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ROUTES DU BONHEUR Alsace: a wine route... and mulled wine at Christmas markets

With a wealth of grape varieties and very distinct terroirs, Alsace is a land of singular wines. Its Gewürztraminer, Riesling, Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris grapes provide each vineyard with a unique identity. Here we travel back in time, whether on foot, by bike or front-wheel drive. From Strasbourg to Colmar, the hilly landscapes and atmosphere vary until winter arrives: at the time of the Christmas markets, Alsace lights up and becomes, under the shade of the fir trees, a huge festive party...



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1 STRASBOURG — 1 NIGHT

(1 property available)

Before setting off on the Wine Route, why not discover the unique atmosphere of the Winstubs, traditional breweries suffused with the flavors of sauerkraut and beer? The city is also filled with wine bars showcasing Alsatian grape varieties as well as local craft beers. Don't hesitate to visit the historic wine cellars of the Hospices de Strasbourg, a six-hundred-year-old institution now run by some thirty estates in the region that grow their wines here. In December, Strasbourg is home to the largest and oldest Christmas market in France (1570). With its magical atmosphere, the market is an unmissable event for families, who throng together under the lights and illuminated displays of its imposing Christmas tree and countless wooden chalets while savoring "bredele" (traditional Christmas cookies or small cakes) along with a few glasses of mulled wine...



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- Under the great Christmas tree at the Christmas Market, Strasbourg





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2 COLROY-LA-ROCHE — 1 NIGHT

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La Cheneaudière - Hôtel Spa 5*

Hotel and restaurant in the country. Located between Strasbourg and Colmar, nestled in the Vosges mountains, La Cheneaudière welcomes visitors in search of clean air and relaxation. A member of Relais & Châteaux for 50 years, this family-owned property perpetuates Alsatian hospitality in an authentic yet refined way, where the backdrop of nature offers a total disconnection. Elegant guest rooms offer breathtaking views of the picturesque Bruche Valley. There are two restaurants, guaranteed to satisfy gourmets, with delicious cuisine that respects the seasons and showcases the region's finest artisanal produce. Guests also come to La Cheneaudière for the spa. Spread over 27,000 square feet/2,500 square meters and with an expansive feel, it benefits from some more unusual facilities, including a flotation tank where you can experience weightlessness. Discover the perfect destination to put your body and mind to rest and awaken your senses.

Weekly closing:

Main Restaurant: lunch (open every day), lunch, except Sunday. Le jardin de Calixte: lunch.



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3 KAYSERSBERG — 1 NIGHT

(1 property available)

Le Chambard

Hotel and restaurant in a village. For over a century, the imposing red walls of this 18th-century property, home to Relais & Châteaux Le Chambard in the heart of Kaysersberg, have been a gourmet stop on the Alsace wine trail. Its proud tradition of family hospitality is today perpetuated by Chef Olivier Nasti, who reigns over the stoves of the establishment's Michelin-starred restaurant. He serves cuisine that respects nature and the land, while his wife Patricia is responsible for the front-of-house atmosphere, supported by their daughters Manon and Clara. This unmissable gastronomic rendezvous, between the region's vineyards and the Ballons des Vosges, is also a friendly inn, where a chic, Zen-like vibe pervades guest rooms with contemporary décor. Enjoy the homely, traditional side of Alsace in the Winstub, experience a culinary immersion as you discover the chef's secrets, then enjoy a moment of relaxation in the spa...

Weekly closing:

Main Restaurant: lunch from Monday to Thursday, Monday evening, Tuesday evening. "La Winstub du Chambard": open every day.



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Close to the property

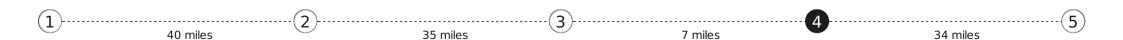
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4 COLMAR — 1 NIGHT

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La Maison des Têtes

Hotel and restaurant in town. "Authentically up-to-date", this is how Marilyn and Éric Girardin describe La Maison des Têtes in Colmar; undoubtedly one of the most beautiful historical buildings in Alsace. Built in 1609, this bourgeois residence owes its name to the one hundred and six small stone heads adorning its façade, behind which the couple has been dispensing their exceptional savoir-faire since 2015. After all, La Maison des Têtes is not only a traditional brasserie, but also a discreetly luxurious Michelin-starred restaurant and stylish hotel. While the historic brasserie serves mainly local dishes, the restaurant transcends all boundaries. Within its sleek interior, indulge in a "journey into the world of plants" and savour a "puffed" Munster cheese with Marc de Gewurztraminer. Cap it off with the sweet "broutilles & canailleries", before returning to your intimately charming room, where contemporary decor accentuates stunning traditional woodwork.

Weekly closing:

Main Restaurant: lunch, Monday evening, Sunday evening. "Brasserie Historique": Monday and Sunday.



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Close to the property

- Colmar, the town with 5 Christmas markets
- The Au Brin de Paille grocery store, a landmark for Alsatian beer (Colmar)





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5 GÉRARDMER — 1 NIGHT

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Les Bas Rupts

Hotel and restaurant in the mountains. Les Bas Rupts, a chalet nestled in the heart of the Vosges, in a forest overlooking Gérardmer, transports guests to its charming mountainous universe. This warm and welcoming property, owned and managed by the Philippe-Witdouck family for five generations, preserves the authenticity of this corner of the region, and its interiors have been skillfully designed to feel something like a cocoon. Throughout the year, there are numerous activities with which you can discover the richness of the surrounding nature, between lakes and mountains. All those who love local delicacies and beautiful things will be delighted to connect with small producers and artisans. In the kitchen too, it's a family affair: a passion for gastronomy is found in tasty dishes that celebrate authentic regional flavors. Wine lovers are guaranteed to find something special in a list that tells the story of the local terroir.



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- Participate in the releasing of Chinese lanterns (Gérardmer)
- Treat yourself to Munster cheese (Gérardmer)





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