



LE SPÉCIALISTE DE LA RANDONNÉE EN LIBERTÉ

L'ALSACE

Alsace Médiévale



From the medieval village of Turckheim (where you can meet the last night watchman/town crier in France) to the pretty old town of Obernai, you can see a succession of villages: Niedermorschwihr, Ammerschwih, Kaysersberg (here you can visit the castle overlooking the Alsace plains and feast your eyes on all sorts of ancient relics), Riquewihr (a fortified town of the middle ages with double ramparts which are beautifully preserved, and date from the end of the 13th century and the beginning of the 16th century), Ribeauvillé, and Ottrott. From here you climb up on to the plateau of the Mont Sainte-Odile (an ancient monastery proudly perched at 763 m on a rocky pinnacle).

You can also visit the ancient fortresses of Hagueneck (400m), Hohlandsburg (645m), Haut-Kœnigsbourg (710m first built in the 12th century), Saint-Ulrich (standing over the village of Ribeauvillé) and Ortenbourg...



8 days - 7 nights - 6 days of hiking

DAY 1: TURCKHEIM

Arrival and check-in around 6 p.m. Turckheim is a beautiful village at the entrance of the Fecht Valley, known for its rich historical center, quality wines, and its night watchman who still does his rounds every evening at 10 p.m. from May to October. Free dinner in the village.

DAY 2: LOOP AROUND TURCKHEIM

A stunning circular hike through a vast chestnut forest to discover the impressive medieval fortress of Hohlandsbourg, which overlooks the Alsace plain, just a few steps from Colmar. Possible visit to the restored castle and its medieval garden. Return to Turckheim.

15 km; M: +575m / D: -576m

DAY 3: TURCKHEIM – RIQUEWIHR

Following vineyard trails, we reach Niedermorschwihr and its unique, twisted steeple church. The journey continues with a visit to the beautiful village of Kaysersberg, listed among France's most beautiful villages, with its historical center and imperial castle dominating the town. End the day with a descent through the vineyard to the medieval town of Riquewihr.

15 km; M: +665m / D: -607m

DAY 4: RIQUEWIHR – THANNENKIRCH

From Riquewihr to Thannenkirch, passing through Hunawihr and its fortified church to the medieval village of Ribeauvillé. Then, a climb to the ruins of Saint-Ulrich Castle, which overlooks Ribeauvillé and the Alsace plain. Overnight in Thannenkirch, a typical Alsatian village at the foot of the famous Haut-Kœnigsbourg Castle.

12 km; M: +639m / D: -421m

DAY 5: THANNENKIRCH – CHATENOIS

Climb to the medieval Haut-Kœnigsbourg Castle, built in the 12th century. We recommend visiting this historic monument, which offers a breathtaking view of Alsace. Descent to the plain and overnight in Châtenois. During this stage, you can also visit the Monkey Mountain and enjoy a bird of prey show at the Eagles' Aviary (not included).



12.5 km; M: +355m / D: -641m

DAY 6: CHATENOIS – ANDLAU

Climb to the Ortenbourg Castle (13th-century ruins). Enjoy a beautiful view of the plain. Descent through the vineyards and a visit to the medieval town of Dambach. Wine tasting possible with a female winemaker in Bernardvillé. Continue descending through the forest to Andlau.

19 km; M: +660m / D: -620m

DAY 7: ANDLAU – OBERNAI

Discover the fortresses of Haut-Andlau and Landsberg. Visit the Pagan Wall, a massive megalithic enclosure that still holds its mysteries. Visit the Mont Ste-Odile Monastery. Descend via the Pilgrims' Path to the village of Ottrott. Flat route to the beautiful medieval town of Obernai.

22 km; M: +838m / D: -882m

DAY 8: OBERNAI

End of the stay after breakfast.



- High-quality accommodations
- An exceptional itinerary
- Easy access via Colmar

> DATES

From March 1st to November 30th.

Please indicate on your booking form any other dates which might suit you equally well (for example is you would be willing to move your holiday a few days forward or backwards). This would be helpful if one or more hotels are not available on the dates you first chose.

We also ask you to book as early as possible. We don't keep places reserved in the hotels and some of them can be fully booked up months in advance.



› PRICE COVERS

- Half board
- The transfer of luggage between each step of the journey (according to the chosen formula)
- The provision of the topo-guide (1 topo-guide per reserved room.)
- The tourist tax.

› PRICE DOES NOT COVER

- Transport from your home to the meeting point and departure
- Dinner on Day 1
- Insurance
- Lunches
- Visits (Haut-Koenigsbourg: 9€)
- Drinks and personal expenses
- Registration fees (+15 € per person), foreign shipping fees (+20 € per file), and priority processing fees for any registration at J-15 (+45 € per file).

› ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE

Arrival: The first day at 18h at the hotel at Turckheim

End: On the last day at the end of the afternoon at Obernai

› LEVEL



Level 2 An average, walk of 5 hours per day on paths, tracks or hilly trails not exceeding more than 600m of cumulative positive élévation.

› HEBERGEMENTS - REPAS

In hotels ** and ***

Half-board (except for Day 1). If Day 2 is a Sunday evening, the restaurant being closed, the service will be in B&B. Day 1 will be half-board.

Drinks are at your own expense.



> LUGGAGE TRANSPORT

Your luggage will be transported by our luggage carrier between each stage in the late morning or later in the afternoon. Delivery by 6 pm

WARNING:

We ask you to leave your luggage in the lobby of each accommodation in the morning at 8 am and to **provide IMPERATIVELY ONLY 1 LUGGAGE PER PERSON NOT EXCEEDING 13KG**; beyond this number (1 bag) and this weight (13 kg), the carrier may charge you, at the end of the hike, a supplement or categorically refuse to carry your luggage if it is too bulky.

Hard case not allowed-we decline any responsibility for damage to this type of luggage.

We invite you to bring a small backpack to carry your personal belongings of the day.

If you are part of a group, we ask you to indicate on your luggage tags the NAME of the person responsible for this group (person who booked the hike).

> TRAVEL FILE

To make this hike, we will send you, on payment of the balance, a travel file including the list of accommodations and the topo guide (1 topo-guide per room booked). If you want an additional travel file, you will be charged + € 15/ file.

> ACCESS

OUTBOUND



Turckheim is located on D 11, in the heart of the Alsace vineyard, about 5 km from Colmar.

Note: Friday is market day. Be sure to ask the hotelier if the car will not cause any inconvenience!



TGV train station in Colmar.



RETURN



SNCF Railway of Obernai.

MORE DETAILS AT THE SUBSCRIPTION

