

# Classic Alsace

8 or 5 Day Trip  
Independent Walking up to 80.8 miles

Route Open • 16th April to 16th October



HILLS OF THE VOSGES WITH FORESTS AND FINE VIEWS

## Features

- Classic wine route – valleys filled with the finest vineyards in Alsace
- Nights in a succession of famously picturesque villages
- Hills of the Vosges with forests and fine views
- High meadows of the Orbey Valley with pilgrim paths
- Outstanding food and wine – everywhere on route
- Easy access by train from the UK

## Itinerary

**Day 1 • Arrive in Obernai**  
Picturesque small town with narrow streets, ancient houses, and delightful main square, Place du Marché.

**Day 2 • Barr to Andlau**  
After exploring Obernai, and a short train ride to Barr, a centre of wine-making, quiet lanes lead through vineyards via the picturesque village of Mittelbergheim with its Renaissance houses, to the flower-filled village of Andlau, set amongst vineyards in a small valley. There is an optional walk in the hills to the Chateaux of Haut-Andlau and Spesbourg. Fine views (2.5 or 6.2 miles, 1 hr 15 mins or 3 hrs).

**Day 3 • Andlau to Dambach-la-Ville**  
Paths across forested hills of the Vosges lead to the picturesque, walled village of Dambach-la-Ville, with its ancient houses, towers and vineyards (6.4 or 11.3 miles, 3.5 or 6–6.5 hrs).

**Day 4 • Dambach-la-Ville to St Hippolyte**  
Paths through woods and vineyards lead along the edge of the hills, or via the landmark Castle of Koenigsbourg, to the delightful village of St Hippolyte, set amongst vineyards against the wooded hills (10 or 13.1 miles, 5 or 6.5 hours).

**Day 5 • St Hippolyte to Riquewihr**  
Paths through vineyards and forested hills lead to the town of Ribeauvillé, famous for its Traminer and Riesling wines. After exploring the town, continue through vineyards to the picturesque village of Riquewihr, with its perfectly preserved streets of ancient houses (9.6 or 13 miles, 3.5 or 5.5 hrs).

**Day 6 • Riquewihr to Lapoutroie**  
Paths and quiet lanes lead up through woods to a ridge, before descending to Lapoutroie. A longer (worthwhile!) walk continues around the edge of a wide 'bowl' – the Orbey Valley, noted for its scenery, and then descends to the village of Le Bonhomme before continuing to Lapoutroie (12.2 or 18.2 miles, 6.5 or 9.5 hrs).

**Day 7 • Lapoutroie to Kaysersberg**  
Paths through mountain pastures lead up to a medieval pilgrim shrine, before descending to the delightful small town of Kaysersberg set amongst renowned vineyards. A range of optional walks is included in the Route Booklet including an ascent to the high ridge of the Vosges (1,300m / 4,270 ft), and a visit to the historic village of Turckheim (6.8, 10.3 or 19 miles, 3.5, 5 or 9 hrs).

**Day 8 • Departure day**

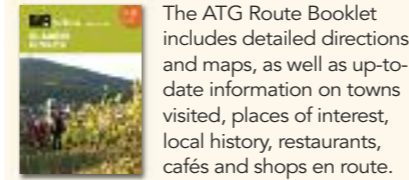
5 DAY ITINERARY: ONE NIGHT IN OBERNAI, DAMBACH, ST HIPPOLYTE AND RIQUEWIHR

CYCLING ITINERARY ALSO AVAILABLE SEE PAGES 64-67 FOR DETAILS 

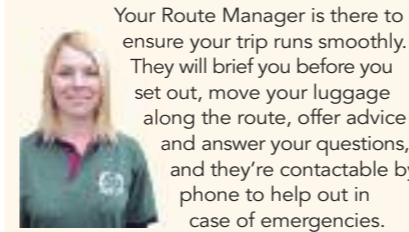


## Classic Alsace Trip Information

### Finding Your Way



The ATG Route Booklet includes detailed directions and maps, as well as up-to-date information on towns visited, places of interest, local history, restaurants, cafés and shops en route.



