

FRANCE

Christmas Markets

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Discover the Alsace Wine Route, winding through picturesque villages, vineyards, and medieval towns
- ▶ Explore the charming Christmas markets of Obernai, Colmar, Eguisheim, and Strasbourg
- ▶ Immerse yourself in the region's rich heritage by taking a private cooking class with a local chef
- ▶ Indulge in local culinary delights and sample exquisite wines
- ▶ Tour the renowned Lalique Museum
- ▶ Appreciate the convenience and luxury of residing at the same hotel throughout your stay, and fully immersing yourself in the enchanting Alsatian way of life.

TRIP ROUTE



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QUICK VIEW ITINERARY

Day 1	arrival in Strasbourg
Day 2	the Alsace Wine Route: traditional lunch, Obernai's Christmas Market
Day 3	the Alsace Wine Route: Sélestat guided tour, Colmar's Christmas Market, traditional lunch, Eguisheim's Christmas Market
Day 4	Strasbourg: guided tour of the Lalique Museum, gastronomic lunch, private cooking class at the home of an Alsatian chef
Day 5	Strasbourg: full day tour of its Christmas Market and culinary specialties
Day 6	Germany: Baden-Baden, the Black Forest scenic route, gourmet break on the shores of the Mummelsee glacial Lake
Day 7	departure from Strasbourg

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Moderate

TRIP PRICE

Main Trip: \$7,995

Optional Single Accommodations: \$1,900

TRIP DATES

December 6 - 12, 2025

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DAY 1
Saturday
12/6/25

Arrive in Strasbourg, France

Strasbourg is a captivating city located in the Grand Est region of eastern France, near the border with Germany. It seamlessly blends French and German cultural influences, creating a unique and enchanting atmosphere. The historic city center, known as the Grande Île (Grand Island), is a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its well-preserved medieval architecture. Strasbourg is also an important political hub, serving as the official seat of the European Parliament, the Council of Europe, and the European Court of Human Rights. This status reflects its role as a symbol of reconciliation and unity between France and Germany after World War II.

Arrive in Strasbourg

Arrive at Strasbourg Airport (SBX) by 1 PM today. A group transfer from the airport to your hotel will be provided when most guests arrive. The exact transfer time will be determined closer to departure (please note that each person is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on for the group transfer. If you have additional luggage, please contact your AdventureWomen Trip Manager to discuss alternative arrangements.). Private transfers at other times are available for purchase.

If you arrive by train, the hotel is a short 12-minute car ride from the Strasbourg train station. You can easily get a taxi right at the train station to take you to the hotel.

Welcome Dinner

Enjoy a lively 3-course welcome dinner with drinks, offering the perfect opportunity to connect with your fellow travelers. Share stories and discover the unique reasons each woman in your group is excited to explore the Christmas Markets of the Alsace Wine Route.

Accommodations

La Cour du Corbeau

Meals Included

dinner

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DAY 2
Sunday
12/7/25

The Alsace Wine Route: Sélestat and Obernai

Strasbourg is a gastronomic paradise, renowned for its unique Alsatian cuisine that blends French and German influences. Specialties like choucroute (sauerkraut), baeckeoffe (meat and potato casserole), and tarte flambée (thin-crust pizza), excellent Alsatian wines, particularly whites like Riesling, Gewurztraminer, and Pinot Gris are a testimony of this double influence.

Sélestat Guided Tour

Sélestat, nestled in the heart of the Alsace region, is a captivating town renowned for its rich history and vibrant culture. It features an impressive array of medieval architecture and hosts the Humanist Library, a UNESCO-listed gem showcasing an extraordinary collection of Renaissance manuscripts and books. With its charming streets, bustling markets, and annual events like the Christmas market, Sélestat offers visitors a delightful blend of historical depth and local charm.

Lunch on the Alsace Wine Route

Drive the Alsace Wine Route which features a series of picturesque villages, stunning landscapes, renowned winegrowing towns, and passionate winemakers. Stop along the way for a unique three-course lunch.

Obernai's Christmas Market

This afternoon, discover Obernai's Christmas Market featuring around 40 chalets selling a variety of local gastronomic specialties and artisanal crafts. In this exclusive commented visit of the market, you can expect to find stalls offering delicious treats, local wine, jams, and Christmas beer. The market is also known for its unique mulled wine. Discover a treasure trove of handicrafts, including Christmas wreaths and decorations. The market is set against the backdrop of Obernai's illuminations and natural fir decorations highlighting the town's historic buildings.

Dinner will be on your own tonight. Your hotel is situated in the historic centre of Strasbourg and is an ideal starting point to explore restaurants within easy walking distance. Your guide can also suggest great restaurants to try.

