

Vosges and Alsace

6 Days



This trip will bring you to the Vosges mountains with their rounded summits, pine forests, blueberry-covered meadows, and its munster cheese. Then, we will head to Alsace region, a part of France with a hint of Germany, this region's forests and hills shelter beautiful cities and villages, superb vineyards and cosy restaurants and hotels.

Itinerary: Stasbourg -La Bresse – Gerardmer - Cernay

Day 1

Strasbourg Arrival

Arrive in Strasbourg and check in the Hotel and Lunch. In the afternoon, you will discover a part of the town and especially Notre-dame Cathedral. This Gothic cathedral is the second most visited in France after Notre-Dame de Paris.

Day 2 Strasbourg

This guided tour is not like the other: it is more gourmet. In fact, each participant will be invited to taste Alsatian specialties during his city tour in the historic district of Strasbourg.

Strasbourg has a special place in the European memory because this historic city has seen the empires clash and today, it is a place of cooperation between Europeans. Visiting the hemicycle is a great way to immerse yourself in the atmosphere of the world's largest transnational parliament and to become familiar with its powers and mission. Thus you will see the hemicycle, the Simone Veil parliamentarium and you will attend an individualized presentation of the work of the European Parliament.

At night, you will go back in your hotel.

Day 3 Strasbourg-Gerardmer

Transfer Strasbourg to Gerardmer in the Vosges. Check in the Hotel Ibis in La Bresse 3 stars.

In the afternoon, you will visit the clog factory. You will observe how French clog were fabricated thanks to an old family.

Or, in summer time, you will have an introduction to water sports to discover all that the lake has to offer. With a special instructor, we will do some canoeing initiation or a paddling initiation during 2 hours.

Day 4 Gerardmer

In the morning you will enjoy of a dog sleigh ride. First you will meet the pack and take care of them with little game. After you go to maiden dog sleigh ride.

In the afternoon, you will go to a snowshoeing walk during 2 hours. You will discover the forest around Gerardmer and discover fauna and Flora in Alsatian winter.

At night you will go to a magnificent restaurant to taste some French winter specialties.

Or in summer time,

In the morning, you will enjoy a lake cruise on the Gerardmer's lake to discover this beautiful lake and the history of Gerardmer.

In the afternoon, a guide gives you an appointment to go for a trekking to discover the Fauna and Flora of Vosges during summer or spring seasons.

Day 5 Gerardmer- Colmar

Let's go to Colmar!

When you will arrive, you will have a city tour in little boat or in little train.

In little boat you will discover the Fishmonger's district. It is the place where most of the professional fishermen and boatmen of Colmar lived. They were in a powerful corporation. You will also discover the "little Venisia district".

With the little train you will discover Colmar with fun and originality! During 40 min, discover Colmar's main location with comment. You will see the municipal theater, the Dominican's church, Tanner's district, covered market, the old customs called "koifhus".

In the Afternoon, You will visit the Bartholdi museum with a guide during 1hour. Bartholdi is a French sculptor. He did the Statue of liberty in New-York and a lot of other statutes that you will see with the petit train.

After this little visit, you will have free time to walk in Colmar.

At the end of the day, the bus takes you back to your hotel in La Bresse.

Day 6 La Bresse- Cernay-Departure

In the morning, check out hotel in La Bresse at 9h.

Go to Cernay to visit a reintroduction center of stork

Emblematic image of Alsace, the stork is also that of the city of Cernay. The park contributes to the protection of this bird, and houses about sixty storks who walk freely through the city and go to the park for meals.

In 1978, one of the first reintroduction center of this bird was established in the city to contribute to its protection.

The storks walk freely through the city and generally go to the park for meals. At 11h you go to the Cernay's park to see the stork eating.

Lunch in Cernay

In the afternoon you the bus takes you back in your town.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

- Guided visit of the Strasbourg cathedral
- Guiding tour with tasting of product locals
- Guiding visit of European Parliament
- Visit of French clog factory
- Dog sleigh ride
- take a walk with a guide to snowshoeing
- Guided visit of Colmar with little train or little boat
- Guided visit of Bartholdi museum

- Visit of Cernay City and this reintroduction stork center

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Lunch at "le crocodile" who was elected best gastronomic restaurant in the world
- Initiation at the "Biathlon"
- Stroll at gyropode
- Initiation at bow and arrow
- visit of "House of Cheese" to discover how is made the Alsatian cheese "le munster"
- A dinner in a heart of a vineyard with a Wine grower's family.

Have a safe trip!