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5-11 May 2026

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Colmar

Tuesday 5th May 2026 – 7 days from *£2,125pp

Nestled on the borders of Switzerland and Germany and separated from the rest of France by the Vosges Mountains, Alsace is one of France's best kept secrets. Its beauty is all timber-clad houses, medieval cobbled streets, picturesque flower decked wine villages, vast stretches of green vineyards and forest cloaked mountains. The fascinating and turbulent history of border wars has only added to the region's charms, leaving a unique and quirky blend of French and German culture in which to immerse yourself. Highlights include the beautiful city of Strasbourg, which boasts a stunning Cathedral, atmospheric "Petit France" district and a wealth of sights. Elsewhere we visit the wine town of Riquewihr, the quintessentially Alsace town of Colmar and venture into neighbouring Germany to visit Freiburg and the Black Forest and the spa town of Baden-Baden.



Wine tasting

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Riquewihr

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1: Tuesday 5 May 2026

Travel to Obernai.

Travel by Eurostar from St Pancras to Paris and onwards to Strasbourg by TGV. On arrival, transfer by coach to Obernai (approx. 20-30 minutes) and Le Gouverneur Hotel. Evening welcome dinner with wine at a local restaurant.

Day 2: Wednesday 6 May 2026

Full day tour to Colmar and Riquewihr.

Colmar captures the quintessential character of the Alsace, its charming streets, squares and small canals lined

with crooked and colourful half-timbered houses – a wanderer's paradise. A must see is the 500 year old Grünewald's Isenheim Altarpiece, a visit to the Unterlinden Museum is included. One of "Les Plus Beaux Villages de France", Riquewihr owes its historical prosperity to wine – Riesling in particular is produced here. Full of lovely historical architecture, Riquewihr looks much as it did in the 16th century and one of the few towns in the area to escape being badly damaged in WWII. As part of our touring itinerary today we will have an included wine tasting at a local vineyard.

Day 3: Thursday 7 May 2026

Full day in Strasbourg.

The city of Strasbourg offers a stark contrast of old and new. At its heart you'll find a medieval town of atmospheric narrow streets, half-timbered houses and the awe-inspiring pink-sandstone Gothic cathedral. Surrounding this is a thoroughly modern and progressive city including the headquarters of the European Parliament. Included is a boat ride on the Ill River is an excellent way to see both sides. The charming 'Petite France' district, dating from the 1100s, is a must see. Return to Obernai for dinner.



Petite France, Strasbourg



European Parliament Building, Strasbourg



Trüffel Waterfall

Day 4: Friday 8 May 2026
Full day to relax and explore Obernai at your leisure.

Set amongst vineyards on the eastern slopes of the Vosges Mountains Obernai was the birthplace of Alsace's patron saint Odile. A delightful town, you can stroll the medieval ramparts and cramped lanes lined with half-timbered houses and visit the Place du Marché and Tour de la Chapelle. This evening we will meet to enjoy a dinner in a local restaurant.

Day 5: Saturday 9 May 2026
Full day to Freiburg and the Black Forest.

One of Germany's most beautiful and historic cities, Freiburg is a vibrant university town based around the magnificent Gothic Münster (cathedral) built in red sandstone. The centre, which fans out from the Münster is delightfully quaint and historic, is easy and lovely to explore. Freiburg is a gateway to the Black Forest, and we will spend the

afternoon revelling in the natural beauty and traditional air of the area, with an afternoon stop at Triburg, capital of the cuckoo clock.

Day 6: Sunday 10 May 2026
Full day tour to Baden-Baden.
The elegant spa town of Baden-Baden spent the 19th century being one of Germany's most fashionable resorts and this elegance remains in the splendid Belle-Epoque architecture including a casino that



Lake Mummelsee



Baden-Baden Casino

is lauded as the most beautiful in the world. Travelling the Black Forest panoramic road, we will pay a visit to Lake Mummelsee before returning to Obernai for a farewell dinner.

Day 7: Monday 11 May 2026

Return to London.

Transfer by coach back to Strasbourg station to catch the return TGV to Paris. At Paris, board the return Eurostar service to St Pancras.

Where we stay

Le Gouverneur Hotel, Obernai.

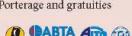
Located just inside the ramparts in the centre of the pretty town of Obernai about 30km southwest of Strasbourg. Le Gouverneur is a stylish and comfortable hotel, completely renovated from an historic coaching inn dating back to 1550. Facilities here include a breakfast room and comfortable bedrooms with private bath or shower, TV and telephone. PLEASE NOTE: There is no lift but 5 rooms are located on the ground floor.

Included in the price

- Return Eurostar/TGV from St Pancras to Strasbourg via Paris including transfer in Paris
- Six nights' accommodation on bed and breakfast basis at Le Gouverneur Hotel, Obernai, based on shared occupancy of a twin room
- Four dinners
- All listed guided tours and excursions
- Transfers and full coach touring itinerary
- Travel Editions Tour Manager throughout

Not included

- Single room supplement supplement - £350
- Holiday insurance
- Meals other than those stated
- Items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone calls.
- Porterage and gratuities



Le Gouverneur Hotel

