



# ADVENTURES IN ALSACE

SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> 2019

Dear Travelers to Alsace,

When Alsace is mentioned, French citizens become quite emotional. Until the treaty that ended the Franco-Prussian War (1870-1871) which ceded the province to Germany, it had been French since the 17th century. After being German for almost 50 years, it was again French from 1918 until France was defeated in 1940. Finally, after 4 years of German occupation, it was returned to France in November 1944.

If I start my letter with this tumultuous history, it is because this past gives Alsace its own distinct identity, language, cuisine and architecture. Lying between the Rhine River and the Vosges mountains, the province is a lovely region of France characterized by pretty villages with half-timbered houses overflowing with flowers, and historic castles on hilltops. We will be staying in Colmar, the birthplace of Frédéric Bartholdi, the sculptor of the Statue of Liberty, and the home of the Unterlinden Museum, and we will visit Strasbourg, the capital of Alsace and the formal seat of the European Parliament, famous for its Gothic cathedral made of pink sandstone. We will drive on country roads meandering through vineyards ready to be harvested, walk in villages with both French and German-sounding names, climb the Route des Crêtes (road of the peaks) which will give us magnificent views of the surrounding landscape and visit the Beauvillé table linen factory and shop which have been in operation since the 18th century.

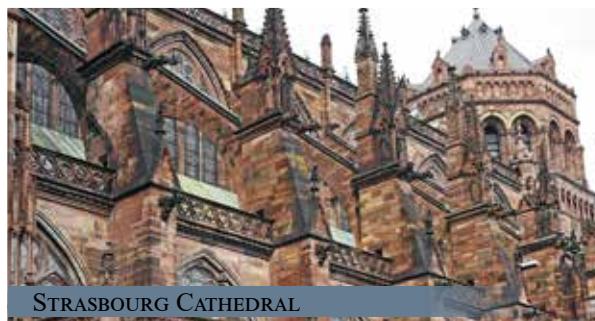
Alsace has its signature bird, the white stork, which in late September will have departed for warmer climates but whose nests will be clearly visible on chimney tops. It is, as you know, a symbol of fertility and also a sign of good luck.

Even if you think you know the country well, you will be surprised by what you see and hear during your discovery of this eastern part of France.

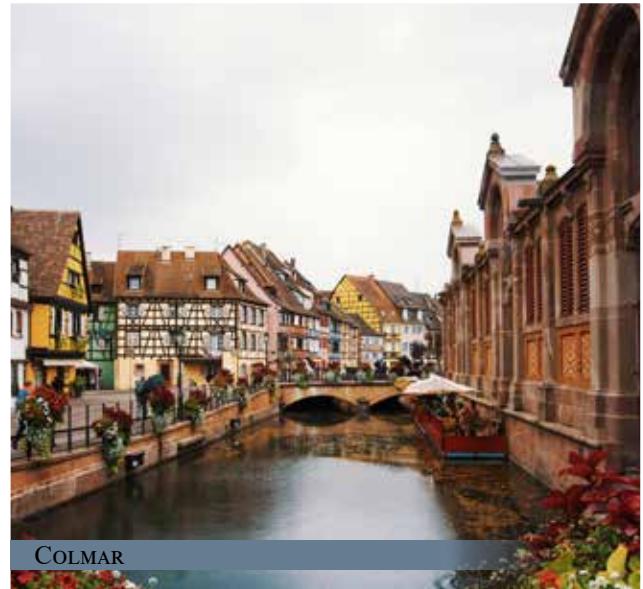
I look forward to meeting you in Colmar, a year from now.

Best,

Catherine Lafarge



STRASBOURG CATHEDRAL



COLMAR

## THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, IS:

LAND ONLY:	\$3999
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	\$ 999

Airfares are available from many other cities. Please call for details.

## THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 7 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service charges  
**COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary  
**MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 4 lunches, 2 dinners  
**BAGGAGE:** Porterage of one large suitcase per person  
**GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide throughout  
**TICKETS:** Canal cruise in Strasbourg  
**ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be sent to each registrant on receipt of deposit.



