



FRANCE

PANACHE - ALSACE & LORRAINE CRUISE (TOUR CODE: 11858)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Strasbourg

TRAVEL PERIODS

09 Jul 23 - 20 Oct 24

EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Journey through Alsace & Lorraine to appreciate the very best of the region, pass storybook villages and experience the famous boat elevator

Highlights

- Explore the Route des Vins d'Alsace with a private wine tasting
- Tour of the Meteor Brewery, founded in 1640
- Explore the spectacular René Lalique Collection
- Visit Strasbourg and its Gothic cathedral
- Experience an ascent or descent of the unique Arzviller boat elevator
- Along the route, enjoy excellent towpath for walking

Panache is a hotel barge that has been fitted out in traditional yacht style with brass and mahogany fittings in the spacious public areas and very comfortable cabin accommodation. In the saloon the panoramic windows let in plenty of natural light, and the tempting cocktail bar and comfortable leather sofas are enhanced by polished hardwood flooring.

In the Summer and Autumn, Panache cruises the beautiful and varied waterways of **Alsace & Lorraine**, a region of France offering a unique mix of French and German cultures, history and local gastronomy.

INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge Panache in a Stateroom
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Crew of 5 (Captain, tour guide, chef and 2 hostesses)
- Captains farewell dinner on your last night
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Use of barge facilities

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Strasbourg Kraft

Guests are met in Strasbourg and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Panache for a Champagne welcome and the first opportunity to meet your crew. Perhaps there is time for a walk or cycle ride before dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Panache** in a Junior Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Dinner



Day **2**

Kraft Strasbourg

Our day starts with a morning cruise, across the **Gran Ried** wetlands and home to an abundance of birdlife, to arrive at the historic city of **Strasbourg**. Later, we enjoy a tour of the beautiful 'capital city of Europe' including, of course, a visit to the 12th century Gothic pink sandstone cathedral, home to an astronomical Renaissance clock and soaring spire. We visit *Place Gutenberg* and explore *La Petite France*, a pedestrian area brimming with half-timbered houses, boutique shops and cafés. Dinner on board.

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Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day

3

Strasbourg Waltenheim-sur-Zorn

After breakfast, our cruise takes us past the impressive European Parliament building on the outskirts of Strasbourg and on through the **Brumath Forest** to our picturesque mooring at **Waltenheim-sur-Zorn**. This afternoon we enjoy a scenic drive into the rolling *Vosges hills on the Route des Grands Vins*, where the finest wines of Alsace are produced, and a private tasting of Gewürztraminer, Pinot Noir and Riesling wines at a long-established winemaker, such as *Domaine Pfister*. Dinner ashore this evening at a traditional Alsatian restaurant.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Waitzenheim-sur-Zorn Saverne

This morning, any guests who are interested can hop on a bike and cycle to the **Meteor Brewery**, the last privately-owned brewery in Alsace. Otherwise, Panache cruises further along the canal, with good walking and cycling opportunities, to the enchanting town of **Saverne** where history traces back over 2,000 years to the Gallo-Roman Times, mooring at the foot of the Château de Rohan, also known as the 'Versailles of Alsace'. We take a walking tour of Saverne and drive up to Chateau Haut-Barr perched on the hillside and offering wonderful views. Dinner on board.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Saverne Lutzelbourg

This morning, perhaps after a visit to Saverne's market, we enjoy a cruise to our mooring in the pretty village of **Lutzelbourg**, surrounded by hills and overlooked by the ruins of the medieval castle. In the afternoon, we visit the mountaintop village of **La Petite Pierre**, then tour the outstanding **René Lalique collection** and see over 500 exceptional examples of Art Nouveau and Art Deco glassware. Nearby Wingen-sur-Moder is also the World War Two battleground where American infantry fought with distinction. Before dinner on board, time for aperitifs and perhaps some traditional Alsatian '*Flammekueche*' prepared by your chef.

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Day **6** Lutzelbourg Niderviller

For early risers, there is an optional visit to a local bakery to watch skilled patissiers preparing their delicious creations, before we cruise through beautiful Alsatian countryside, visiting a fascinating local glassworks en route. We then ascend the unique **Arzviller** boat elevator that carries Panache 450 feet up the mountainside in minutes and enjoy a candlelit cruise through the two Arzviller tunnels to our final mooring at Niderviller. After lunch on board, we set off on a tour of **Sarrebourg**, including visits to the 13th century chapel containing Marc Chagall's remarkable stained-glass window and the impressive museum of Roman and Medieval artefacts. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

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Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **7** Niderviller Strasbourg

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to their choice of location in Strasbourg.

Breakfast



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

Departure Dates and Pricing:

2023 Cruise Rates		
Rates are for 6 nights either: per person based on double occupancy per cabin or on a whole barge charter basis. Prices below are in Euros.		
Accommodation	Value	Regular
Junior Suite	€5,550	€6,450
Single Supplement	€1,900	€2,200
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 8 passengers	€52,200	€61,300
Charter 9 passengers	€54,000	€63,400
Charter 10 passengers	€55,500	€65,100
Charter 11 passengers	€57,000	€66,800
Charter 12 passengers	€58,500	€68,500
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
Jul 9th	Regular	France - Alsace & Lorraine
Jul 16, 23, 30; Aug 6, 13, 20	Value	France - Alsace & Lorraine
Aug 27; Sep 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct 1	Reg	France - Alsace & Lorraine
Oct 8, 15, 22, 29	Val	France - Alsace & Lorraine
Nov 26; Dec 3, 10	Reg	France - Alsace & Lorraine

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Jul 21, 28; Aug 4, 11, 18	Value	France - Alsace & Lorraine
Aug 25; Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Regular	France - Alsace & Lorraine
Oct 6, 13, 20	Value	France - Alsace & Lorraine

This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise will be in the reverse direction.

- This barge is available for charter bookings and theme cruises. Contact us for more details.

Pick-up Point

- Cabin bookings - Guests choice of location in Strasbourg between 4:00 pm and 4:30 pm
- Charter bookings - On a request basis to be agreed prior to booking: One location of the group's choice in Strasbourg starting from 4:00 pm.

Drop-off Point

- Cabin bookings - Guests choice of location in Strasbourg by 10:00 am
- Charter bookings - On a request basis to be agreed prior to booking: One location of the group's choice in Strasbourg by 10:00 am.

Booking / Payment Process

- On our website the Barge Cruise prices are show in Euros
- All payments will be made to us in Australian Dollars
- The current exchange rate will be used at the time of deposit and balance
- Our invoice will make this clear and our team is here to assist you

Supplier Booking Conditions Apply

Due to the boutique nature and limited capacity of this travel experience, under our Bookings Conditions this package classifies as "Booking Type 2 – Travel Experience where we act as agent only". Your contract for the delivery of travel arrangements will be with the principal supplier and will be subject to their Booking Conditions. We will advise you prior to confirming your booking the full details and Booking Conditions of the principal supplier. Our responsibility to you where we sell travel arrangements as agent for the supplier is specified in the 'Responsibility' section of our Booking Conditions.

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