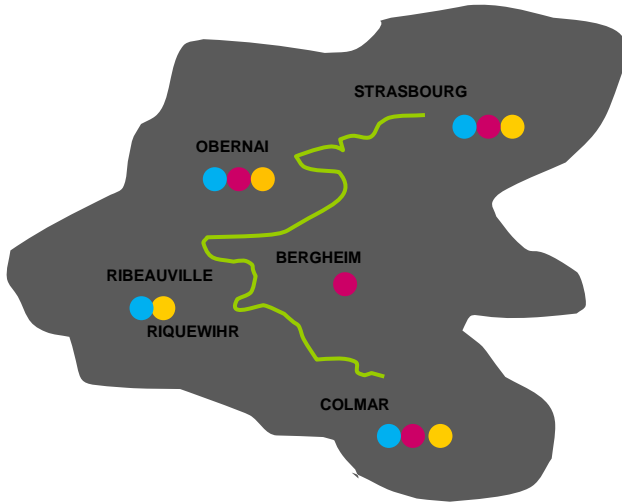




COLOURS OF FRANCE

4 NIGHTS / 5 DAYS ALSACE SELF GUIDED CYCLING



Cycling through the vineyards and picturesque villages

EXPLORE

ALSACE AT YOUR OWN PACE



Day 1 : Arrival in Strasbourg

Strasbourg, seat of the new European Parliament, is an ancient and lively city, filled with treasures to explore. It was named a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1988, the first city to be honoured with the title in its entirety. Meander the canals, cobblestoned streets, and small boutiques of Strasbourg. Visit the old town, its picturesque quarters and half-timbered houses in the neighbourhood known as "The Petite France". Visit the Gothic cathedral and its famous astronomical clock, and the European Parliament. Be sure to sate your appetite as well with the pastries, *tartes flambees* and fresh cheeses at every corner!

Day 2 : Strasbourg - Obernai 41 km

The first half of today's ride follows the flat riding along the Bruch Canal, one of the prettiest bike paths in Europe. It will lead you out of Strasbourg and towards the vineyards, in Molsheim, where you should stop to explore and find some lunch. From there you ride through the vineyard villages (such as Rosheim, with its three town gates, and Bischofsheim, with its abbey perched above), before arriving in Obernai itself. All of the villages will seduce you with their half-timbered houses and typical Alsatian feel. Be sure to stop to take many photos! Obernai, a wine-growing village located near Strasbourg, is nestled up in the vineyard covered hills. During the summer it's decked out with flowers; you'll love its winding cobblestone streets that challenge motorists and enchant pedestrians and cyclists.



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Day 3 : Obernai – Ribeauville 42 Km

Today's ride is quite stunning, though more rolling than the previous days, as you spend the day riding through the many villages of the Alsace wine region. Winemaking in Alsace has a long history; it is a region that produces primarily white wines, with its famous Rieslings and aromatic Gewurtzraminers, but you can also get a very drinkable and inexpensive red pinot noir here. There are plenty of opportunities today to stop and taste wine, as you hop from village to village (you actually ride through 19 different villages, over the course of the day! You can pick and choose where you want to spend more of your time today, but we highly recommend you stop and meander at least a little in Dambach (where you'll also certainly find lunch), Scherwiller, and Bergheim. Tonight you stay in tiny Ribeauville, with beautiful half-timbered buildings from the 16th and 17th centuries in the old town, and a variety of shops, wineries, and historic sites. Dinner is included this evening.

Day 4 : Ribeauville to Colmar 32 Km

More riding the pretty vineyard roads and villages. The beginning of today's ride continues through a few more lovely vineyard villages, starting almost immediately with the village of Riquwihr. This town has much of its Medieval fortifications and a castle still intact; it largely escaped damage during the Second World War, and is quite beautiful. You'll also want to stop for some explorations in both Turkheim and Eguisheim. The route then turns away from the vineyards and across the plains, entering the town of Colmar on a tranquil bike path. The center of this town, where you are based reveals its charm: the colors and atmosphere of streets still embody much of the Middle Ages. Churches, cloisters, half-timbered houses, facades with ornate wood sculptures, paintings, and edifices from the Renaissance abound.

Day 5 : Departure - Bon Voyage!

After breakfast, connections are easy out of Colmar train station for your further travels.



What's included in your package

- 4 nights' accommodation in hotels of the comfort level of your choice CLASSIC, CLASSIC+ or DELUXE
- All hotel taxes
- All breakfasts, 2 dinners (drinks not included with dinners)
- Fully equipped quality hybrid bike
- Orientation with our Trip Manager
- Detailed maps and step-by-step route notes
- Regional information and advice
- Luggage transfers from hotel to hotel
- Emergency phone call support 7 days a week