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>** - Depart from your chosen US gateway city. **Oversight: Plane**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>** - Your arrival at the Basel/Mulhouse Euro Airport will be met for the transfer to our hotel in Colmar - just 45 minutes away. After checking in, there will be free time to unpack, relax from the flight and begin exploring the neighborhood. A welcome dinner is included this evening. **(D) Oversight: Colmar**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>** - This morning we will take a walking tour of Colmar. We'll see the Dominican Church, an excellent example of early Gothic architecture; the Koif-hus, or old Customs House, which has been an economic and political hub since the 16th century; the Pfister House, a beautiful blend of medieval and Renaissance architecture and one of the finest old houses in Colmar; and Little Venice, a charming district made

up of colorful half-timbered houses neatly lined up on either side of Colmar's canal. We'll end our tour at the Unterlinden Museum (the home of Grünewald's Isenheim Altarpiece). After lunch (included), we'll visit the Hansi Museum. The rest of afternoon and evening are free to further explore this delightful city. **(B, L) Oversight: Colmar**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>** - Today we visit the nearby city of Strasbourg - just an hour drive north. Our morning tour includes the major landmarks of the city, such as Maison Kammerzell, Gutenberg square, St. Thomas church, the former tanners' houses, the Covered Bridge and much more. We'll end our tour with a guided visit of Notre Dame de Strasbourg, the medieval cathedral of the city, and then take a short boat ride on the canals, affording wonderful views of Strasbourg's beautiful architecture. The afternoon is free for individual exploration – perhaps pay a visit to the Palais Rohan, a grand 18th-century palace now housing a variety of wonderful museums, including the Fine Arts Museum with its wonderful collections. We'll return to Colmar in time for you to find dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) Oversight: Colmar**



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we'll visit the Ecomuseum of Alsace in Uengersheim, just to the south of Colmar. The Alsace Ecomuseum has gathered 70 authentic country houses, dismantled piece by piece and brought from their villages of origin, where they were condemned to disappear. Over the years and thanks to the contributions of thousands of enthusiasts, the Ecomuseum has become one of the major open-air folk museums in Europe, with its village, fields and forest totaling around 100 hectares. We'll spend the afternoon in the village of Eguisheim, voted "Favorite French Village" in 2013, and birthplace of Pope Leo IX. After lunch (included), we'll stop at the Domaine Emile Beyer in Eguisheim for a tasting of, among other things, his excellent Crémant d'Alsace. From here we return to Colmar for a free evening. **(B, L) Oversight: Colmar**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>** - Our first stop today is at the Parc de la Marseillaise in Guebwiller, a public arboretum and botanical garden in the French style. From here we continue to Hartmannswillerkopf, also known as the Vieil Armand, one of four national monuments to World War I. It is possible to visit well-preserved trenches as well as the cemetery on a site that has over 1,200 graves. We'll stop for lunch at the nearby Ferme-Auberge Freundstein for some local delicacies, and then take the long way back to Colmar, along the "Route des Crêtes" and up into the Vosges Mountains. Often described as the most spectacular drive in northern France, the name literally means the road along the crests, and it was carved out by the French army engineers during World War I. We pass mountain lakes in extinct volcano craters and see the magnificent views from the Grand Ballon before we return down into Colmar for a free evening. **(B, L) Oversight: Colmar**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>** - Today we set out along the Alsatian Wine Route for the Domaine Halbeisen, a traditional family wine estate that has been making wine in wooden barrels since 1737. We'll hear about the family's production process while enjoying a tasting of several of their wines. We'll have lunch here and then return to Colmar for a visit to the Bartholdi Museum, commemorating work by the sculptor Auguste Bartholdi, creator of the Statue of Liberty. The museum was Bartholdi's childhood home and his family's belongings are on display, as well as models of his monuments from several towns. A special place is reserved for the original models of Bartholdi's masterpieces, the Statue of Liberty and the Lion of Belfort. The evening is free. **(B, L) Oversight: Colmar**



