



France - Fortified Castle Trail Northern Vosges Mountains Hiking Tour (2025)
Individual Self-Guided
8 days/7 nights



Alsace is a land of castles. From the north to the south of the Vosges Massif, a hundred stone sentinels watch over the plain. So many witnesses of a thousand-year-old history that we suggest you discover thanks to our hiking trips. This escapade in the Vosges du Nord Regional Nature Park, classified as a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO, will give you a range of new sensations. At the bend of shaded paths, you will discover ancient churches, castles, military remains of the Maginot Line, sandstone peaks covered with magnificent forests of fir, beech or pine, and charming little villages, with their crystal artisans or stonecutters. It is in this harmonious landscape that the spire of the Strasbourg cathedral can be seen in the distance

Highlights

- The nature and the landscapes of the Regional Park of the North Vosges
- Cities of Wissembourg and Saverne
- The beautiful well marked out paths
- The numerous castles and beautiful village of the regional Park of the North Vosges



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Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Wissembourg

Arrival in Wissembourg, settling into the hotel and tour of the old town and museum.



Day 2: Wissembourg – Lembach 23 km + 749 m – 714 m

Departure via the Col du Pigeonnier towards the Pfaffenschlick and the Soultzerkopf. Arrival in Lembach where the Four à Chaux, a former fortress of the Maginot Line, is situated.

Day 3: Lembach – Obersteinbach 18 km + 621 m - 571 m

You will discover the castles of Loewenstein and Hohenbourg in the morning. In the afternoon you can visit the castle of Fleckenstein which was formerly one of the most imposing in the Vosges, and later castle of Froensbourg.

Day 4: Obersteinbach – Niederbronn-les-Bains 16 km + 606 m - 657 m

After castle of Schoeneck your route climbs of the Grand Wintersberg, highest point in the Northern Vosges at an altitude of 581m. Arrival at the spa town of Niederbronn-les-Bains via the Dittenthal and the Celtic Encampment.

Day 5: Niederbronn-les-Bains – Ingwiller 21 km + 733 m - 729 m

Castle of Wasenbourg which overlooks the Niederbronn valley followed by the romantic remains of the Grand Arnsbourg. Your route of this day goes through beautiful Alsatian villages Oberbronn, Offwiller, Rothbach to Ingwiller.



Day 6: Ingwiller – La Petite Pierre 19 km + 589 m - 423 m

From the valley of the Moder you go to Sparsbach and to the Englischberg then you will arrive in attractive village of La Petite Pierre perched on her headland of pink stoneware.

Day 7: La Petite Pierre – Saverne 21 km (+555m/-687m)

You will soon reach the "Rocher du Corbeau". Then, you will descend towards the village of Graufthal, known for its unique troglodyte houses carved into the rock. It offers authentic charm and a rich medieval history. Finally, before arriving in Saverne, the pretty capital of the Northern Vosges

Day 8: End of the trip after breakfast



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Route



Technical Characteristics

Level of difficulty: Moderate. +/- 5 hours per day; Maximal difference of level: +770 m. It is important to have good physical condition and to be in good health.

Total distance: 120 km

Travel Season Every day 29.03. to 11.10

Season 1: 29.03.–18.04. | 27.09.–11.10

Season 2: 19.04.–26.09

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Prices per person: *all prices subject to confirmation on booking*

Double Occupancy B&B Season 1	€1049
Double Occupancy B&B Season 2	€1129
Surcharge Single Room	€319
Additional Nights in Wissembourg 3* Double Occupancy B&B	€99
Additional Nights in Wissembourg 3* Single Occupancy B&B	€149
Additional Nights in Saverne 3* Double Occupancy B&B	€89
Additional Nights in Saverne 3* Single Occupancy B&B	€119

Included:

- Accommodation in 3* and 2* hotels
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer between hotels
- Detailed travel documents 1 per room
- GPS data is available
- Service hotline

Not Included:

- Drinks
- Lunch
- Visits
- Park fees
- Local tax

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