



FRANCE

WALKING HOLIDAY - ALSACE (TOUR CODE: 11675)

STARTS AND ENDS

Obernai to
Colmar

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Apr 2023 - 31 Oct 2023

EXPERIENCE

Walk & Hike

TRAVEL STYLE

Active Holiday Packages

Hiking in Alsace is a unique experience as the region is nestled between the beautiful Vosges mountains in France and the border of Germany.

Highlights

- **Hike at your own pace** (Self-guided), stopping when you see something truly remarkable or if you simply want to rest and recharge.
- A **detailed Road Book** allows you to travel freely with all the information you need for your trip! It boasts colour maps, highlighted routes, touristic information, orientation points to reach hotels, and easy to follow step by step directions!
- Take in the stunning surrounding scenery as you arrive in **Turkheim**, known for its Gewurztraminer, traditional Alsatian cuisine!
- Explore on your own the famous **Haut Koenigsbourg Castle**, nestled at a strategic location on a high hill overlooking the Alsatian plain and enjoy a scenic hike back to **Ribeauville!**
- Discover the **village of Ricquewihr** and its medieval influence.
- Wine Tasting at **The Alsace Remy Keiffer Wines**

The famous Route du Vin, the Alsatian wine route, includes at least 100 wine producing villages between Strasbourg and Colmar, producing some of France's best wines.

Our walking tours of Alsace start with the hike up the Mont Sainte Odile before passing through vineyards and typical Alsatian villages such as Ricquewihr and its medieval influence. You will get to visit the famous Haut Koenigsbourg Castle, overlooking the plain of Alsace.

You will mainly walk on GR trails, which are well maintained and marked so you can focus on enjoying the view!



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night in Obernai at Hotel La Cour d'Alsace - 4*
- 1 night in Barr at Le H Hotel - 3*
- 1 night in Itterswiller at Hotel Arnold - 3*
- 1 night in Ribeauville at Hotel De La Tour - 3*
- 1 night in Kaysersberg at Logis Hotel les Remparts - 3*
- 1 night in Colmar at Hotel St Martin - 3*
- 8 meals included - 6 breakfasts, 2 dinner
- 1 Wine Tasting at Alsace Remy Kieffer Wines
- Orientation in person with local guide
- Detailed ROAD BOOK, including details maps, touristic information, step by step itinerary and cue sheets
- 1 GPS for every 1-3 people
- All luggage transfers
- Comprehensive trip literature
- Technical and emergency support available at all times

ITINERARY

Map Alsace Hiking Route Tour

Average / Day Distance: 13.17 Km

Elevation gain : 388.50 Metres



Day 1 Strasbourg Obernai

Arrive in **Strasbourg**.

Take the train to **Obernai**, south of Strasbourg along the Wine Route. The train ride is about 30 minutes and trains are available throughout the day. To arrive in Strasbourg, there is easy rail access from Paris with the newly opened TGV line; or by air. Rail access from Frankfurt is also possible.

While in Strasbourg, why not taking time to visit:

- **Petite France**: The popular corner of the Grand Île (the Main Island) is where the Ill river splits up into a number of canals, and cascades through a small area of half-timbered houses.
- **Ponts Couverts**: Towers and footbridges situated at the end of Petite France Cathedral, built from 1190 to 1439. Quartier Allemand (German District): The showcase of German neoclassical architecture in Strasbourg.

In the evening, a local guide will meet you at the hotel lobby for your orientation.

Overnight in Obernai at **Hotel La Cour d'Alsace**.



Obernai Barr**Hike Up Mont Sainte Odile**

Distance: 17 Km

Elevation gain 1 : 654 Metres

Estimated: 5 Hours Hiking

Start from your hotel and go to **Mont Saint Odile**. You will then walk on to Barr covering about 17km with some hills and a forested trail.

You can have lunch at the summit of the hills at the Mont St Odile then descend to Barr. You are in tree cover most of the day which doesn't allow for long views, but you come out into the wine country around Barr and can sample some of the excellent local wines when you are back.

Overnight in Barr at **Le H Hotel**.

Breakfast, Dinner

**Barr Itterswiller****Walk The Alsace Wine Route**

Option 1 : 10 Km

Option 2 : 14 Km

Elevation gain 1 : 306 Metres

Elevation gain 2 : 480 Metres

Estimated: 3.5 Hours Hiking

Estimated: 4.5 Hours Hiking

Two options today, but both take you through vineyard country and on to the Foret d'Andlau, passing by the wine town of Bernardville before going on to Itterswiller. Before your dinner, we will organise a wine tasting in order to discover the best wines of the area!

Remy Kieffer - Iterswiller - Wine Tasting - (Included)

The Alsace Remy Kieffer Wines, are the sum of more than a century of knowledge, an exceptional terroir and the microclimate of Itterswiller. The production is overseen by a dynamic team, who aim to achieve the perfect balance between modernity and tradition. Know how, patience and respect to the nature, makes the Remy Kieffer, wines unique and a truly tasting experience. (Not available on Sundays)

Overnight in Itterswiller at **Hotel Arnold**.

