



Tour Information



Art Nouveau in Strasbourg and Karlsruhe





Travel

Passports

You may need to renew your British Passport if you are travelling to an EU country. **Please ensure your passport is less than 10 years old (even if it has 3 months or more left on it) and has at least 3 months validity remaining from the date of travel.**

For more information, please visit: [passport checker](#)

Visas

You do not need a visa for short trips to France. For all other passport holders please check the visa requirements with the appropriate embassy.

For further information, please check here: [travel to the EU](#)

French consulate: PO Box 57, 6A Cromwell Place, London SW7 2EW;

Tel (020) 7838 2000/1.

Information Service: Tel (0891) 887 733, Fax: (020) 7838 2046.

Opening hours: 0900-1130 (and 1600-1630 for visa collection only) Mon-Fri (except British and French national holidays).



Tickets

The tour manager will distribute Eurostar tickets at St Pancras. Please meet at the statue underneath the big clock on the first floor 1- 1½ hours prior to departure time.

Please take care not to lose your tickets and please check that the details on your tickets are accurate. Your ticket is non-transferable and non-refundable. No refund can be given for non-used portions.

A light meal will be served to passengers travelling Standard Premier on Eurostar. Standard class Eurostar tickets do not include any food or drink on board, although there is a buffet car serving drinks and snacks. TGV tickets do not include any food or drink on board, although a buffet car is available.

Train Seats

On all legs of the journey, you have reserved seat and carriage numbers which are shown clearly on your ticket.



Baggage

As with most trains, passengers are responsible for carrying baggage onto and off the train. Baggage can be stored on overhead shelves or at the entrance to the carriages. Trolleys are available at St Pancras and Lille, but bags do need to be carried on to the platform. Porters are sometimes but not always available at St Pancras.

Travel Editions recommends a luggage delivery service called **thebaggageman**, where your suitcase can be picked up from your home before departure and delivered straight to your hotel; therefore removing the worry about carrying your cases onto and off the trains.

For further information:

<http://www.thebaggageman.com>

Transfers

On arrival in Strasbourg, transfer on foot to Le Grand Strasbourg Hotel (approx. 200 meters).

Special Requests

If you haven't already, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

Border Control

At border control, you may need to show a return or onward ticket, show you have enough money for your stay, use separate lanes from EU, EEA and Swiss citizens when queuing.



Accommodation

Le Grand Hotel, Strasbourg

The modern, three-star Le Grand Hotel Strasbourg is perfectly located in the heart of the city opposite the train station. The hotel has a bar and offers comfortable, modern bedrooms with bath or shower, TV, safe, mini-bar and wi-fi.

For more information, please visit the hotel's website:

<https://www.le-grand-hotel.com/en/>



Food

Marked by its use of pork in various forms, Alsatian cuisine is strongly influenced by neighbouring Germany. Traditional dishes include *baeckeoffe* (casserole with potatoes, onions, mutton, beef and pork which have been marinated in Alsatian white wine and juniper berries), *flammekueche* (thin bread dough garnished with crème fraîche, lardons and onions), *choucroute* (sauerkraut) served with Strasbourg sausage, frankfurter, or smoked pork, *fleischnacka* (cooked meat, egg and onion stuffing, rolled in a fresh egg pasta), and *coq au Riesling*.

Kugelhopf (Bundt cake made with soft yeast dough containing raisins, almonds and Kirschwasser), *Kaeskueche* (fromage blanc tart) and *Gâteau au vin* (white or red wine cake) are popular sweets.

Coffee is served after the meal and will be black, in small cups, unless a *café au lait* (or *crème*) is requested.

Almost all restaurants offer two types of meals: *à la carte* (extensive choice for each course, generally more expensive) and *le menu* (a set meal at a fixed price). The bill (*l'addition*) will not be presented until it is asked for, even if clients sit and talk for half an hour after finishing their meal. Usually, a discretionary service charge is added to your bill in restaurants and bars, and no further tipping is required.



Drink

Wine is by far the most popular alcoholic beverage in France, and the choice will vary according to region. Alsace is a world-renowned wine region, and its famous "Route du Vin" (wine road) encompasses more than 100 wine producing villages between Strasbourg and Thann. Forget any preconceived ideas about Rieslings being sweet and nasty (perhaps you recall Black Tower or Blue Nun), as Alsace produces an excellent range of sophisticated white wines and some great champagne styles (*Crémant*) too. Don't miss the delicious sweet dessert wine made with, *Gewürtztraminer* grapes.

In elegant restaurants the wine list will be separate from the main menu, but in less opulent establishments will be printed on the back or along the side of the *carte*. The waiter will usually be glad to advise an appropriate choice. If in doubt, try the house wine; this will usually be less expensive and will always be the owner's pride.

As well as producing fantastic wines, Alsace is also France's main beer brewing region, thanks primarily to breweries in and near Strasbourg, which include the international *Fischer*, *Karlsbräu Kroenenbourg* and *Heineken*, as well as plenty of artisanal microbreweries.

