

# COLMAR AND OLD RHINE TOUR

**APRIL 18 & 19**  
2 DAYS / 44 KM

**ROWING LEVEL**

## ROUTE

The route takes place on two separate stretches of water ; Colmar's canal then the former bed of the Rhine river, for a total length of 44 kilometers.

This tour is both convivial and cosmopolitan and will take you exploring a rich and peaceful flora and fauna. You will discover wild parts of the river and enjoy friendly meals composed of local delicacies.

Saturday the 18th, afternoon : you will start from the Ill dock in Colmar, then cross the Alsace meadow from Colmar to the Rhine then go back up the Old Rhine river to reach the club's nautical base, for a total distance of 28 kilometers, punctuated with the crossing of 3 docks which require some rowing experience. You will then enjoy a festive evening tasting typical Alsatian food.

Sunday the 19th : you will start again from the nautical base then follow a 16 kilometers long loop along the Old Rhine before going back to the base around 2 PM to enjoy a friendly lunch.



## SIGHTSEEING

Alsace is a famous touristic place which provides visitors with many kinds of wealth : architectural, cultural, historical and of course gastronomic. The tour will help you discover the Rhine side of this beautiful region. In the background stand the mountains bordering the Dark Forest, headland of the old German city of Breisach, its fortifications and cathedral, as well as the Vosges Mountains and the Haut-Koenigsbourg castle on the Frenchside. Near, others beautiful sites such as Vauban's untouched citadel, Neuf-Brisach which is classified as Heritage of Humanity by the UNESCO, and of course Colmar and its vineyards. Rowing in Colmar also means rowing surrounded by nature on the old Rhine River which is now entirely dedicated to nautical activities (rowing, sailing) and ornithology (bird reservation).



## PRATICAL INFORMATION

**TOUR DURATION**  
2 days - April 18 & 19, 2020

**TOUR PLACE**  
Colmar's canal and the former bed of the Rhine river

**BOATS**  
Recreational double scull, recreational four-person sculling boats

**FEES**  
**120€** : without accommodation, 2 meals and rental seats included. Regarding accommodation a list of discounts on hotel rooms is available.

**FOR COMPANIONS**  
**90€** : without accomodation, 2 meals included

**SEAT RENTAL**  
60 seats available included in the package

**SAFETY**  
Supervision : 20 people  
Safety boats : 3

## PROVISIONAL PLANNING

**Day 1** : You will leave at 1pm near Ill lock and Colma Navigation on Colmar canal, and head towards the Rhin river, then pass two locks (Baltzenheim and Biesheim), cross the river towards Vogelgrun's dam before passing Breisach's lock and going back up the Old river. You will arrive around 6pm at Geiskopf nautical base, location of ACRC. The tour is 28km long total and can be followed by bike along the towpath along Colmar canal and the old Rhin river. After taking out the boats you will share diner at the base.

**Day 2** : You will launch the boats around 9am and row upriver on the Old Rhin until PK 216 on the French bank, then turn around and go downriver until PK224 on the German bank. Those who wish to stop earlier can finish the tour at the base. Otherwise the full tour is 16km long and stops at 1pm before a shared meal at the base.

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