Your Route Manager is there to ensure your trip runs smoothly. They will brief you before you set out, move your luggage along the route, offer advice and answer your questions, and they're contactable by phone to help out in case of emergencies.

### Restaurants, Food & Wine

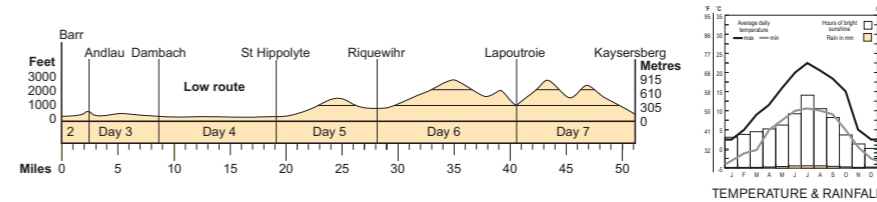
The gastronomy of Alsace is renowned. The Superior route includes an evening meal in Kaysersberg at a *Michelin* restaurant, and at St Hippolyte at a *Michelin*-recommended restaurant. Overall there are *Guide Michelin* restaurants at Obernai, Riquewihr and Kaysersberg.

On booking you will be sent further trip information: details of how to get to/from the route, what to bring and other practicalities.

### Terrain

**Fitness: 25+ or 40+** (see page 12 for fitness calculation)

Tracks through vineyards, forests, high hills and meadows. Quiet lanes through picturesque villages and pilgrimage routes.



### Prices

You can plan your Footloose trip for any time within the route opening dates, subject to availability.

TRIP OPTIONS	TRIP PRICES (excluding flights)	DOUBLE FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY (per night)
• 8 Day Standard	• £ 895 / \$1,565	• £27 / \$47
• 8 Day Superior	• £1,245 / \$2,180	• £38 / \$67
• 5 Day Standard	• £ 560 / \$ 980	• £38 / \$67
• 5 Day Superior	• £ 660 / \$1,155	• £48 / \$84

### Extend Your Stay

To extend your stay anywhere on the route, please contact the ATG office. See page 69 for extension hotel rates in Kaysersberg or Colmar.

## Accommodation

- NIGHT 1**  **OBERNAI**  
*Hôtel Le Colombier*  
★★★★ Stylish; cosy atmosphere; excellent views of the town
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*Le Parc*  
★★★★ Charming hotel in lovely setting with gardens and pool
- NIGHT 2**  **ANDLAU**  
*Hotel Kastelberg*  
★★★★ Friendly, family-run hotel in lovely setting  
**Superior rooms**
- NIGHT 3**  **DAMBACH-LA-VILLE**  
*Hôtel Le Vignoble*  
★★★ Converted 18th century barn in traditional Alsatian setting
- NIGHT 4**  **ST HIPPOLYTE**  
*Hostellerie Munsch*  
★★★★ Family-run 'Relais du Silence' surrounded by vineyards
- NIGHT 4**  **ST HIPPOLYTE**  
*Hôtel Le Parc*  
★★★★ Elegant, stylish, family-run hotel (*Michelin* recommended)
- NIGHT 5**  **RIQUEWIHR**  
*Hôtel Le Schoenenbourg*  
★★★★ Modern, spacious hotel with heated pool
- NIGHT 6**  **LAPOUTROIE**  
*Le Faudé*  
★★★★ Charming, family-run hotel with lovely gardens  
**Superior rooms have a petit salon & bath**
- NIGHT 7 & EXT**  **KAYSERSBERG**  
*Hôtel les Remparts*  
★★★★ Welcoming hotel in a very peaceful setting
- NIGHT 7 & EXT**  **KAYSERSBERG**  
*Le Chambard*  
★★★★ Friendly hotel in excellent location with *Michelin* restaurant

**NUMBER OF NIGHTS HB (DINNER INCLUDED)**  
8 DAY • Standard: 2 / Superior: 2  
5 DAY • Standard: 1 / Superior: 1

- STANDARD OPTION
- SUPERIOR OPTION
- STANDARD & SUPERIOR OPTIONS