

France - Fortified Castle Trail Middle Vosges Mountains Hiking Tour (2024)
Individual Self-Guided
7 days/ 6 nights



From the north to the south of Alsace, explore the remains of Middle-Ages' castles and fortress. From the forest enjoy beautiful panoramas on farming landscapes and on the plains of Alsace. You will discover with this trails the diversity of Alsace and its cute, quiet villages. Your tour ends in Barr, little town in heart of the Alsatian vineyard and its Grand Cru.

Highlights

- The nature and the landscapes of the Regional Park of the "Ballons des Vosges"
- Cities of Saverne and Barr
- The beautiful well marked out paths
- The numerous castles and beautiful village of the of the wine trail



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Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Saverne

Enjoy the charms of Saverne and its surroundings. A very attractive town rich in a beautiful architecture.



Day 2: Saverne – Wangenbourg 20 km + 942 m - 673 m

From Saverne, the beautiful capital of north of Vosges, you walk up to the castle of Haut-Barr and follow the crest of Vosges from castle to castle until Wangenbourg. An attractive major view on the valley of the Rhine on Strasbourg and when clear weather on the Black Forest awaits you.

Day 3: Wangenbourg - Oberhaslach 16 km + 629 m - 806 m

First you climb to Schneeberg (961m), then you will come down again in the valley of Oberhaslach by the waterfall “du Nideck”.

Day 4: Oberhaslach – Klingenthal /Ottrott 23 km + 880 m - 877 m

The GR5, after Urmatt, you cross the valley of Bruch and pass beyond Grendelbruch. Passing through “Purpurkopf” (570m) and “Heidenkopf” (787m), you reach Ottrott.

Day 5: Klingenthal /Ottrott – Le Hohwald 14 km + 662 m - 372 m

Visit the famous abbey of Ste Odile and the numerous castles protecting it since the 12th century, such as the Kagenfels and the Birkenfels. The GR5 leads you towards the Kienberg (775m) at the entrance of Hohwald.



Day 6: Le Hohwald – Barr 17 km + 492 m - 849 m

Go down to the vineyard by castles of Andlau, the village of Andlau and his Romanesque abbatial Ste Richarde then by the Zotzenberg and Mittelbergheim.

Day 7: Departure after breakfast



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Route



Technical Characteristics

Level of difficulty: Moderate; +/- 6 hours per day; Maximal difference of level: +1100 m. It is important to have good physical condition and to be in good health.

Total distance: 86 km

Travel Season: Every day from 30.03 to 05.10

Season 1: 30.03.–31.05. | 28.09.–05.10.

Season 2: 01.06.–27.09.



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

Double Occupancy B&B Season 1	€879
Double Occupancy B&B Season 2	€939
Surcharge Single Room	€279
Additional Nights in Saverne 3* Double Occupancy B&B	€89
Additional Nights in Saverne 3* Single Occupancy B&B	€109

Included:

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

Not Included:

- Dinner
- Lunch
- Visits
- Park fees
- Local tax

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