The more athletic ones can cycle up to the castle located 757m high, taking a beautiful road through the forests of the Vosges mountains.

Day 5

Sélestat area - Colmar

Bike
~37km

Altitude
±350m

You leave the Sélestat area overlooked by the famous 12th-century-old castle of Haut-Koenigsbourg, 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. Do not miss the detour to Kaysersberg, one of the most charming towns in Alsace. Finally, you ride quietly down through the vineyards and apple orchards to reach the beautiful city of Colmar, capital of Alsace wines.

Day 6

Day-trip to Eguisheim

Bike
35km

Altitude
±165m

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.

Day 7

Colmar

Enjoy a last stroll in Colmar. Stroll in the district 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*

Category C

You will enjoy a higher level of service in these ***/**** hotels. 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.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

899 €/pers

Double room fare

6 nights in **/** hotels
6 breakfasts
5-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 winetasting
the delivery and return of the bikes
7/7 hotline

Half-board (5 dinners) 145 €/pers

Single occupancy extra (**) 65 €/night

High season extra (*) 30 €/pers

Extra night in Strasbourg 75 €/pers

Extra night in Colmar 64 €/pers

Category B

1069 €/pers

Double room fare

6 nights in *** hotels
6 breakfasts
5-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)
the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information
luggage transport
a cellar visit and winetasting
the delivery and return of the bikes
7/7 hotline

Half-board (5 dinners) 165 €/pers

Single occupancy extra (**) 75 €/night

High season extra (*) 30 €/pers

Extra night in Strasbourg 90 €/pers

Extra night in Colmar 105 €/pers

Category C

1299 €/pers

Double room fare

6 nights in ***/**** hotels
6 breakfasts
5-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)
the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information
luggage transport
a cellar visit and winetasting
the delivery and return of the bikes
7/7 hotline

Half-board (6 dinners) 275 €/pers

Single occupancy extra (**) 88 €/night

High season extra (*) 50 €/pers

Extra night in Strasbourg 110 €/pers

Extra night in Colmar 120 €/pers

Options

Extra for solo traveller 340 €/pers

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (5 days) 140 €/pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle

-115 €/pers

(**) These prices are guaranteed for 2 participants minimum.

(*) High season :

from 07.05 to 12.05.2023

from 17.05 to 21.05.2023

from 01.07 to 16.09.2023

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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