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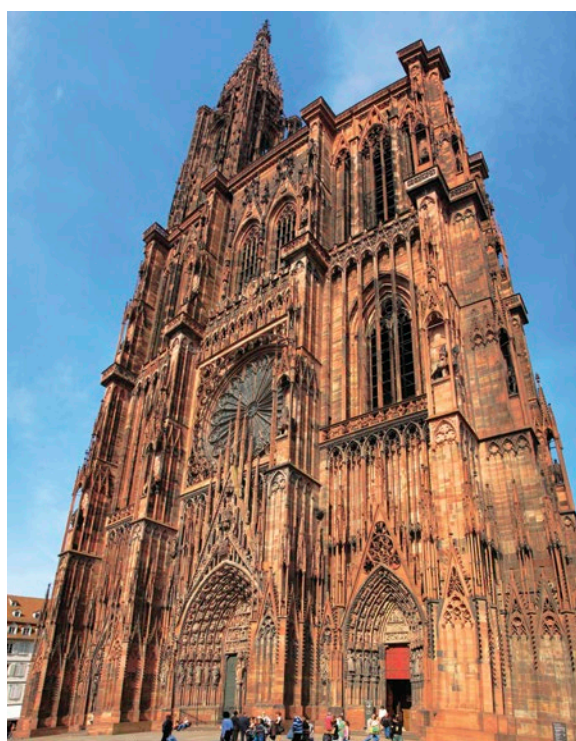
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT for Solo Travelers

Fairytale France

Alsace

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Experience the Franco-Germanic culture, incredible gastronomy and welcoming communities of the **Alsace region**.
- ▶ Journey through the stunning **Alsace Wine Route** where villages beckon with old-world allure and superlative wines.
- ▶ Glide through **Colmar's "Little Venice,"** soaking up vistas plucked from a fairytale.
- ▶ Stroll through the sun-bathed Münsterplatz in eco-friendly **Freiburg**.
- ▶ Gaze at the awe-inspiring **Strasbourg Cathedral**, one of Europe's greatest Gothic treasures.
- ▶ Enjoy rich and delicious **Alsatian cuisine**, a combination of both French and German culinary traditions.
- ▶ Connect with **Basel's** rich historical heritage while exploring its old town.
- ▶ Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Notre-Dame Cathedral, Strasbourg

Tucked between the magnificent Vosges mountains and the Black Forest is the enchanting Alsace region, known for its Franco-German heritage, wonderful wines and gracious communities. Stay in Colmar, a beloved town painted with scores of impressive landmarks. Venture out to sip world-class wines and explore Alsatian hamlets dressed with rustic fountains and floral displays. Cross neighboring borders to visit Basel and Freiburg, and admire Strasbourg's gems and photogenic Petite France. The unique traditions and sumptuous gastronomy of this memorable destination will steal your heart!

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Zürich, Switzerland. 🚗

Day 2 | Zürich, Switzerland | Colmar, France

Transfer 🚗 to the Grand Hôtel Bristol in Colmar. Meet fellow travelers at the Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 3 | Colmar

Enrichment: History of Alsace.

Discovery: Colmar, the Alsatian Wine Capital. With its interlocking waterways, flower-filled window boxes and bounty of decorative shopfronts and tucked-away cellar restaurants, Colmar hosts indisputable charms. On a walking tour, gain insight into the city's eccentric history and view architecture that reflects centuries of French and German co-existence. See the eye-catching Fisherman's Quay, the Pfister House with its octagonal turret, the 15th-century Customs House, a façade adorned with 111 head sculptures and the Unterlinden Museum, home to the celebrated Isenheim Altarpiece. Over lunch, begin your discovery of hearty Alsatian cuisine, a mix of French and German influences. Enjoy a photogenic canal cruise through Little Venice, passing houses in delightful shades of blue, lemon and apricot and adorned with germaniums.

Free Time: Craft your own path through Colmar. Walk to the Place de l'Ancienne Douane to see the Schwendi Fountain or stroll Colmar's maze of cobblestones.

Day 4 | Kaysersberg | Riquewihr | Eguisheim

Discovery: Alsace Wine Route. Venture into the undulating *terre de fête*, France's wine-tourism area, and visit the endearing villages of Kaysersberg, Riquewihr and Eguisheim. Continue to a winery to sip fine vintages, such as Riesling and Pinot Gris varietals. Engage with a local wine producer who discusses Alsace's biodynamic viticulture, a form of organic

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agriculture when grapes are grown in a manner that respects the Earth's magnetic fields and the rhythms of the sun, moon and planets. Settle in for a delectable lunch on the property.

Day 5 | **Strasbourg**

Discovery: Strasbourg, a European Capital. Few cities can match Strasbourg for its rich heritage and quintessential old quarter filled with half-timbered houses, pedestrian bridges and stunning medieval churches. On a walking tour, witness the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Strasbourg with its towering spire and intricate rose window, and see Kammerzell House, known for its wooden sculptures. Your guide shares details about Strasbourg's history and culture, including the background of La Petite France. Originally home to tanners, fishermen and millers, this district is full of twisting cobbled streets and waterfront gathering spaces. Next, experience Strasbourg from a different vantage point during a panoramic canal tour. Cruise by the Neustadt Imperial Quarter, the tanners' quarter, the European Quarter and more.

Sit down with friends over a lunch of traditional dishes, such as *tartes flambées* (savory tarts).

Enrichment: Alsace's Franco-Germanic Culture.

Day 6 | **Basel, Switzerland | Freiburg, Germany | Neuf-Brisach, France**

Discovery: Basel. Atmospheric Basel is nestled at the meeting point of Germany, Switzerland and France along the banks of the Rhine River. Walk through this multicultural city that boasts over 40 museums, Switzerland's oldest university and attractions such as the Tinguely Fountain and the red sandstone Basel Minster. Learn how the city's unique history and heritage have shaped the Basel of today.

Discovery: Freiburg and Neuf-Brisach. Linger in Freiburg, viewing its ancient gates, lively square and distinctive minster, recognized for its remarkable artistry and 750-year-old Hosanna bell. Take note of the iconic *Bächle*, tiny waterways lining the streets that were once used to provide water and fight fires. On your return to Colmar, pass by the fortified village of Neuf-Brisach.



Day 7 | **Orshwiller**

Discovery: Château du Haut-Koenigsbourg. This mighty fortress occupied a strategic position controlling the wine and wheat routes to the north and the salt route from the east. During a tour, see the architecture and massive defensive ramparts. Inside, you may see the living accommodations, the kitchens, the interior courtyard and more. Learn about the people who once lived here and take in views across the valley.

Free Time: Spend leisure time uncovering more of Colmar's sights, cuisine and local life.

Day 8 | **Colmar**

Enrichment: Contemporary Alsace.

Discovery: Colmar's History, Culture and Cuisine. Gain insight into Colmar's Jewish community and the region's poignant history during a guided walk. Your guide points out the prime spots for capturing Colmar's most scenic panoramas. Cap off the excursion with a delicious wine and cheese tasting in the city center. Raise a toast during a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9 | **In Transit**

Transfer to the Zürich airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Included Features

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** in Colmar, France, at the first-class Grand Hôtel Bristol.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic, local cuisine.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Visit 3 countries** during this program.
- **Small group:** Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



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May 7-15, 2023

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Special Savings	\$250
Special Price from	\$3,695*

*Special price available for a limited time. Call for details. VAT & port tax supplement are an additional \$295 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

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Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.