

SMALL GROUP Maximum of 24 Travelers

Fairytale France

Alsace

Inspiring Moments

- ► Experience the Franco-Germanic culture, incredible gastronomy and welcoming locals of the **Alsace region.**
- ► Journey through the stunning **Alsatian Wine Route,** home to superlative wines.
- ► Glide through **Colmar's "Little Venice,"** soaking up vistas plucked from a fairytale.
- ► Gaze at the **Strasbourg Cathedral**, one of Europe's greatest Gothic treasures.
- ► Stroll through the sun-bathed Münsterplatz in eco-friendly **Freiburg.**
- ➤ Enjoy rich and delicious **Alsatian** cuisine, a combination of both French and German culinary traditions.
- ► Experience two UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Itinerary

- Day 1 Depart gateway city
- Day 2 Arrive in Zürich and transfer to hotel in Colmar
- Day 3 Colmai
- Day 4 Kaysersberg | Riquewihr | Eguisheim
- Day 5 Strasbourg
- Day 6 Basel | Freiburg | Neuf-Brisach
- Day 7 Orshwiller
- Day 8 Colmar
- Day 9 Transfer to Zürich airport and depart for gateway city

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Included Features

Accommodations {with baggage handling}

-7 nights in Colmar, France, at the first-class Grand Hôtel Bristol.

Extensive Meal Program

- -7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample local cuisine.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Visit **3 countries** on this program.
- AHI Travel Assurance plan covers
 Accident and Sickness Medical Expense,
 Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- AHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- -Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.







Above left: Strasbourg | Above: Colmar



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Discovery

Colmar. A walking tour showcases the scenery and laid-back ambience of pretty Colmar. Soak up the photogenic Fisherman's Quay, the Pfister House with its octagonal turret, and the 15th-century Customs House, a façade adorned with 111 head sculptures. Then glide along the canals of Colmar's "Little Venice," followed by an Alsatian lunch.

Alsace Wine Route. Encounter storied winemaking traditions and connect with the essence of Alsace in the terre de fête, France's popular wine-tourism spot. Travel through undulating hills blanketed with vineyards to discover endearing villages, such as Kaysersberg, Riquewihr and Eguisheim. Slip into an authentic wine cave and sip world-class wine.

Strasbourg. During a guided walking tour, see the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Strasbourg and tour the opulent Palais Rohan, home to three of the city's most acclaimed museums. Sit down for lunch in a cozy restaurant for authentic *tarte flambee*, a traditional flatbread with onion, cheese and ham. Cap off the day with a sightseeing cruise that showcases La Petite France, Neustadt and the European Quarter.

Basel. Basel welcomes visitors with a palette of bridges, cathedrals and a well-preserved old town. This multicultural city boasts more than 40 museums and a thriving art scene. It is also home to Switzerland's oldest university.

Freiburg. With a beautiful cobbled square, colorful medieval houses and the inspiring Freiburg Minster, you'll certainly want to linger in charming Freiburg! Admire the minster, a distinctive landmark with a 750-year-old Hosanna bell. Take note of the iconic *Bächle*, the little waterways lining the streets of old town that were first recorded in the 1200s. Today, you may see children pulling brightly painted boats along the streams. On your return to Colmar, pass by the fortified village of Neuf-Brisach, constructed by order of King Louis XIV.

Chateau du Haut-Koenigsbourg. This mighty fortress occupied a strategic position controlling the wine and wheat routes to the north and the salt route from the east. During a tour, note the impressive architecture and massive defensive ramparts. Inside, you may see the living accommodations, the kitchens, the interior courtyard and more.

Colmar's History, Culture and Cuisine.

Gain insight into Colmar's Jewish community and the region's poignant history during a guided walk along Rue Berthe Molly. Your guide points out prime spots for capturing scenic panoramas. Cap off the excursion with a wine and cheese tasting in the city center.



Basel



Alsace Wine

Enrichment

- ▶ History of Alsace
- ▶ Alsace's Franco-Germanic Culture
- **▶** Contemporary Alsace

UNESCO World Heritage

- Fortifications of Vauban (Neuf-Brisach), France
- 2. Strasbourg, Grande-Île and Neustadt, France

Accommodations

Grand Hôtel Bristol | Colmar

Tripadvisor

Activity Level: We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



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