

Alsace Strasbourg - Nancy

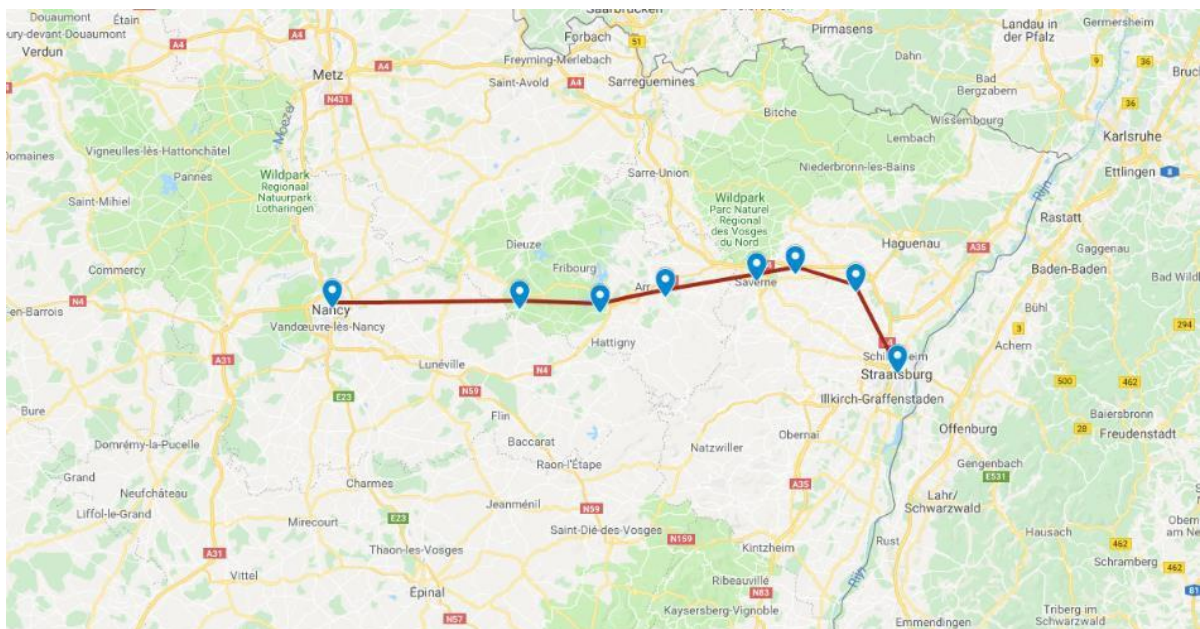
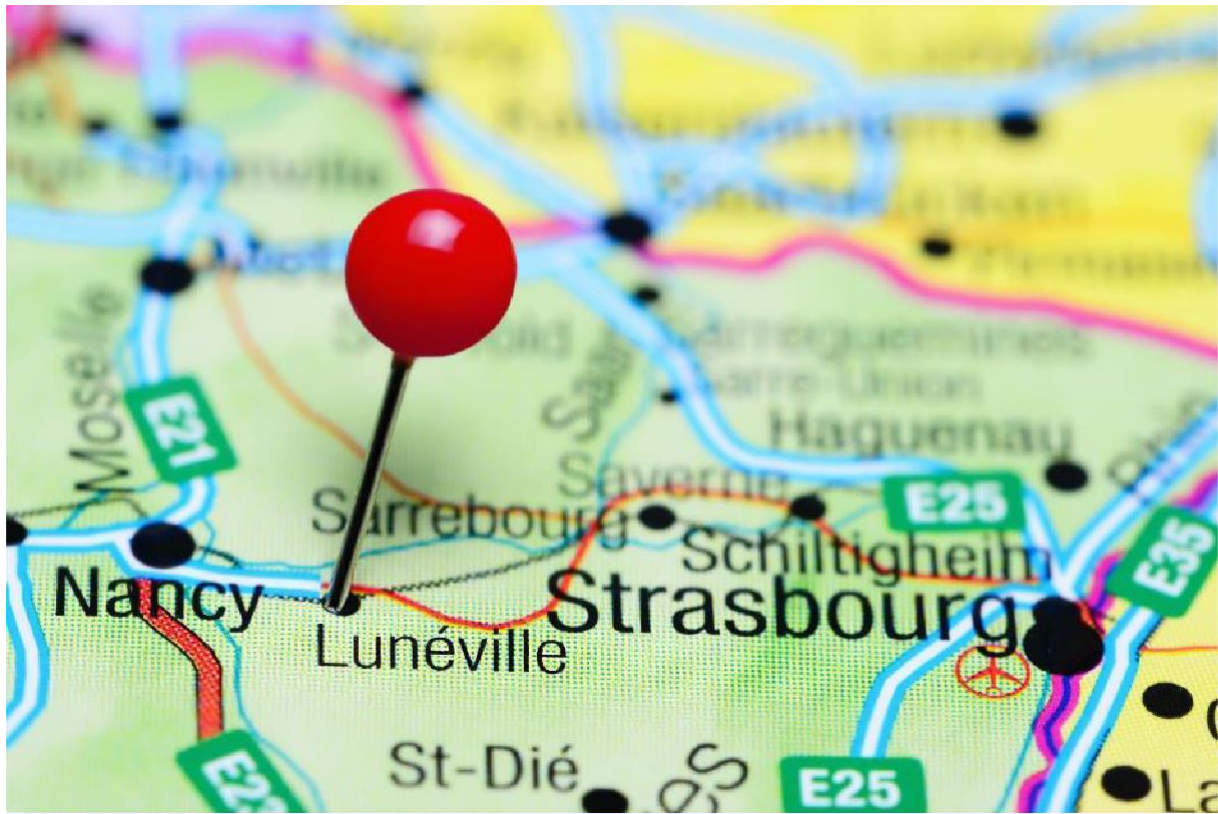


