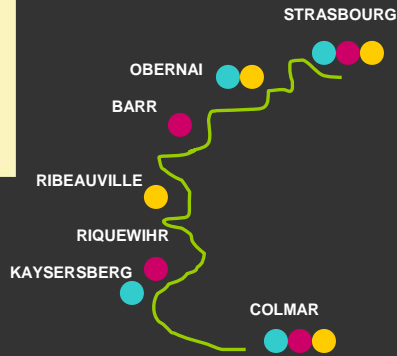




MAP OF FRANCE

ALSACE REGION



CLASSIC TOUR

*** Hotel Hannong in Strasbourg
<http://www.hotel-hannong.com>

** Hotel du Gouverneur in Obernai
<http://www.legroupehk.com>

*** Hotel les Remparts in Kaysersberg
<http://www.lesremparts.info>

*** Hotel Beausejour in Colmar
<http://www.beausejour.fr>

CLASSIC + TOUR

***Hotel Europe in Strasbourg
<http://www.hotel-europe.com>

***Hotel Hortensias in Barr
<http://www.hortensias-hotel.com>

***Hotel Oriel in Riquewihr
<http://www.hotel-oriel.com>

****Hotel Maison des Têtes in Colmar
<http://www.maisondestetes.com>

DELUXE TOUR

****Hotel Regent Petite France in Strasbourg
<http://www.regent-petite-france.com>

****Hotel La Cour d'Alsace in Obernai
<http://www.cour-alsace.com>

****Hotel Clos St Vincent in Ribeauvillé
<http://www.leclassaintvincent.com>

****Hotel Maison des Têtes in Colmar
<http://www.maisondestetes.com>

ALSACE 6 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS

ALSACE WINE TRAILS

Day 1 : Arrival in Strasbourg

Strasbourg, seat of the new European Parliament, is an ancient and lively city, filled with treasures to explore. It was named a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1988, the first city to be honoured with the title in its entirety. This tour allows you time to meander the canals, cobblestoned streets, and small boutiques of Strasbourg. Visit the old town, its picturesque quarters and half-timbered houses in the neighbourhood known as "The Petite France". Visit the Gothic cathedral and its famous astronomical clock, and the European Parliament. Be sure to sate your appetite as well with the pastries, tartes flambees and fresh cheeses at every corner

Day 2 : Strasbourg – Barr 46 Km

The ride along the Bruch Canal, quite easygoing, is one of the prettiest bike paths in Europe. It will lead you out of Strasbourg and towards the vineyards. On route you pass the two charming villages of Molsheim and Obernai, which will seduce you with their half-timbered houses and typical Alsatian feel. Be sure to stop to take many photos! Barr, a wine-growing village located near Strasbourg, is nestled up in the vineyard covered hills. During the summer it's decked out with flowers; you'll love its winding cobblestone streets that challenge motorists and enchant pedestrians and cyclists.

Day 3 : Barr – Riquewihr 46 Km

You'll enjoy the tranquil riding today, through vineyards and small villages, but far away from the traffic of the Route des Vins. More typical villages await you, with their pretty window flowers and half-timbered history, such as Dambach, Riquewihr, Ribeauvillé.... Tonight you stay in tiny Riquewihr. The village shows how a village in the region would have looked 400 years ago. Many of the houses date from the 16th and 17th centuries, and still have gorgeous courtyards and fountains from that time. The town has much of its medieval fortification and a castle; it largely escaped damage during the Second World War. You'll also have some beautiful views of the Vosges Mountains.

Day 4 : Riquewihr to Colmar 24 Km

More riding the pretty vineyard roads and villages. Winemaking in Alsace has a long history. In a region that primarily produces white wines, there are also some very drinkable (and inexpensive!) Pinot Noir reds. Both dry and sweet white wines are produced. You will find some of the most noted dry Rieslings in the world, but Alsace is perhaps even more noted for highly aromatic Gewürztraminer wines. Definitely worth stopping for a tasting! The ride is not very long, though a little rolling. Your evening is in Colmar; the center of the city reveals its charm: the colors and atmosphere of streets still embody much of the Middle Ages. Churches, cloisters, half-timbered houses, facades with ornate wood sculptures, paintings, and edifices from the Renaissance abound.

Day 5 : Loop from Colmar 45 Km

You definitely will want more of the gorgeous vineyard cycling that you enjoyed yesterday. Your ride today takes you southward into the heart of some of the most prestigious vineyards of Alsace, and through charming villages like Eguisheim and Guebreschwihr. Be sure to have your camera at the ready as well, for the amazing views of the Vosges mountains! The ride loops back to Colmar at the end of the day.

Day 6 : Colmar - Strasbourg train + 25 km ride

Take a little time this morning if you haven't already to visit some of the sites of Colmar itself, before getting on the local train (with your bike) back up towards Strasbourg. You disembark for a final, lovely 25 km ride back into the European capital (or, if you are feeling lazy, take the train all the way back!) A final evening in Strasbourg awaits.

Day 7 : Departure - Bon Voyage!

Exact hotels depend on availability at time of booking

CLASSIC + itinerary described here