Accommodations

La Cour du Corbeau

Meals Included

breakfast, lunch

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DAY 3
Monday
12/8/25

The Alsace Wine Route: Colmar and Eguisheim

The charming historic center of Colmar is characterized by winding cobblestone streets lined with half-timbered medieval and Renaissance buildings painted in bright colors. Highlights include the iconic Petite Venise (Little Venice) area with its canals. Located less than 15 minutes from Colmar is the charming medieval village Eguisheim. Eguisheim has a unique concentric circular layout, with the village built in rings around a central castle ruin.

Colmar's Christmas Market

Embark on another captivating journey along the renowned Alsace Wine Route, where the charming town of Colmar awaits. Meander through the narrow, colorful streets of this wine capital, lose yourself in the enchanting quarter of Little Venice, where picturesque canals and half-timbered houses create a fairytale-like ambiance, and enjoy your exclusive commented visit of the Christmas Market. The markets are filled with wooden chalets selling local foods and handmade ornaments, pottery, toys, and other crafts. The entire town is decked out in twinkling lights, with illuminated buildings and festive decorations everywhere.

Eguisheim's Christmas Market

Following a traditional 3-course lunch, head to Eguisheim, a medieval village ranked among the Most Beautiful Villages of France and located just 3 miles from Colmar. Let yourself be charmed by its picturesque streets, half-timbered houses, castle and surrounding vineyards. In this exclusive commented visit, discover authentic Alsatian crafts like pottery, glassblowing, and intricate gingerbread houses made by local artisans. Explore traditional foods and Alsatian wine served at the chalets. The Eguisheim's market has been awarded the "Villes et Villages de Noël" label for its authenticity and traditions.

Following this visit, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

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La Cour du Corbeau

Meals Included

breakfast, lunch

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DAY 4
Tuesday
12/9/25

The Lalique Museum

The Lalique Museum is a modern and spacious museum dedicated to the renowned French glassmaker and jeweler René Lalique and his successors. Located in the village of Wingen-sur-Moder in northern Alsace, where Lalique established his glassworks in 1922, the museum offers a comprehensive look into the world of Lalique creations.

Guided Tour of the Lalique Museum

Following breakfast, drive to the Lalique Museum, located about 35 miles from Strasbourg. Discover the museum's exceptional collection of over 650 pieces showcasing the diversity of Lalique's work across jewelry, perfume bottles, vases, chandeliers, and tableware. Exhibits are organized thematically, tracing the evolution of the Lalique brand from René Lalique's beginnings as a goldsmith to his transition into glassmaking, and the later crystal works by his son Marc. Admire intricate jewelry designs, glass dishes, modern crystal creations, and more, highlighting Lalique's creativity and craftsmanship.

Lunch at Château Hochberg

After your visit, enjoy a 3-course lunch at the restaurant of Château Hochberg where Chef Barberis and his team will offer you a refined menu built around seasonal local products. Dishes are inspired by Barberis' travels around the world and his native South of France.

Private Cooking Class in the Heart of "La Petite France"

Return to Strasbourg for a memorable culinary experience under the expert guidance of a talented Alsatian chef, who warmly welcomes you into her home in "La Petite France", Strasbourg's historic neighborhood. Explore the "emotional cuisine," a unique concept blending three artistic dimensions: a passion for cooking, poetry, and painting. Conclude this immersive experience with a delightful tasting session, savoring your creations transformed into a high quality 3-course dinner and associated beverages (wines, crémant, saké and soft drinks).

Accommodations

La Cour du Corbeau

Meals Included

breakfast, lunch, dinner

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DAY 5
Wednesday
12/10/25

Strasbourg

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Strasbourg's Christmas Market

Embark on an exclusive guided tour that unveils the culinary treasures and rich heritage of Strasbourg. Savor the region's renowned specialties, indulge in the iconic kugelhopf, a brioche-like delicacy that has become an Alsatian staple, and delight in the aromatic gingerbread. Embrace the tangy flavors of traditional sauerkraut, perfectly complemented by a glass of the region's celebrated Riesling wine. Savor the rich and creamy local cheeses, and let your taste buds be seduced by the exquisite French pastries. Please note that lunch is part of this gourmet tour.

In between these gourmet stops, immerse yourself in the historical heart of Strasbourg. Wander through the picturesque quarter of "La Petite France" and marvel at the architectural grandeur of the Notre-Dame Cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece.

Next, embark on a non-privatized boat tour that offers a unique perspective on the European capital from the canals.

Dinner will be on your own tonight.

Accommodations

La Cour du Corbeau

Meals Included

breakfast, lunch

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DAY 6
Thursday
12/11/25

Baden-Baden, Germany

Baden-Baden is a town located in the Black Forest region of southwestern Germany. It is renowned for its elegant Belle Époque architecture, thermal baths, and picturesque surroundings. The Black Forest High Road (Schwarzwaldhochstraße) is a scenic route that winds through the northern Black Forest, connecting Freudenstadt and Baden-Baden. Nestled at an elevation of 1,032 meters, Mummelsee is a picturesque glacial lake located directly on the Black Forest High Road. It is the highest cirque lake in the Black Forest, formed during the last ice age.

