

# AMAZING ALSACE TOUR

# SHARED PACKAGE - 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

Discover the beauty and charm of Alsace with our small group shared travel package. Join like-minded travelers and explore the stunning landscapes, picturesque towns, and world-renowned wines of this enchanting region.

Our tour is designed to offer a unique and authentic experience of Alsace. We'll take you to the most iconic towns, such as Colmar where you'll discover the region's unique architecture and vibrant culture. You'll also have the chance to explore the charming villages and hidden corners of the region such as Riquewihr or Eguisheim, where you can immerse yourself in the local traditions and way of life.

During your tour, you'll tour the vineyards and taste some of the best wines in Alsace, including Riesling, Gewurztraminer, and Pinot Gris. You'll also enjoy delicious local cuisine, such as tarte flambee and choucroute garnie during your free time. Our small group shared travel package offers a comfortable and affordable way to experience the best of Alsace. You'll travel in a comfortable minivan with a knowledgeable and friendly guide, who will share the history and culture of the region with you.

# ITINERARY

# DAY 1 – ARRIVAL IN STRASBOURG

Upon arrival, enjoy a private transfer from Strasbourg airport or train station to your hotel in Strasbourg.

# DAY 2 – Strasbourg Gourmet Food & Wine Tour

10.00am Meet your guide in front of Strasbourg Tourism Office on Cathedral Square (17 Place de la Cathedrale 67000 Strasbourg)

Follow one of our Local Guides on a Gourmet Food & Wine Tour through Strasbourg. Taste local delicacies such as kouglof, gingerbread or local cured meats that will be paired with delicious Alsace wines or Crémant d'Alsace sparkling wine.

Highlights Sample the flavors of Strasbourg Tasting of local products from the Alsace region Fun, informative background on the history and culture of Strasbourg English speaking Guides, local Experts of Alsace

### Sample the Flavors of Alsace in 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 specialities combining its unique French and Germanic cultural heritage — a very special flavour!

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

Stroll through the pedestrian narrow lanes of the historical city center, admire the famous Cathedral of Notre-Dame, the gorgeous "Petite France" district and beautiful squares such as "Place Gutenberg. On Wednesday and Friday, it is also market day in Strasbourg. Follow your guide as you are introduced to some of the local food as well as traditional Arts & Crafts. Along the way, we will sample local food such as cured meat & cheese paired with local wines. Other stops will include tasting some traditional Alsatian brioche "kouglof", and delicious 'pains d'épices', (litterally 'bread of spices'), the local version of 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! Let one of our local gourmet guides take you through the streets of Strasbourg, share local recipes and cooking tips, as you taste some of the best gastronomic produce of Alsace.



# A Half Day Trip from Strasbourg Alsace Wine Tour

2.00pm Meet your guide at 4 Place de la Gare 67000 Strasbourg (facing train station - next to the pharmacy)

Small Group shared Alsace Wine tour half day trip from Strasbourg France. Follow the Alsace Wine Route, visit villages, local wineries and taste delicious Alsace White Wines of the region including Riesling, Gewurztraminer or Muscat.



# Highlights A Wonderful Snapshot of Alsace Wines Enjoy a walking tour of the lovely town of Obernai Includes 2 commented tastings at specially selected wineries All wine tasting fees 100% included English speaking guides, experts in Alsace Wines

Meet your English-Speaking Driver/Guide who is a local Expert on Alsace Wines

Once you have met your guide, he/she will go over the program and itinerary of the day with you. Then, board you're comfortable, air-conditioned Mercedes minivan and begin to make your way to the Alsace wine producing region. All our vehicles are equipped with an on-board P/A system which means that everyone will hear the guide's commentary during driving time, even if you are seated in the back of the van! Also, we have bottled water at your disposal and you can use our free WIFI as you travel from one destination to another.

Please be on time as winery visits have been pre-booked just for us!

For all our shared wine tours from Strasbourg, we ask our clients to be present 10 minutes before departure time. It is important to be on time as Alsace wine tours imply strict timing as all the wineries visited have been pre-booked especially for our clients. Due to this, all our tours must leave on time to meet this schedule. In Alsace, unlike many other wine destinations, it is not possible to just show up at a winery for a tour, especially for the wineries that are highly demanded.