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>** - Our excursion today gives us an in-depth look at another section of the Alsace Wine Route. Heading north out of the city we enter the Ballons des Vosges National Park at the picturesque village of Ribeauvillé, with parts of its ancient town walls still intact and dominated by the nearby ruins of the Château Ulric, perched high above the village. The town is also famous for its hand-made linens and tableware and we'll pay a visit to a local factory. We then proceed to the village of Riquewihr, classified as one of the most beautiful villages of France. After free time for lunch, we'll take a walking tour and admire the architecture that has remained largely unchanged since the 16th century. Riquewihr was one of the few towns to not be badly damaged during World War II, and its medieval fortifications still surround the town. We return to Colmar for a festive farewell dinner of Alsatian specialties. **(B, D)**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>** - Morning transfers to Basel/Mulhouse Euro Airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B)**

*Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner*

## YOUR HOST: CATHERINE LAFARGE

Leading your trip will be Catherine Lafarge, Professor Emerita of French at Bryn Mawr College. A native of France, Lafarge came to the United States in 1957 as a Fulbright scholar at Mt. Holyoke College, where she earned her bachelor's degree. She began teaching at Bryn Mawr in 1966, immediately upon earning her doctorate from Yale University. She chaired the French Department from 1979 to 1984 and also from 1996 to 1991; she served as dean of the GSAS from 1985 to 1995. In October, 2004 Professor Lafarge was awarded France's Ordre des Palmes Academiques in a ceremony in the Ely Room of Wyndham House. The order, instituted in 1808 by Napoleon I, honors those who have made significant contributions to the understanding of French culture throughout the world. Throughout her career, Lafarge has been active in numerous professional societies, particularly the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, which she served as treasurer. Among the honors she has won are grants from the American Philosophical Society and the American Council of Learned Societies, as well as the Mt. Holyoke Alumnae Association's prestigious Sesquicentennial Award.



### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Please type or print.
- 2) Make checks payable to Discover Europe, Ltd.
- 3) Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
- 4) Complete both sides of this form.
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**Address.** If you have a different address, please provide us with the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

**Special Dietary Requirements.** Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

**Health Information.** A certain amount of walking is involved in this trip. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

### INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. (Please note that extra charges for transportation to and from the destination airport may be incurred). If you need help arranging connecting flights from your local airport to an international departure city, we will be happy to arrange those for you. There is a nominal charge of \$40 per ticket for this service.

### ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.

- i). If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
- ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.

### PASSENGER DETAILS FOR ADVENTURES IN ALSACE (0920/DNA)

PASSPORT NAME:

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ work/cell/home  
*circle one*

SECONDARY TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ work/cell/home  
*circle one*

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER COMMENTS OR NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_

I AM A MEMBER OF MAIN LINE SCHOOL NIGHT  Yes  No

### TRIP DETAILS

DEPARTURE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ RETURN DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTURE AIRPORT OR CITY: \_\_\_\_\_



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# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## GENERAL

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Instructions to aid you can be found on overleaf.
3. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
4. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
5. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., Main Line School Night and Engaging Journey's Inc., their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
6. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
7. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, at our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to departure.

## TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

(Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights :  Yes  No

Flight details (if self-arranged) to be provided **at least 90 days** prior to departure: \_\_\_\_\_  
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make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the Euro by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 15-20 participants. Should we end up with fewer than 15 people, Discover Europe will work with Main Line School Night to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

## REFUND POLICY

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
  - 90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person
  - 60 days - trip departure: no refund (unless traveler has insurance)
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Comprehensive travel insurance is not included in your tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Engaging Journeys Inc. will be providing you with details of a recommended insurance company.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
8. Your place on this tour is not transferrable.

## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

1. All inclusions on *Adventures in Alsace* are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers and items of a personal nature.



## ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

(Please check one)

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like a  double  twin-bedded room

## PERMISSIONS

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list.  Yes  No

## SIGNATURES

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Main Line School Night and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_