Meals included in the price of your holiday are:

Breakfast – daily

Dinner – 2 dinners at the Brasserie Floderer

Taking food and drink into EU countries

You are not able to take meat, milk or products containing them into EU countries.



Destination

Famed as the base for the European Parliament, Strasbourg lies halfway between Prague and Paris and is often referred to as the “crossroads of Europe” and it is no surprise that its rich and varied artistic and architectural legacy bears witness to its strategic importance over centuries. This tour looks at its Art Nouveau heritage in the expert hands of Prof. Anne Anderson and will cross the border into Germany to historic Karlsruhe.

Details of places of interest included in your tour:

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, known as “the great pink angel”, with its 19th century astronomical clock that draws the crowds for its midday performance. Surrounding this is a thoroughly modern and progressive city including the headquarters of the European Parliament. A boat ride on the Ill River is an excellent way to see both sides. The charming ‘Petite France’ district, the oldest part of the city dating from the 1100's, is a must see, as are the baroque *Palais Rohan*, that houses archaeology and fine and decorative arts museums, *the Rhine Palace*, and the *Palais de l'Europe*, seat of the Council of Europe.

For more information about Strasbourg, please visit:
<https://www.visit.alsace/en/strasbourg/>

Museum of Fine Arts

The Museum of Fine Arts presents a fascinating panorama of the history of painting in Europe from its beginnings in 1870. Located on the first floor of the Rohan Palace, the museum proposes a journey through the centuries and schools. Featuring Italian and Flemish Primitives (Giotto, Memling), Renaissance and Mannerism (Botticelli, Raphaël, Veronese, Lucas van Leyden, El Greco), Baroque, Naturalism and Classicism in the 17th and 18th centuries (Rubens, Vouet, Zurbarán, La Belle Strasbourgeoise by Largillière, Canaletto, Tiepolo, Goya), 20th (Delacroix, Chassériau, Corot, Courbet).

For more information, please visit:
<https://en.musees.strasbourg.eu/museum-of-fine-arts>

Museum of Decorative Arts

Located on the ground floor of the Rohan Palace, the former residence of the prince-bishops built between 1732 and 1742, this museum includes two sections: the sumptuous apartments of the Rohan cardinals and the Strasbourg decorative art collections, mainly focused on the history of applied arts in Strasbourg during the 18th century.

For more information, please visit:
<https://en.musees.strasbourg.eu/museum-of-decorative-arts>

Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art

Designed by the AFA Architecture Workshops (Adrien Fainsilber et Associés), the MAMCS building is organised around a vast nave. This veritable “inner street” gives access to several spaces on the ground floor: the modern art tour, the room dedicated to the works of Gustave Doré, the Graphic Arts and Photographic collections, a large exhibition hall, an auditorium, a bookshop and the library. On the first floor, where there is also a restaurant, four large, successive rooms are dedicated to exhibiting the permanent contemporary art collections.

For more information, please visit:
<https://en.musees.strasbourg.eu/museum-of-modern-and-contemporary-art>

Karlsruhe

Situated on the Rhine Plain between the Black Forest, the Vosges Mountains and the Palatinate Forest, Karlsruhe is a hub of science and technology. Karlsruhe has always been just that little bit more liberal than most, allowing art and culture to flourish and creating an atmosphere of vitality. The Badisches Landesmuseum (Baden State Museum) is the largest cultural and historical museum for the Baden region and presents Baden's culture in an interdisciplinary manner through dialogue with cultural witnesses from all over the world, with a focus on Europe.

For more information about Karlsruhe, please visit:
<https://www.germany.travel/en/cities-culture/karlsruhe.html>

Your lecturer / guide

Prof. Anne Anderson, author, broadcaster, Lecturer and Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, was a senior lecturer at Southampton Solent University for 14 years, specialising in the Arts and Crafts, Art Nouveau and Modernism. Anne's career as an international speaker has taken her all over the world and her TV credits include the BBC's *Flog It!*. Anne has received a rapturous response from or customers at the many Travel Editions UK lectures and tours as well as a host of tours overseas and her knowledge, wit and enthusiasm bring her beloved subjects to life in whatever location she finds them.



During your trip enjoy two evening lectures:

'Strasbourg Art Nouveau or Jugendstil'

'Art Nouveau/Jugendstil: the Karlsruhe Collection'

Tour manager

Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operated according to plan. If you have any problems or questions, please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot, and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

Reading Suggestions

Graham Robb, *The Discovery of France.*

A general introduction to French culture, landscape and history, it also features an excellent insight into the distinctive character of France's regions.

