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## Wissembourg – Saverne

### MEDIEVAL ALSACE 1: NORTHERN VOSGES

Hiking in Alsace - that is pure relaxation! The numerous ruins, castles, churches and the special half-timbered houses are witnesses to the eventful history from the Middle Ages to the present day. In addition, the area of the Northern Vosges has been designated a biosphere reserve by UNESCO due to its special flora and fauna. And as if all that were not enough, culinary as well as cultural delights await!

### *Details of the 8-day tour from Wissembourg to Saverne*

After a lap along the city walls of Wissembourg, the tour starts in the direction of Lembach, along the historic defence wall of the Maginot Line. Löwenstein, Fleckenstein or Fronensburg - the region is not lacking in historical walls, to which the stage on the 3rd day of the tour is dedicated. From Schöneck Castle, the journey continues to Wasenburg Castle.

Gather your strength for the last two stages and hike to Englischberg, from where you can catch a dreamlike view of the expansive natural landscape. The delightful village of La Petite Pierre will soon cast its spell on you. With the Heuneburg and the Taubschlagenfels to enjoy to the last step, before the journey comes to an end in beautiful Saverne.

### *Highlights of the hiking tour through northern Alsace*

- **The biosphere reserve:** together with the Palatinate Forest, the Northern Vosges forms the only cross-border nature reserve in Germany. Interestingly, Scottish Highland cattle act as landscape keepers here.
- **Charming Wissembourg:** Romantic alleys, historic half-timbered houses and the direct location on the border between Germany and France make the town with 8,500 inhabitants the perfect starting point for the trip.

- **Regional delights of Alsace:** The climate and the influences of French cuisine create a culinary experience for all the senses. The area may not be one of the largest wine-growing regions, but it is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful. In addition, almonds, figs and other tropical fruits thrive here, which certainly taste perfect with the delicious regional cheeses.
- **The historic walls:** Around 150 ruins and castles line the streets in this area of Alsace. An interesting detail: the base of Fleckenstein Castle, by the way, is a sandstone that, at 90 metres long and 30 metres high, is impressive.

## *Useful information about the hiking tour with Eurohike*

Over 1,000 kilometres of hiking trails make this region, which is always characterised by a mild climate, a Mecca for hiking enthusiasts. The differences in altitude in the low mountain range are not quite as pronounced, but the individual stages are comparatively long. During the trip, you will stay in middle-class hotels, where you will be spoiled with a rich breakfast.

- Alsace is definitely one of the insider tips among hiking enthusiasts - discover our other tours in the eastern French region here.

### *Walking*



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided Tour

### **To the online version**



# Itinerary

DAY  
1

## *Arrival in Wissembourg*





Wissembourg has a medieval fortification wall, beautiful patrician houses and the Ancien Hôpital.

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DAY  
2

## *Wissembourg – Lembach*

Cross the summit of Taubenberg to Pfaffenschlick and Sultzerkopf. Arrive in Lembach, where you can see part of the Maginot-Line „Kalkofen“. Named after the French defence secretary André Maginot the defence system consisted of a line of bunkers along the French border to Germany.





 approx. 6 hours     23 km     750 m     710 m

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DAY  
3

## *Lembach – Obersteinbach*

The fortresses of the Vosges are part of today's program. In the morning you walk to Löwenstein, Hohenburg and Fleckenstein, belonging to the most typical fortresses of the Vosges. In the afternoon you will reach Fronensburg.





 approx. 4.5 to 5 hours     18 km     620 m     570 m

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DAY  
4

## *Obersteinbach – Niederbronn les Bains*

Walk through Lautertal valley up to fortress Schöenck. Then you climb up the Wintersberg, a summit reaching about 581 m above the Vosges. Via Dittenthal and the Celtic camp you reach bath town Niederbronn-les-Bains.

 approx. 4.5 to 5 hours     16 km     610 m     660 m

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DAY  
5*Niederbronn les Bains – Ingwiller*

High above Niederbronn-les-Bains there is castle Wasenburg, which was built by a bishop of Straßburg in the 13th century. You walk past the beautiful villages Oberbronn, Offwiller, Rothbach and finally to Ingwiller.



approx. 6 hours



21 km



730 m



730 m

DAY  
6*Ingwiller – La Petite Pierre*

Starting from the valley ‚Moder Tal‘ you proceed to Sparsbach and the little hamlet of Englischberg, where an amazing view awaits. You walk high up to the little village La Petite Pierre with its unique location on top of a sandstone boulder.



approx. 5.5 to 6 hours



19 km



590 m



420 m

DAY  
7*La Petite Pierre – Saverne*

Walk to neo-romantic Huneburg; continue to the ruins of Daubenschlagfels and then walk down to Saverne.