Breakfast, Dinner



ALSACE WINE ROUTE

Day 4

Itterswiller Ribeauville

Haut Koenigsbourg Castle

Distance 1 : 12 Km

Elevation gain 1 : 242 Metres

Estimated: 4 Hours Hiking

Your destination today is **Ribeauville**, but we will start with a taxi transfer at 9am to the Chateau of Haut Koenigsbourg. The castle is nestled at a strategic location on a high hill overlooking the Alsatian plain. From there, you will have a scenic hike back to Ribeauville, through the Forest de Ribeauville on the GR5 path. In the Middle Ages, Ribaeauville was the seat of the Seigneurs de Ribeaupierre - the Lords of Ribeaupierre (hence the town's name of Ribeauville).

Overnight in Ribeauville at **Hotel De La Tour**.

Breakfast



HAUT KOENIGSBOURG CASTLE

Day 5

Ribeauville Kaisersberg

More Alsatian Vineyards

Distance 1 : 10 Km

Elevation gain 1 : 432 Metres

Estimated: 3.5 Hours Hiking

Your destination today is Kaysersberg, a charming little village. You will hike in the vineyards in the morning to reach **Ricquewihr**, the perfect stop for lunch.

Ricquewihr is a medieval town located in the heart of the vineyard, which is well known for its picturesque and outstanding architectural heritage. Hiking in the forest in the afternoon and then you will head to remains of another chateau.

Overnight in Kaysersberg at **Logis Hotel les Remparts**.

Breakfast



Day **6**

Kaysersberg Colmar

Walk to Colmar

Distance 1 : 16 Km

Elevation gain 1 : 217 Metres

Estimated: 4.5 Hours Hiking

You will first hike to **Turkheim**, known for its Gewurztraminer, traditional Alsatian cuisine, and stunning surrounding scenery.

Then walk to **Colmar**, one of the most charming of all the Alsatian villages. Of interest are the various museums: (*Unterlinden*, *Bartholdi*, *du Jouet*), and the old town architecture (Old Customs House, *Pfister* House, Cathedral). Walking enthusiasts will enjoy Petite Venise, a typical quarter with very well-preserved old Alsace homes, the yacht harbour and the pedestrianised old town with its many shops.

Overnight in Colmar at **Hotel St Martin**.

Breakfast



Day **7**

Colmar

Depart Alsace

Depart after breakfast.

Trains leave from Colmar towards both Paris and Strasbourg.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel La Cour d'Alsace

Obernai

The stylishly renovated buildings of the hotel provide for a cosy atmosphere. Original wooden-beamed ceilings, the painstakingly refurbished half-timbering, and the artistic witnesses of centuries past create a link between the guest and the culture and history of Alsace, its cuisine and hospitality. Hotel la Cour d'Alsace is located in the meticulously restored medieval old town of Obernai in Alsace. This former manor house and wine cellar of the distinguished Baron De Gail family gave rise to a hotel whose refined courtly character conveys an atmosphere of intimacy to its guests.



Le H Hotel

Barr

The hotel Les Hortensias, built on the hills of the medieval town of Barr, along the Alsatian Wine Route, accommodates you in a most authentic

setting and offers you a true refined stay. This charming residence, once known as the "small castle Dietz", was built at the end of the 19th century by Edouard Dietz, a notable from Barr, owner the most important tannery of the town. Today, Les Hortensias has been completely renovated and combines great character, comfort and gastronomy with relaxation, only 30 minutes away from Strasbourg and Colmar.



Hotel Arnold

Itterswiller

Located in the middle of the Alsatian vineyard, in peaceful green surroundings on the famous Wine Route, at the foot of the Vosges Mountains. This friendly house with luxurious accommodations, 28 rooms and its duplex apartment fitted with a bathroom (shower or bathtub), toilets, hairdryer, mini-bar, television, phone, modem socket for PC and WIFI.



Hotel De La Tour

Ribeauville

The Hotel de la Tour is a former winery which Michel and Françoise Alt turned into a charming and typical Alsatian hotel. It is located in the heart of the medieval city of Ribeauville close to all of the places of interest: landmarks, shopping and Winstubs (typical Alsatian restaurants).



Logis Hotel les Remparts

Kaysersberg

On the edge of the historical town of Kaysersberg in Alsace, bordering forest and vineyards, the hotel les Remparts offers you calm and comfort. The 40 rooms, located in two buildings, are all equipped with bath, WC, private bar, phone and TV. These apartments typical of Alsace are just outside the forest, making for a peaceful location. Besides, the hotel has a well equipped conference room, a bar, private parking, 18 garages, a sauna and leisure room (billard, table tennis). Restaurants are easily reachable by foot in the old town. The hotel les Remparts welcomes you for an unforgettable stay in the heart of the Alsatian vineyards.



Hotel St Martin

Colmar

Hotel Saint-Martin, a truly patrician residence standing in the heart of Colmar's historic centre, with its Louis XVI facade, turret, Renaissance staircase and charming inner courtyard. The hotels charm and character is echoed in its decor, from reception to rooms, providing a truly restful and calm atmosphere. The Hotel Saint-Martins privileged location in the very centre of Colmar, in the middle of Alsace, gives you a wide choice of cultural and gastronomic excursions.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

Our hotels or B&B provide amenities that are ideal for active vacations, located in easy walking distance to downtowns, restaurants and sightseeing. We prioritise family-owned, authentic accomodations over large chains. If the hotel advertised on our website is full, we will book you in another hotel similar in category.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package