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A World of Discovery

Open your eyes to the historic legacy and rich culture of the Alsace region, an irresistible combination of dramatic scenery and bygone heritage. From idyllic countryside villages to energetic cities, this unique journey will reveal this region's enticing traditions and unforgettable flavors.

What sets this travel adventure apart from others is AHI's unwavering commitment to connecting you to the world's people, places and cultures, especially at this important time in history. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic experiences, AHI invests in each destination, its people and local ways of life. Enriching and transformative, our journeys deliver new insights as we rediscover a global community more eager than ever to engage.

The value of the AHI journey is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI's Travel Directors. These thoughtful professionals create a welcoming atmosphere while handling every last detail so you can focus on the wonder before you. We also partner with knowledgeable guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines

Designed for you, the Curious Traveler, this AHI journey invites you to open a new chapter in the breathtaking Alsace region!

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.
- ▶ Glide through **Colmar's "Little Venice,"** with 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.

Howdy, Ags!

Tucked between the magnificent Vosges mountains and the Black Forest is the enchanting Alsace region, known for its timeless Franco-German heritage, wonderful wines and gracious communities. Here, enriching experiences show you the true essence of the region and visitors celebrate the *art de vivre* like locals.

We'll stay for seven nights in beloved Colmar, an intimate town painted with scores of impressive landmarks. Spend sunny days visiting wineries and exploring Alsatian hamlets dressed with rustic fountains and exquisite floral displays. Cross neighboring borders to visit Basel and Freiburg, and admire the architectural gems and photogenic "Petite France" of Strasbourg. The sumptuous gastronomy and unique traditions of this one-of-a-kind destination will steal your heart!

You'll enjoy comfortable accommodations, ample meals, engaging insights from expert local guides and speakers, plus worry-free travel, thanks to a dedicated Travel Director. With all these fantastic elements, this trip is sure to be popular. Act now to make your dream a reality!

Gig 'em!

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Colmar



Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Zürich, Switzerland. 🚗

Day 2 | Zürich, Switzerland | Colmar, France

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 to Colmar and check in to the Grand Hôtel Bristol.

This evening, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner at the hotel.

Day 3 | Colmar

Enrichment: History of Alsace. Gain insight into the fascinating Alsace region.

Discovery: Colmar, the Alsatian Wine Capital. With its interlocking waterways, flower-filled window boxes, decorative shopfronts and tucked-away cellar restaurants, Colmar is host to indisputable charms. On a walking tour, gain insight into Colmar's 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.

After a lunch of hearty Alsatian cuisine, enjoy a canal cruise through "Little Venice," passing houses in shades of blue, lemon and apricot and adorned with geraniums.

Free Time: Craft your own path through Colmar. Walk to the Place de l'Ancienne Douane to see the Schwendi Fountain with its statue of Bartholdi, or stroll Colmar's maze of cobblestones to find a quaint café.

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 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 lunch on the property.

Enrichment: Alsace's Franco-Germanic Culture. Discuss Alsace's blend of German and French cultures, traditions, languages, history and religions.

Day 5 | Basel, Switzerland

Discovery: Basel. Atmospheric Basel is nestled at the meeting point of Germany, Switzerland and France and spreads along the banks of the Rhine River. Walk through



Top: Eguisheim | Above: Alsace vineyard



Freiburg

this multicultural city that boasts over 40 museums, Switzerland's oldest university, a thriving arts scene and attractions such as the Tinguely Fountain and the red sandstone Basel Minster. Along the way, you'll learn how the city's unique history and heritage have shaped the Basel of today.

Back in Colmar, enjoy homestyle Alsatian cuisine. You may encounter dishes such as stews, sauerkraut, smoked meats and *tartes flambees*.

Day 6 | Freiburg, Germany | Neuf-Brisach, France

Discovery: Freiburg and Neuf-Brisach.

Linger in Freiburg, viewing its ancient gates, lively square and distinctive minster, recognized for its remarkable artistry, gargoyles 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. You may see children pulling brightly painted boats along the streams. On your return to Colmar, pass by the fortified village of Neuf-Brisach, constructed by order of King Louis XIV.

Free Time: Spend leisure time uncovering more of Colmar's sights.



