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Alsatian treasures: Art and Wine...

Full-day excursion to Colmar, Riquewihr and the Château du Haut-Koenigsbourg

You will enjoy a walking tour of Colmar and a wine tasting session in Riquewihr, followed by a visit of the Château du Haut-Koenigsbourg

Make it Munster!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an exclusive optional venue: Guided visit and tasting in a Munster cheese factory.

Please see the last page for more information.

Make it Bartholdi!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue: Follow your guide on a visit of the Bartholdi Museum, in the heart of the old city of Colmar.

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Colmar, Riquewihr and the Château du Haut-Koenigsbourg

8:30 am: Meet your guide-driver in the lobby of your hotel in Colmar.

The morning begins with a **walking tour of Colmar**, the capital of Alsatian wines and a **town with exceptional art treasures**. A visit to **the museum of Unterlinden** is an absolute must (famous for its triptych of the "Christ of Issenheim"). You will explore the medieval streets with their lovely old houses.

You may want to enjoy a **gourmet lunch at the Michelin-starred restaurant, JY's (Jean-Yves Schillinger)**. Taste the highly inventive menu in this pretty (circa 1750) house on the banks of the Lauch. It is definitely Colmar's trendiest spot!

In the afternoon, drive towards **Riquewihr**, another pretty town, filled with well-maintained medieval and Renaissance buildings, the Dukes of Wurtemberg's castle and the 14th-century church of Notre-Dame.

Riquewihr is enchanting: Its layout and structure have not changed since the Middle Ages. Admire the **old 16th- and 17th-century houses**, with their courtyards, galleries, old wells and fountains. **Every piece of architecture is miraculously preserved.**

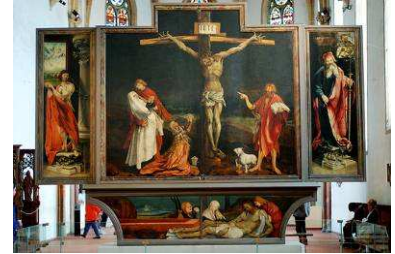
Riquewihr is also known for its "**grands crus wine route.**" At Hugel Wines, specialists will guide you through a wine tasting session of some of the finest white Alsatian wines in the world, and recount the wines' history.

Continue on to the **Château du Haut-Koenigsbourg**, which, at an altitude of 700 meters, dominates the Alsatian plain. The fortress of Haut-Koenigsbourg is considered to be one of the finest examples of medieval construction.

Built in the 12th century, the castle was the residence of several eminent proprietors, including members of the Habsburg dynasty and the German emperor, Wilhelm II.

From the top of its towers, the castle offers a **matchless view across the Vosges**, the Rhine, the Black Forest and even the Alps.

Return to Colmar at the end of the afternoon.





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NB: Please note that some sites mentioned in the itinerary might not be available every day or at certain times of the year. We suggest that you check with our Production Managers

This package includes

- Deluxe minivan carrying up to 5 passengers.
- Professional English-speaking guide-driver who will chauffeur you on your sightseeing tour. He is also licensed to guide and accompany you on walking tours, as well as in museums and monuments.
- Découvertes' fees.
- 24-hour assistance available during your stay.
- All taxes.

This package does not include

- Entrance fees
- Wine tasting
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

Découvertes can also provide:

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites
- Lunch reservations

Make it Optional

Make it Munster!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue:

Visit a cheese factory near Munster that makes the famous cheese. You will discover the different stages in making and maturing the cheese, and you will end your visit with a tasting session of Munster and Gewurztraminer (a varietal used to make Alsatian Gewurztraminer wine). It's the perfect way to discover Alsatian cheese!

Please contact us for more information as to price and availability.



Make it Bartholdi!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue:

Guided visit of the Bartholdi Museum, located in the heart of the old city of Colmar and home to the Statue of Liberty's famous creator. The museum, located in a vast residence, contains an important collection of the artist's works that were bequeathed to the city by his widow. Statues, busts, drafts, original models as well as furniture and family souvenirs are exposed.

On the second floor of the museum, an entire room is dedicated to his masterpiece: "Liberty enlightening the world." Unique documents (rough sketches, drawings and models) recount, step-by-step, the genesis of one of the world's most famous monuments.

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