Visit Baden-Baden, Germany

After breakfast, explore the Mediterranean-like nature and charm of Baden-Baden, a cultural, thermal and green town located 50-minute away from Strasbourg. Over the course of a day, discover this surprising town and its rich and diverse cultural heritage.

Indulge in lunch at a typical restaurant before wandering around the rolling scenic route of the Black Forest, taking in spectacular landscapes and vistas.

Follow the scenic route until you reach the shores of the Mummelsee glacial lake, a true gem where you can indulge in a gourmet break, savoring the flavors of the local cuisine.

Farewell Dinner

Return to Strasbourg and enjoy a farewell dinner with your new AdventureWomen friends. Reflect on the cherished memories you've created and celebrate the conclusion of an amazing journey through this truly remarkable part of the world.

Accommodations

La Cour du Corbeau

Meals Included

breakfast, lunch, dinner

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DAY 7
Friday
12/12/25

Depart from Strasbourg

Enjoy your last morning in France before bidding farewell to this enchanting land. Say goodbye to the incredible guides and fellow travelers who have shared this memorable journey with you.

Depart from Strasbourg

Depart Strasbourg Airport (SBX) today after 11 AM. A group transfer to the airport will be provided when most guests depart. The exact transfer time will be determined closer to departure. Private transfers at other times are available for purchase.

If you leave by train, the hotel is about a 12-minute car ride from the Strasbourg train station. You can easily get a taxi right at the train station to take you to the hotel.

Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time, if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.

Meals Included
breakfast

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Accommodation Details

La Cour du Corbeau


Experience the charm of a 16th-century property at La Cour du Corbeau, an authentic 4-star hotel in Strasbourg and one of the oldest hotels in Europe. As you stroll along the gallery overlooking the hotel courtyard, you'll enter a serene space adorned with natural wood and stone tones, complemented by colors that shift from powdered pastels to shimmering hues, creating a perfectly harmonious ambiance.

Each of its 63 rooms, all different, reflects a part of Alsatian culture and exudes an elegant atmosphere, blending luxury and tranquility with contemporary chic. This creates a subtle contrast between the modern amenities and the historic setting. The hotel bar, with its cozy timber and leather decor, is the ideal spot to unwind and relax.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, bathrobes, hair dryer, flatscreen TV, air conditioning, free Wi-Fi

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Included:

- ▶ Accommodations as per itinerary based on double occupancy
- ▶ All meals as listed in the itinerary
- ▶ Two glasses of wine, water and one warm beverage for lunch on days 2, 3, 4 and 6
- ▶ All ground transportation, including one group transfer on arrival and departure
- ▶ English-speaking tour leader throughout the trip
- ▶ Activities as indicated in the itinerary
- ▶ Drinking water to refill personal bottles

Not Included:

- ▶ International airfare
- ▶ Meals not specified in the itinerary
- ▶ Optional activities and items of a personal nature
- ▶ Alcoholic beverages (unless otherwise specified)
- ▶ Fees for passport, visas, immunizations, or travel insurance
- ▶ Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- ▶ Gratuities

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Cancellations and Refunds

Notification of cancellation must be made in writing to AdventureWomen, LLC (email will be accepted). Full payment is due 90 days prior to departure date.

- For cancellations received 89-60 days prior to the trip departure date: 50% of the package price is non-refundable and non-transferable.

- For cancellations received 59-0 days prior to the trip departure date: 100% of the package price is non-refundable and non-transferable.

You are highly encouraged to purchase **trip cancellation insurance** to cover emergency situations. Travel insurance information will be sent to you once you have registered for your trip.

Deposit Transfer

You can transfer your deposit to another trip with no additional fee if you notify us within 120 days of the original trip departure date. We can hold your deposit for up to six months as a credit. Failure to book a new trip within this timeframe will result in the forfeiture of your deposit. Please note that this policy doesn't apply to extensions purchased with the main trip, for which the deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable. Please note that the deposit for extensions is non-refundable and non-transferable.

No Smoking Policy

Beginning in 1995, our trips became smoke free. Please note that there will be no smoking by any participants on AdventureWomen trips.

Health Insurance

You must have your own health insurance to participate in an AdventureWomen trip.

Adventure Travel Today

We define "adventure travel" as travel in which one actively participates, as opposed to a "tour," in which one is more or less a passive observer. AdventureWomen designs and organizes trips all over the world for women who want an active, out of the ordinary experience, and meet new friends. **Most of all, we want our trips to be fun!** In this spirit, the successful adventure traveler should be a good-natured realist and have a sense of humor! Adventure trips, by nature, require that participants be self-sufficient, flexible, and able to accept situations as they exist, and not just as they would have preferred or expected them to exist. The constraints of scheduled group traveling also necessitate that each of us be understanding of and sensitive to others. Being on time is important, and contributes to the congeniality, success and well-being of both individuals and the group!