

My French Voyage in Alsace

If you have already visited Paris or the Provence regions and you are looking for something different, Alsace is made for you.

On our tour of this stunning region, you will visit towns brimming with culture and heritage and admire the breathtaking natural landscapes with their vineyards, plains and peaks.

Alsace also happens to be our home town, which in turn has a very special place in our hearts. It is sometimes gourmet, sometimes festive, sometimes cultural, sometimes natural - but always surprising and sparkly.

Alsace also happens to be the French top three food lover's destinations. Famed for its gastronomy, Alsace features a large number of Michelin-starred restaurants enhancing Alsatian gastronomy and competing in creativity.

Your Gourmet Adventure in Alsace

Our 7-day all-inclusive tour, will ensure you experience the best of Alsace. During the week, we will share with you our best kept secret spots when it comes to food and wine and highlights include:

- Touring the **local markets** and meeting some of the region's **best artisans**.
- Tasting the star of the Alsatian cheese platter - the **Munster** - and meeting its makers!
- Tasting the **local eaux de vie**, colourless fruit brandies and marc, made from prestigious regional varietals distilled in copper alembic stills.
- Meeting some of our best friends, who happen to be **wine-makers** and touring their vineyards just a few weeks before harvest.
- Visiting a **microbrewerie**, and learning about beer production, including sampling the much-loved local tippel with a freshly baked pretzel.
- Enjoying lunch in the **Ferme Auberge**, which prepares 100% of their dishes with local, homemade produce – including **spatzle** (rustic noodles made from flour, cream and eggs), **Alsatian meat pie** and fantastic traditional desserts.
- Trying a **Winstub**. A Winstub is a wine bistro like no other, with a friendly and warm atmosphere, it is one of the most atypical examples of French gastronomy. You will be able to enjoy beautiful simple French food such as **bibeleskaes**, the **baeckeoffe** (a meat and potato dish slow-cooked in a ceramic casserole), **Flammekueche** (a thin circle of dough topped with fromage blanc or crème fraiche, thinly sliced onions and lardons), sauerkraut and of course the famous **Kougelhoppf** – all whilst eating shoulder to shoulder on wooden tables covered with red checked tablecloths.

Francois will also cook dinner for you and with you (for those who want) each night, using local recipes with seasonal products picked up daily at local markets. The menu will vary from night to night based on what you and the other 7 guests would like – we love your special requests!

Your Backroad Adventure in Alsace

Come to Alsace for the beautiful open air and the most poetic landscapes. During your week with us you will visit **the Alsace Wine Route**, snaking through valleys and along hillsides, with villages full of flowers and the smiles of the friendly local people.

Those passionate about **culture and historic heritage**, who thrive on a fast pace and the lovers of beautiful stone houses will find themselves at home in Alsace. **Strasbourg** is without a doubt one of Europe's most beautiful cities to visit. Named a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Strasbourg is well known for its **Cathedral** built during the 10th to 15th centuries, featuring unique pink sandstone "lacework". For the most courageous of you, you can climb the 332 stairs to reach the top of the Cathedral and observe the stunning view. We will also show you the unmissable sites such as the romantic **Petite France** district with its canals and half-timbered buildings.

You will experience **Colmar**, the Alsatian Wine Capital, and its unique art of living! With its canals, flowers, Colmar is a beauty and a pleasure to explore. **The 'Petite Venise'** district is of course not to be missed.

The **Écomusée d'Alsace** open-air is the largest living museum in France with over 70 buildings from all over Alsace. It illustrates what rural life was like in Alsace and invites you to find out about popular traditions and the extraordinary heritage of the region. It is a unique place for remembering the past, for thinking about the present and for inventing the future.

Your Accommodation in Alsace

5-star chalet accommodation will be your home for your week with us in Alsace.

It is impossible to resist the charm of the chalet we have chosen for our week in Alsace. The brand new **5-star accommodation** in Alsace you will live in for a week is ideally located in the heart of the Ballons des Vosges surrounded by nature.

The chalet offers **absolute comfort and authentic luxury**, with exquisite furnishings and a warm atmosphere that is both modern and authentic.

The chalet offers **5 en-suite bedrooms**, a large living room with freestanding wood-burning stove and outdoor decks and balconies to help you take full advantage of the extraordinary **panoramic views over the Vosges Mountain**.

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The **spa and relaxation area**, complete with sauna, hot tub, tearoom and deckchairs is the perfect spot to unwind and be pampered in a peaceful and serene atmosphere.

What is included in your tour of Alsace?

- 7 nights' accommodation in a fantastic brand new 5-star chalet in Vosges mountain
- Twin share room and private bathroom
- 5 restaurant lunches and 7 dinners, as well as continental Breakfast included every day
- Coffees/teas daily
- Regional and French wines with all your meals
- Dinner cooked by a Michelin star chef (Francois) each night when French cooking lessons if you desire!
- Five full day tours of visiting stunning little villages and gourmet experiences in Alsace
- Entry fees to local attractions whenever they apply
- Free transport to and from the local Colmar train station on arrival and departure
- Free Wi-Fi in accommodation
- We will give you advice on reaching and leaving the Colmar train station, in order for you to be relaxed about your arrival and departure
- A pre-departure briefing either in person in Perth, Western Australia or over the phone or skype to discuss travel arrangements for the tour

Please note, you will have a free day on the Wednesday of our tour to explore this region on your own. You can visit the museums, shops and galleries of your choice and walk around at your own pace. We can of course provide advice and recommendations on what you might want to do on your leisure day too if you need!

And of course, if you want to continue your trip after you have spent the week with us, the Champagne and Jura regions of France, as well as other beautiful European countries are just next door.

The Tour Details

- > Just 8 places available.
- > 2150€ (approximately \$AUD3570) per person twin share and 2550€ (approximately \$AUD4230) per person for a single (all inclusive, the only thing you need to arrange is your flights and we can help if required).
- > Next tour: 24th of August until 31st of August 2019
31st August to 7th of September 2019
- > 2020 Tour Dates: 29th August until 5th September 2020
5th of September until 12th of September 2020

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