Tour information 2020



Along the Marne – Rhine Canal

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A totally new tour in a very interesting party of France. You ride through the Alsace and Lorraine region from the second seat of the European Parliament in Strasbourg to the old city of Nancy. This is a region with a mixed French/German history and culture. The region was fought over heavily in many wars but is now a beacon for European reconciliation and unification. As a result of the mix of cultures you can enjoy both good wines and good beers on the way!

Strasbourg on the Rhine river is a typical border town with good example of the mixed heritage of the region. It is the seat of the European Parliament when it is not convening in Brussels. We follow the impressive Rhine-Marne Canal all the way to Nancy. Wingersheim is the self-proclaimed the capital of hops. Bouxwiller has a center with Tudor style buildings and centuries old churches and a synagogue. We pass the Parc Regional de Vosges, a wooded and natural area with many castles. Near Niderviller you will see the ships elevator that is used to replace a series of locks. Between Gondrexage and Lagarde you will ride through an interesting wetland area. On the last day to Nancy you pass the old WW1 frontline with many monuments and graveyards.

The route from day to day Strasbourg to Nancy

Saturday	Strasbourg, embarkation around 2 pm. Short cycle route
Sunday	Strasbourg – Wingersheim, 35 km
Monday	Wingersheim – Dettwiller, 40 km
Tuesday	Dettwiller – Saverne, 40 km
Wednesday	Saverne – Niderviller, 30 km
Thursday	Niderviller – Gondrexage – Lagarde, 40 km
Friday	Lagarde – Hénaménil- Nancy, 50 km
Saturday:	Nancy, debarkation before 10 AM

1 km = 0.62 miles / All distances are approximate. The above planned itinerary is subject to change due to changing wind and weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances having to do with mooring requirements, etc.

Day 1 Saturday: Strasbourg embarkation around 2 PM

Arrival and welcome at the barge on the mooring place . Tryout bike ride to the village of Kehl in Germany. (Guided) walk in town in the evening.

Day 2 Sunday: Strasbourg – Wingersheim, 35 km

Start of the week with a leisurely and flat ride through the Parc Pourtalés and later on villages like La Wantzenau and Hoerdt where you can already see the first Tudor style buildings. The mooring place of the barge is near Wingersheim.

**Day 3 Monday: Wingersheim – Dettwiller, 40 km**

First a ride along the canal to Hochfelden where the famous Meteor brewery (since 1640!) can be found and visited. Later we visit the old Jewish cemetery in Ettendorf. Around lunchtime we will be in Bouxwiller, once of the nicest villages in the North Alsace. It boasts a center with Tudor style buildings, museums churches and a synagogue. The barge will wait for you near the village of Dettwiller.