Basel

Day 7 | Strasbourg

Discovery: Strasbourg, a European

Capital. Few cities can match Strasbourg for its rich architectural heritage and old quarter filled with half-timbered houses, pedestrian bridges and stunning medieval churches. On a walking tour, witness the inspiring Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Strasbourg with its towering spire and intricate rose window, and see Kammerzell House, known for its wooden sculptures depicting secular and sacred scenes. Along the way, your guide shares details about Strasbourg's history and culture, including background into La Petite France. Originally home to tanners, fishermen and millers, this district is full of cobble streets and waterfront gathering spaces. Experience Strasbourg from



Notre-Dame Cathedral, Strasbourg

INCLUDED FEATURES



UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Fortifications of Vauban** (Neuf-Brisach)
2. **Strasbourg, Grande-île and the Neustadt**

a different vantage point during a panoramic canal tour. Cruise by the Neustadt Imperial Quarter, the tanners' quarter, the European Quarter and more.

Unwind over a lunch of traditional dishes.

Day 8 | Colmar

Enrichment: *Contemporary Alsace*.

An expert discusses Alsace's modern society.


PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

• **Jewish Heritage Walk.** Gain insight into Colmar's Jewish community at the Bartholdi Museum and the Colmar synagogue.



• **Colmar's Photo Opportunities.** A local guide reveals prime spots for capturing the city's scenic panoramas.

Raise a toast to your Alsatian adventure during a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9 | In Transit

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

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

 **Flights and**  **transfers included for** *AHI FlexAir participants.*

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

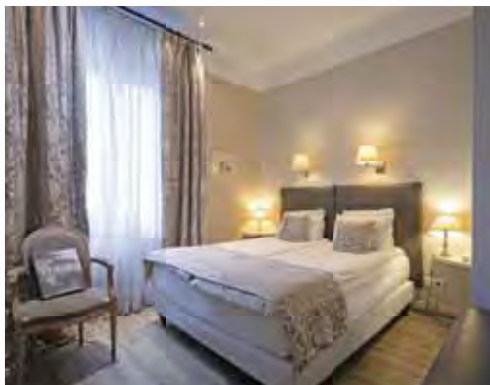
- **7 nights** in Colmar, France, at the first-class Grand Hôtel Bristol.

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 cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Discover picture-perfect Colmar.
 - Experience the storied Alsace Wine Route.
 - Visit beautiful Basel, Switzerland.
 - Uncover charming Freiburg, Germany.
 - Enjoy the sights and architecture of Strasbourg.
-  **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ**
A choice of excursions in each locale.
 - **Colmar | Colmar's Photo Opportunities | Jewish Heritage Walk**
-  **AHI Sustainability Promise:**
Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.
- Free time to pursue your own 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.



AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we're here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

Grand Hôtel Bristol | Colmar



Enjoy Alsatian hospitality, well-appointed guest rooms, delicious local cuisine and typical Alsatian style during your stay in Colmar. If you are looking to unwind, visit the hotel's fitness room, sauna and steam room. Massages also are available. At the day's end, visit the hotel's fifth-floor terrace and soak up spectacular city views backed by the splendid Vosges mountains. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



Alsace ~ Fairytale France

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Call our travel experts at to reserve your place!
(Preferred registration method.)

Please have the information outlined below available to share with our AHI Travel Experts.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office. Once this request is received in our office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

Send to The Association of Former Students

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I/we would like to request _____ place(s).

Deposit amount is \$600/person.

Full Legal Name (*exactly as it appears on passport*)

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_____ Date of Birth

_____ Email Name you would like on your name badge Class Year

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Name (Reservation Request sent separately)

Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

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Departure City

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First Class Business Class Premium Economy

No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are to be paid in full by **April 5, 2022** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available on our website on the trip page. You can also request a copy from our travel experts. Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: June 19-27, 2022

Land Program dates: June 20-27, 2022

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$3,745	\$250	\$3,495

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

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Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
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For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

To offer you added peace-of-mind, we've fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:

- ✓ **Included AHI Travel Assurance** covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols.
- ✓ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.





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Grande-Ile, Strasbourg

Discover the allure of the Alsace region on this cultural journey!

AHI Travel's mission is to deliver inspirational educational and cultural travel programs that delight travelers.

With AHI you can rely on:

- Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.
- An exceptional travel value.
- Unique access to local sites.
- Flexibility and customization.
- Safety and security.



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