

Alsace-Lorraine

a blend of cultures



Cruising Suggestions

1 WEEK - ONE WAY TRIP

1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

■ *Hesse/Boofzheim* OR VICE VERSA

■ *Hesse/Strasbourg*

■ *Hesse/Sarreguemines*

Canal de la Marne au Rhin Canal de la Marne au Rhône

Marvel at the biggest stained glass window in Europe at **Sarrebourg**. Visit the Chateau du Haut Barr in **Saverne**, which overlooks the whole Alsace plain. Cruise through the vast wetland of the **Grand Reid**, home to countless different species of birds and interwoven with cycle routes and footpaths.

Canal de la Marne au Rhin

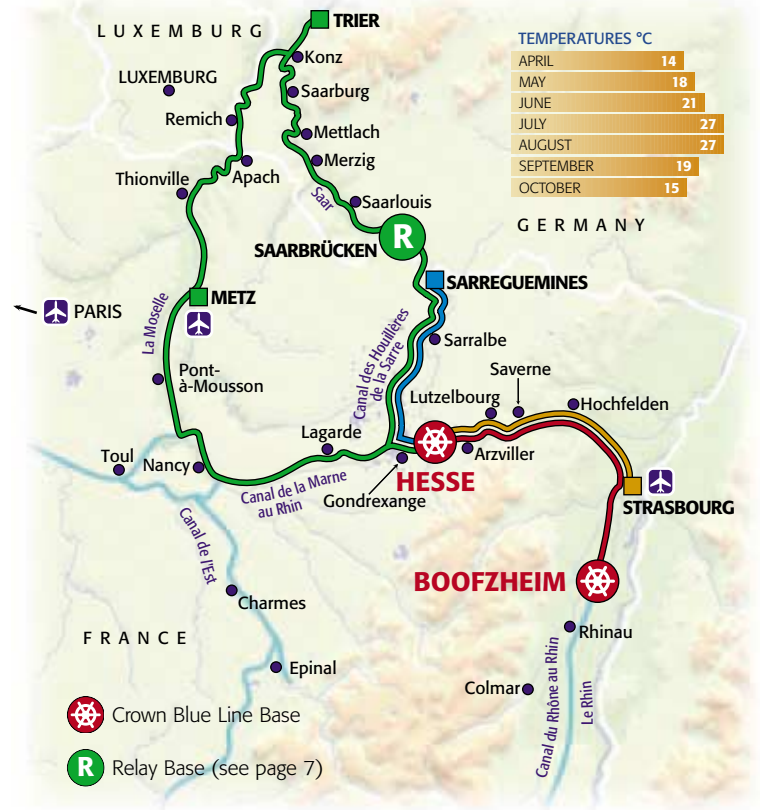
Descend the **St. Louis Arzwiller** inclined plain, a magnificent example of modern canal engineering. Admire the beautiful landscape from the boatlift and cruise on to **Saverne**, which boasts a magnificent rose garden. **Strasbourg** is home to numerous museums as well as the Palace of the Cardinals of Rohan – a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture.

Canal des Houillères de la Sarre

Moor beside the **Gondrexange Lake** and enjoy fishing or bird watching. Get active at **Mittersheim**, where a variety of watersports can be enjoyed. Amble through the town of **Harskirchen** and discover the 17th century water mill. Two museums in **Sarreguemines** retrace the history of the town's famous earthenware pottery.



Proudly French, but with many distinctive Germanic influences, Alsace is France's smallest province. Allowing you to pass through three countries – France, Luxembourg and Germany – and cruise on a variety of waterways, this pretty region is also home to the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Half-timbered houses in pretty medieval towns mingle with neatly planted vineyards. Vast beech and fir forests provide perfect spots for picnics. Follow the marked paths that wind through the countryside to find excellent walking and cycling routes while more than 200 museums and galleries await your discovery in the towns.



Flavours of the region



Crisp white wines such as Reising provide the perfect refreshment after a day's cruising. Enjoy a glass or two with a slice of tarte flambée, a delicious bacon, cream and onion flan. Follow it with a piece of Kugelhof, a cake made with succulent raisins, or a wedge of sweet cherry tart.

TWO WEEKS ROUND TRIP

Hesse/Metz/Trier Saarbrücken/Hesse

Canal de la Marne au Rhin - Moselle Sarre - Canal des Houillères de la Sarre
To cruise between Apach and Saarbrücken (via Germany), a boating permit or skipper is required. Cycle through Lagarde, part of the Lorraine Nature Park. Visit the Musée de l'École in Nancy for Art Nouveau displays. Stroll in Metz and discover the Garden of Regattas or take a picnic ashore at lively Trier, the oldest town in Germany.

433 km • 74 locks • 84 hr round trip cruising time

NEW FOR – 2006

Hesse/Saarbrücken

OR VICE-VERSA

- Canal des Houillères de la Sarre
- 103 km
- 31 Locks
- 20 hr cruising time