



## FRANCE

## DISCOVER STRASBOURG AND THE ALSACE WINE ROUTE - 4\* HOTEL

(TOUR CODE: 11963)

## STARTS AND ENDS

in Strasbourg

## TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Mar 23 - 20 Nov 23

## EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine  
Cultural

## TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Come and discover the renowned Alsace Wine Route with its storybook villages and Strasbourg, a perfect blend of French and German cultures.

### Highlights

- Explore **Haut Koenigsbourg Castle**
- Sample the delicious **wines of Alsace**, renowned for their aromatic flavours!
- Visit the Pearls of Alsace: **Colmar, Riquewihr & Eguisheim!**

Your gastronomic adventure starts in Strasbourg, the capital city of the region with a mix of French and German cultures. During your 3-night stay in Alsace, enjoy local specialties and explore the city in a fun and informative way.

Discover the well-known Alsace Wine Route and visit the typical villages and towns of Colmar, Obernai, Eguisheim and Riquewihr. Taste some of the most exquisite wines of the region along the wine route. Finish your Alsace adventure with a visit of the historic Château du Haut-Kœnigsbourg, a medieval castle located in Orschwiller.



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

## INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Strasbourg at Hotel Cour du Corbeau - 4\* or similar
- Daily Breakfast
- Return Private transfers between Strasbourg Railway Station or Airport and the hotel
- Gourmet walking tour of Strasbourg
- Half day small group wine tour (max 8 people)
- Full day Small Group Pearls of Alsace Tour (max 8 people)

## ITINERARY

Day **1**

### Strasbourg

Upon arrival at Strasbourg Train Station or Airport you will be escorted by private transfer to your centrally located hotel and check in.

Overnight stay in Strasbourg at **Hotel Cour du Corbeau**.



Day **2**

### Strasbourg Obernai Strasbourg

After breakfast, meet your English speaking driver-guide at Strasbourg Tourism Office on Cathedral Square and start your small group tour to **sample the Flavours of Strasbourg**.

Discover the city of Strasbourg in a fun & informative way as you taste some of the best gastronomic produce of Alsace. Cuisine and gourmet food are passions for most French people and the region has many specialties combining its unique French and Germanic cultural heritage - a very special flavour!

From lovely fresh white asparagus, local Foie-Gras, juniper flavored sauerkraut, pies made from local berries, mountain hams, colourful Quetsche plums, breads of all shapes, to delicious cakes and pastries, our local produce are known all over France.

Follow your guide as you are introduced to some of the local food as well as traditional Arts & Crafts. Along the way, we will have your sample local food such as cured meat & cheese paired with local wines.

Other stops will include tasting some traditional breads and Pretzels as well as Pain d'épices – our very own Gingerbread. This gourmet tour would not be complete without several tastings of delicious wines that might even include Crémant d'Alsace, a delicious local sparkling wine! The tour will also take you through stunning districts such as the Petite France.

In the afternoon, start your wonderful **Snapshot of Alsace Wines**.

Depart for a half day trip along the Alsace Wine Route to discover some of the most fascinating wines of France. Renowned for its aromatic white wines, the region is ideally suited with a dry and sunny climate, complex geology, favourable soils and excellent exposure. During this half day tour, you will wine taste in 2 wineries so as to find out all there is to know about the 7 different types of Alsatian wines.

First, depart for the lovely town of **Obernai** located on the 'Wine Route'. Here you will most certainly appreciate its little winding streets, old houses with multicoloured tiles, ensigns, ramparts and the statue of St Odile, patron saint of Alsace. After a guided walking tour of the town enjoy your first wine tasting session in one of our selected wineries. Your tour will then continue along the breathtaking Alsace wine route to admire the stunning landscape. On your way, enjoy a second wine tasting session in a typical Alsace 'caveau'.

Overnight stay in Strasbourg at **Hotel Cour du Corbeau**.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Strasbourg Colmar, Eguisheim & Riquewihr Strasbourg

After breakfast, meet your English speaking driver-guide at Strasbourg Tourism Office on Cathedral Square and start your small group **tour to beautiful towns, villages and amazing landscapes**.

Begin your full day tour with the beautiful town of **Colmar**. Discover the charm of the old town, its prestigious monuments, the Pfister house, the Koïfhus, Saint Martin Collegiate Church, and the picturesque neighbourhoods of small Venice or of

the tanners.

Then depart for the most beautiful village of **Eguisheim**. Surrounded by vineyards, the narrow and concentric streets highlight the architectural merits of its half-timbered houses, lovingly decorated with flowers.

After a walk in the village your tour then continues on to the beautiful town of **Riquewihr**. Surrounded by ramparts, the village has been very fortunate to survive war and destruction. Its tiny streets, fortified walls and old houses have preserved their 16th century splendour virtually intact, making for remarkable architectural harmony.

Free time for personal discovery and lunch (own expenses).

After lunch, enjoy the spectacular **Alsace Wine Route**. Located between the Rhine Valley and the Vosges mountain range, the 60-year-old route winds across the slopes for more than 170kms. The itinerary leads across rows of undulating, vine covered hills, and through quaint villages with narrow streets and charming flower decked houses clustered around the local church steeple. On this part of your day trip from Strasbourg, your guide will stop in several areas for great photo opportunities.

Finally, reach the mighty **Haut Koenigsbourg castle**. Here, follow your guide for a tour of this mighty fortress that overlooks the valley. Built in the 12th century, the Castle occupied a strategic position controlling the wine and wheat routes to the north and the salt route that came from the east. The castle is probably the most imposing of all the Alsace region. After the visit, return to Strasbourg.

The rest of the evening is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Strasbourg at **Hotel Cour du Corbeau**.

Breakfast



Day 4

## Strasbourg

Breakfast at your hotel and then transfer to Strasbourg Train Station or Airport.

Breakfast

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

## LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

- Adult tour only, no children accepted under the age of 18.
- Order of Tours can be modified depending on availability of the activities.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.

## 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