Day 4 Tuesday: Dettwiller - Saverne , 40 km

Today we ride through the hilly area of Parc Regional Vosges du Nord. Along nice quiet roads towards la-Petite-Pierre, a picture perfect village with beautiful castle. On the way back to Saverne we pass by Graufthal with its mediaeval cave houses. The mooring place is in the middle of town in Saverne. From the ship there is a great view of the Vosges hills. If you do not want to ride in the hills with a total altitude gain of about 600 meters today there is always the possibility to ride the shorter flat road along the canal.

Day 5 Wednesday: Saverne – Niderviller, 30 km

A morning visit to the Haut Barr castle near Saverne is a must. This can be done by bike, on foot (1,5 hours) or you can get a taxi. After this morning program we ride mainly through the woods on the bike path along the canal and through the Vallée des Eclusiers to Niderviller. In Arzviller you can see the incline/elevator for ships that transports ships to the next level. A magnificent piece of engineering. Before a series of locks was needed for this. Niderviller was very famous for its porcelain pottery. Although the factory is no longer there the village still has a Niderviller porcelain shop.



Day 6 Thursday: Niderviller – Gondrexage – Lagarde, 40 km

Time for a morning cruise along the Rhine-Marne Canal. In about 4 hours the Clair de Lune sails from Niderviller to Gondrexage. Here you disembark and make an easy flat ride through the nearby wetlands. Along the way you pass Bataville. Bata is a well-known brand of shoes. The industrial complex in Bataville is built in the Bauhaus style of the Twenties. The factory closed in 2001 and is now a historical monument for industrial architecture and can be visited. You continue along canal on the traffic free bike path to Lagarde.



Day 7 Friday: Lagarde – Hénaménil - Nancy , 50 km

Again a morning cruise, now to Hénaménil where you leave the Clair de Lune for your last ride of the week. First we visit the city of Luneville with its cathedral. At Luneville we pass the frontline of the great war. This city was heavily fought over in 1914 and has an impressive French cemetery and necropolis. We can also visit the local museum on the Battle of Leomont Hill nearby. In St-Nicolas-Port the cathedral is worth a visit before we enter Nancy, city of museums, parks and lovely squares.



Day 8 Saturday: Nancy, end of tour after breakfast:
Disembarkation before 10 AM.

Clair de Lune – Category ComfortPlus

Capacity: 17 persons

Length/width: 35 x 5 m

Electricity: 220 V

Wifi on board (free up to 100Mb) limited available in lounge and on deck



Cabins

Nine cabins with private shower, wash basin, toilet and central heating.
The beds can not be placed together

- 3x double cabin for 2 passengers (1 double bed)
- 5x double cabin for 2 passengers (1 split level bed)
- 1x single cabin for 1 passenger (1 single bed)
- Hairdryers are available on board.



The chef prepares nice meals, which are served in the dining saloon.

Our motorised passenger vessels, about 35 - 45 metres in length, are former river vessels especially converted for this kind of holiday. The barges all comply with the strict safety regulations laid down by the Dutch Shipping Inspection Authorities. On board you find a cosy dining room, a sun deck/a deck for the bicycles. All cabins are provided with running water (hot and cold), private shower and toilet, 220 voltage and central heating. There is limited storage space in the cabin. We recommend 1 suitcase per person. You can slide the suitcase under the bed. Do not expect a cruise ship with its passive luxury. The Bike & Barge Holidays are for people who really enjoy the physical activity of cycling and who value sociability more than wholesale luxury.

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Bicycle

After arrival on board you will be allocated a cycle suitable to your height. This cycle (a so-called Hybrid), is at your disposal during your trip until Friday at 4 PM. Your bike has 24 speeds, hand brakes, pannier bags, bike helmet, a good lock, water bottle and you can get a repair-kit. Before you make your first tour, the guide will give you instructions about the bike. We draw your attention to the fact that you will be held responsible for damage to or theft of the bike, as long as the bike is not on board. (the bike has a value of more than € 700,-). Never leave it unattended. Always lock it and fasten it to a fixed object.

You can insure this bike with Cycletours for € 20,- per bicycle! If you didn't arrange cycle insurance when booking you can do this on board (the first day). Payment in cash is required. Should you use your own bike, please bring a good lock with you!