approx. 6 hours



22 km



660 m

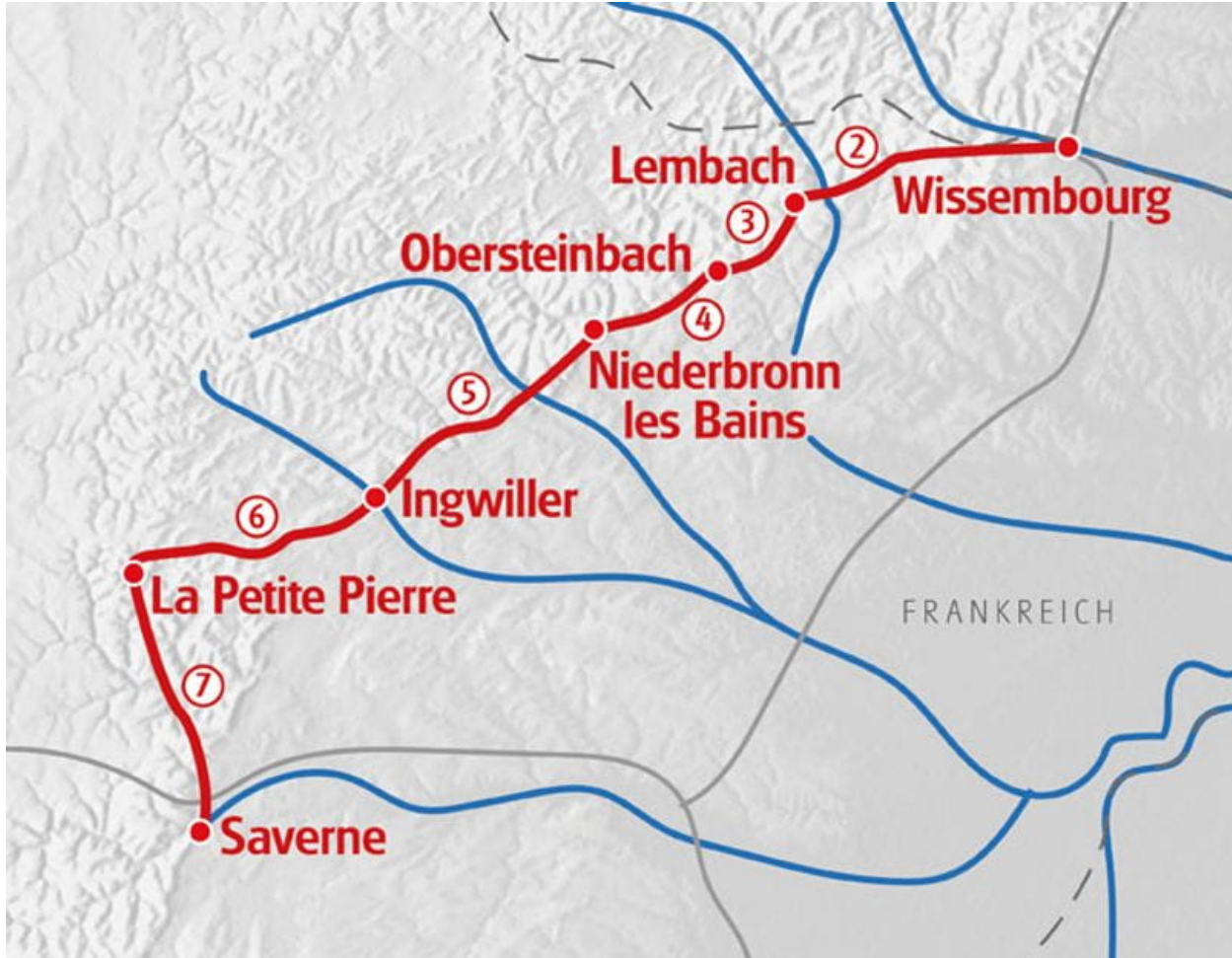


810 m

DAY  
8*Departure or extension*

# Characteristics of the route

Easy to medium walking tour on well marked nature paths, sometimes asphalted, through undulating countryside. Daily stages between 16 and 23 km and walking times between 4.5 to 6 hrs. Max. daily difference in altitude is 770 m.



# Prices and events

*Place of arrival: Wissembourg*

## Season 1

01.04.2023 - 02.06.2023 | 30.09.2023 - 07.10.2023 |  
Arrival daily

## Season 2

03.06.2023 - 29.09.2023 |  
Arrival daily

Medieval Alsace 1, Wissembourg - Saverne, 8 days, FR-ELWWS-08X		
Base price	939.00	999.00
Surcharge single room	299.00	299.00

Category: 2\*\* - and 3\*\*\*-hotels (French classifying)

Extra nights in each day upon request.

# Additional nights

*Place of arrival: Wissembourg*

## Season 1

Apr 1, 2023 - Jun 2, 2023 | Sep 30, 2023 - Oct 7, 2023 |  
Arrival daily

## Season 2

Jun 3, 2023 - Sep 29, 2023 |  
Arrival daily

Wissembourg		
Double room p.P.	79.00	79.00
Surcharge single room	30.00	30.00
Saverne		
Double room p.P.	79.00	79.00
Surcharge single room	20.00	20.00

Prices per person in EUR

# Services and infos

## Services

### Included:

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English)
- GPS-data available
- Service hotline

## Infos

### Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Arrival by train to Wissembourg and in a few walking minutes to the hotel.
- Strasbourg or Basel-Mülhausen-Freiburg airport.
- Parking: Free parking hotel spaces, no reservation possible.
- Return journey by train from Saverne via Strasbourg to Wissembourg, approx. 2.5 hours.

### Things to note:


- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price
- Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)


# Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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