# Visit & Wine Tasting in charming villages along the Alsace Wine Route

Renowned for its aromatic white wines, the Alsace wine region is ideally suited with its dry and sunny climate, complex geology, favorable soils, and excellent exposure. During this half-day tour from Strasbourg, you will taste wine in 2 different wineries. As you experience a tasting session, learn about the 7 different types of Alsace wines.

This small group half-day trip departs from Strasbourg for the lovely town of Obernai located on the Alsace "Wine Route". Upon arrival, follow your guide and marvel at Obernai's little winding streets, old houses with multicolored tiles, ensigns, ramparts and the statue of St. Odile; the patron saint of Alsace. After a guided walking tour of the town, enjoy your first wine tasting session in one of our selected wineries of this Alsace wine tour. 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". Return to Strasbourg.



# DAY 3 VISIT COLMAR, RIQUEWIHR VILLAGE & HAUT KOENIGSBOURG CASTLE

9.00am Meet your guide in front of Strasbourg Tourism Office on Cathedral Square (17 Place de la Cathedrale 67000 Strasbourg)

Discover the Highlights of Alsace in One Day. This Alsace Day Trip from Strasbourg will take you to Colmar for a guided tour. Then visit Riquewihr as you travel along the Alsace wine route. Visit Haut Koenigsbourg castle with your guide.

#### Highlights

The Essential 1 Day Experience of Alsace Visit enchanting Colmar & Eguisheim village Enjoy free time for lunch and wine tasting in stunning Riquewihr English visit of Haut Koenigsbourg Castle with your guide English speaking guides, local experts of Alsace

Pick up at centrally located meeting point in Strasbourg

This morning, we will come and pick you up in front of the Strasbourg Tourism Office. The Strasbourg tourist office is located at 17 Place de la Cathédrale 67000 Strasbourg, in the heart of the city, next to the Cathedral. The tourism office is located close to all the hotels located in the city center, usually a maximum 10 minutes walking distance. Meet your English-Speaking Driver/Guide who is a local Expert of Alsace

#### Beautiful Towns, Villages & Amazing Landscapes - What a Combination!

This tour has been carefully designed for travelers that wish to get the most out of their stay here in Alsace. The Pearls of Alsace tour combines what we believe are the most essential visits that one must make while in the region. It includes the visits of towns, monuments, small traditional villages and historical landmarks.



#### **Visit Colmar**

Your first destination of the day is Colmar. Described by Frommer's as 'one of the most attractive towns in Alsace', Colmar is

situated in east-central France, in a border region that was once disputed between France and Germany. The city is renowned for its well-preserved old town, its numerous architectural landmarks and its museums, among which is the Unterlinden Museum with the Isenheim Altarpiece. Colmar is also one of the gateways to the Alsace Wine Route. Your tour will certainly lead you to the "Maison des Tetes", an outstanding German Renaissance building and to the Little Venice neighborhood where gorgeous half-timbered houses are lined along the Lauch River. Other significant landmarks include the Koifhus, the Pfister house, Saint Martin church, the covered market. Finally, your guide will certainly mention Bartholdi, the sculptor who designed the Statue of Liberty and who was born in Colmar in 1834.

# Explore Eguisheim & Riquewihr villages

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 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 16C splendor virtually intact, making for remarkable architectural harmony. Free time for personal discovery and 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 170 kms. 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.

#### Visit Haut Koenigsbourg castle

Finally, reach Haut Koenigsbourg castle. Here, follows your guide for a tour of this mighty fortress that overlooks the valley. Built in 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. After the visit return to Strasbourg.

# DAY 4 – DEPARTURE TRANSFER IN STRASBOURG

Enjoy a private transfer from your hotel in Strasbourg to Strasbourg airport or train station. End of the services.

#### Hotel

Situated in the heart of Strasbourg, a stone's throw from the Cathedral, the Cour du Corbeau is one of the oldest hotels in Europe as well being one of the finest examples of Renaissance architecture. Each of its 63 rooms – all different – reflects a part of our Alsatian history and culture. Here an effect of the light, there some attic rooms, or a private garden... They all offer those who love a cosy setting a spacious but warm haven, where they will have the magical impression that there are secrets to discover. For a unique experience in refined surroundings.

### This package includes:

- Small group shared day tours as mentioned
- Three pick up and drop at hotel before and after each tour
- Three overnights Hotel Cour Corbeau 4\* in Strasbourg
- Transportation in a comfortable full option minivan
- Semi-private English-speaking escort guide

#### This package does not include:

- Other transfers
- Meals
- Gratuities
- Own expenses
- Other lunches