Electric bike

It is also possible to book an electric bike. Your bike has 24 gears, a detachable lithium-Ion battery, hand brakes, pannier bags, bike helmet, a good lock, water bottle and you can get a repair kit. We draw your attention to the fact that you will be held responsible for damage to or theft of the bike, as long as the bike is not on board. (the E-bike has a value of more than € 2000,-). Never leave it unattended. Always lock it and fasten it to a fixed object, and don't forget to remove the information panel from your

steering wheel. You can insure this bike with Cycletours for € 40,- per bicycle! If you didn't arrange cycle insurance when booking you can do this on board (the first day). Payment in cash is required.

Arrival

You are expected at the barge on Saturday afternoon, between 12 noon and 2 PM. You can bring your luggage earlier to the barge, but not before 11 AM. We are busy cleaning the barge, but we can provide you with suggestions to have a nice walk into town.

The **mooring place** of the barge in Strasbourg is to the north of the city center.

Airport

The nearest airport to the embarkation point of the barge is Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG). By direct TGV train and bus it is about 2 hours to the railway station in the center of Strasbourg. A taxi from the airport of Paris to the mooring place will take about 5 hours.

Train

The nearest train station to the embarkation point of the barge is the Strasbourg railway station. Walking distance to the barge is about 1 hour. A taxi will take about 15 minutes and will cost around 45 euro.

Car

Should you arrive by car, we strongly advise to arrive earlier to unload your luggage. More information on parking your car in Strasbourg can be found on <http://www.en.strasbourg.eu/en/transport-and-environment/getting-around-in-strasbourg/city-parking/>

End of the tour

The tour ends one week later in Nancy on Saturday morning after breakfast at 10 AM. You will spend the night from Friday to Saturday on board in Nancy. The mooring place of the barge in Nancy is on the Marne – Rhin canal near the city

Travel dates 2020 (US prices, add approx. 12%)

2020	Barge Clair de Lune	Season
June	06/06/2020	Standard
	20/06/2020	
July	04/07/2020	Low
	18/07/2020	

Prices per person in 2020_**Barge Clair de Lune (ComfortPlus)**

	Low	Standard season
Cabin double bed	€ 1029,-	€ 1125,-
Cabin split level bed	€ 1029,-	€ 1125,-
Cabin Single bed	€ 1190,-	€ 1275,-

Reduction children:

0-2 *: free of charge

3-11*: 30%

*If child is travelling together with at least 1 one full-paying person

Please note that the tour prices are based on the current fuel price. Should the fuel price increase more than 5% (reference date Oct. 2018), then we need to ask a supplement. Even for reservations that already have been made.

Included

- All nights on board (incl. bedding, towels, soap)
- Breakfast and dinner on board
- Lunch packages when on the road
- Coffee and tea on board
- Tour guide, cycles with the group
- Min. 3 city walks with tour guide
- Free WiFi (limited available in lounge and on deck)
- Route information, 1x per cabin
- Ferry fares on the route
- GPS tracks (on request)

Not included

- Bicycle rent (see below)
- Bicycle insurance Hybrid bike (optional) € 20,- per bicycle
- Bicycle insurance E-bike (optional) € 40,- per bicycle
- Entrance fees to museums; approx. € 15,- per tour
- Personal insurance

Extra

- Rental bike incl. bike helmet: € 92,50
(Hybrid bike with 24 gears, pannier bags, lock, water bottle)
- Rental E-bike incl. bike helmet: € 175,- (with 21 gears)
- Child's bike: € 60,- (incl. helmet; with 21 gears; for children from approx. 9 years and older)
- Bike seat: € 15,- (incl. helmet; suitable for children from approx. 11 months until 5 years; max. weight 25 kg)
- Trailer bike: € 55,- (incl. helmet; bike attached to adult's bike; suitable for children from approx. 5 until 9 years; max. weight 35 kg)
- Bike trailer: € 90,- (suitable for babies who cannot sit by themselves; a car seat/baby seat not included)

Special details

Please take good notice of our [Terms & Conditions](#) on our web site.

If you have special meal requirements (vegetarian meals, or if you are on a diet), we ask you to mention this when booking.

In case of **gluten free/Celiac/vegan diet** there is an additional charge of **€ 50,-** per week.

Cycletours Holidays reserves the right to cancel tours with fewer than 12 participants up to 21 days prior to the date of departure.