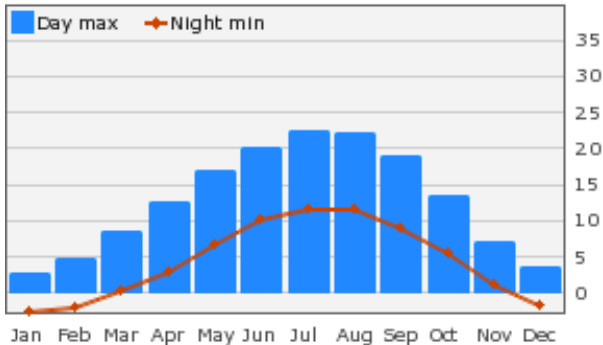
Grading

This tour has been graded as **Moderate**: Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewing.



The Basics

Climate – The weather in Alsace at this time of year is likely to be pleasant, but there is the chance of the odd shower. Our best advice is to come prepared.



Time – GMT +2 hours (Summer time Apr-Oct); GMT + 1 (Standard time Nov-Mar).

Language – French.

Religion – Roman Catholic.

National holidays – New Year's Day (01 Jan); Easter Monday; Labour day (01 May); Victory in Europe day (08 May); Ascension Day; Whit Sunday; Whit Monday; National day (14 Jul); Assumption of Mary (15 Aug); All Saints' day (01 Nov); Armistice day (11 Nov); Christmas day (25 Dec); St Stephens Day (26 Dec).

Currency – Euro. €1 = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of €500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10 and 5. Coins are in denominations of €2 and 1, and 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 cents.

Banks – Cashpoints compatible with international banking networks are located in all towns and cities, as well as airports, major train stations and other spots. They usually offer an attractive exchange rate. Those banks that still exchange foreign currencies into local money will always charge a transaction fee, so withdrawing money from an ATM usually represents the most logical means of obtaining euros.

Credit cards – American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted across the country. If you're eating at a restaurant, check prior to the meal that your card will be an acceptable form of payment. It is advisable to carry a supply of cash with you at all times, as restaurants and shops in small villages may not accept credit cards.

Electricity – 220 volt, two-pin continental plug.

Drinking water – Tap water is safe to drink. (Although you'll find a huge amount of bottled water for sale too)

Shops and museums – Department stores are open 0900-1830 Monday to Saturday. Most shops are closed between 1200-1430. Some food shops (particularly bakers) are open Sunday mornings, in which case they will probably close Monday. Many shops close all day or half-day Monday.

Please note that most museums are closed on Mondays.

Camera – bring plenty of memory cards/film and any spare camera batteries as these are not always available. Please check with your guide before photographing people.

Bath plugs – The hotel has plugs for basins, but it is useful to carry a 'universal' one with you.

Telephones/mobiles – You should be able to use your mobile phone in France, depending on your operator and contract. The guarantee of free mobile phone roaming throughout the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway has ended. Check with your phone operator to find out about any roaming charges you might get from 1 January 2021. A new law means that you're protected from getting mobile data charges above £45 without you knowing. Once you reach £45, you need to opt in to spend more so that you can continue using the internet while you're abroad. Your phone operator will tell how you can do this.

Tipping –To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services, but for your guidance about £2-3 per person per day for the tour manager is the norm. We would like to reiterate that tipping is an entirely optional payment and this information is given purely to answer any questions you may have about it.



Health

Doctor/Dentist/Chemist

Please talk to your tour manager if you are feeling unwell and they will organise for you to see a doctor.

Keep receipts for insurance claims.



Hospital

Your tour manager/hotel reception will arrange hospital transport.

Keep receipts for insurance claims.

General Health Advice

We suggest you take a good supply of your own individual medicines with you and always keep some in your hand luggage in case you get delayed or your luggage goes astray. General-purpose supplies for bites, stings, or scratches, and your usual medication for headaches, or stomach upsets are always recommended. Oral re-hydration sachets are excellent for topping up salt and glucose levels.

Visit the NHS Fit For Travel website for more generally information specific to the country you are visiting – www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk

Inoculations

You should check with your own doctor and take their advice as to which inoculations are required for the country you are visiting, as only they know your medical history and recommendations are liable to change at short notice.



Insurance

To be covered under your Travel Insurance Policy, if you become ill, it is essential that you contact a local doctor and also telephone the emergency number of your insurance company. You will **NOT** be covered for any claim unless this procedure is carried out. Your insurance company will then decide on the best course of medical attention.

Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC)

Before you travel, make sure you've got a valid UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) or travel insurance with health cover.

You may not have access to free emergency medical treatment and could be charged for your healthcare if you do not have an EHIC or GHIC when visiting an EU country, or travel insurance with full healthcare cover when visiting Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein. If you have an EHIC it will still be valid while it remains in date. Your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) will be valid if you're travelling to an EU country.

We strongly recommend that you take out an appropriate travel insurance policy when you travel abroad.

For further information about the GHIC please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>



Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

00 44 20 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

00 44 7841 023807 or 00 44 7831 133079

PLEASE USE THESE NUMBERS ONLY IN THE EVENT OF A GENUINE EMERGENCY.

If you find that you are in need of consular assistance during your holiday:

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Open Mon-Fri 0930-1230. Outside these hours a consular Emergency Service is in operation and can be contacted on +33 (0)1 44 51 31 00.

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