

Colmar, Alsace, France

A fairy-tale Alsatian town of cobblestone lanes, flower-draped canal houses, and Riesling-soaked wine villages — most cruise passengers arrive by coach from nearby Breisach or Strasbourg, stepping into one of France's most photogenic historic centres.

🚢 Shore excursion (coach from Breisach or Strasbourg)

🕒 Typical call: 5-7 hrs in Colmar

💶 Currency: Euro (€)

🗣️ Language: French (Alsatian dialect common)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Rhine cruise ships dock at Breisach, Germany (~45 min by coach) or Strasbourg (~1 hr). CroisiEurope canal barges dock on the Colmar Canal.

Best For: Medieval architecture, Alsatian wine tastings, canal boat rides, and the Isenheim Altarpiece at Unterlinden Museum.

Walk to Centre: Old Town is compact and fully pedestrianised — ~15-20 min walk (about 1 km) from the Port de Colmar barge marina; ~5 min from coach drop-off near Place Rapp.

Don't Miss: A flat-bottomed boat tour through Petite Venise and the Quai de la Poissonnerie — unique canal-level views of the half-timbered houses.

🚗 Getting around: 🚕 **Taxi** ✅ €4-6 (station to center) · 🚲 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Bolt · 🚏 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Kut'zig

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Little Venice Canal Boat Ride** — Board a traditional flat-bottomed punt for a 25-minute guided glide through the Petite Venise district — past the Quai de la Poissonnerie's...
- **Unterlinden Museum & Isenheim Altarpiece** — Housed in a 13th-century Dominican convent, the Unterlinden Museum contains the stunning Isenheim Altarpiece by Matthias Grünewald — one of the most...
- **Old Town Walking Tour** — Follow Colmar's golden-triangle tourist trail through its perfectly preserved medieval centre: the Gothic St.
- **Alsatian Wine Route Villages** — Drive or coach through the vineyard-draped hills to fairy-tale villages Riquewihr and Ribeauvillé — walled medieval towns surrounded by Riesling...
- **Bartholdi Museum** — A compact but fascinating museum in the birthplace of Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi, the sculptor who designed the Statue of Liberty.

BEST WALKS

- **Old Town & Little Venice Loop** 2 km · 2 hrs · Easy · All pavement — Start at Place d'Unterlinden and the Unterlinden Museum, then head south through Rue des Marchands past the Pfister House and Koïfhus.
- **Golden Triangle Tourist Trail** 1.5 km · 1.5 hrs · Easy · Self-guided — Follow the golden triangle markers embedded in the pavement — a self-guided circuit linking Colmar's greatest hits: St.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	High	Low	Rain
Mon	60°	43°	11d
Apr	60°	43°	11d
Jun	75°	58°	12d
Aug	78°	60°	12d
Sep	71°	54°	8d
Oct	62°	47°	11d

🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💶 MONEY

Apr 6:41AM-8:20PM · Jun 5:30AM-9:32PM · Aug 6:25AM-8:43PM ·
Sep 7:08AM-7:42PM · Oct 7:50AM-6:41PM

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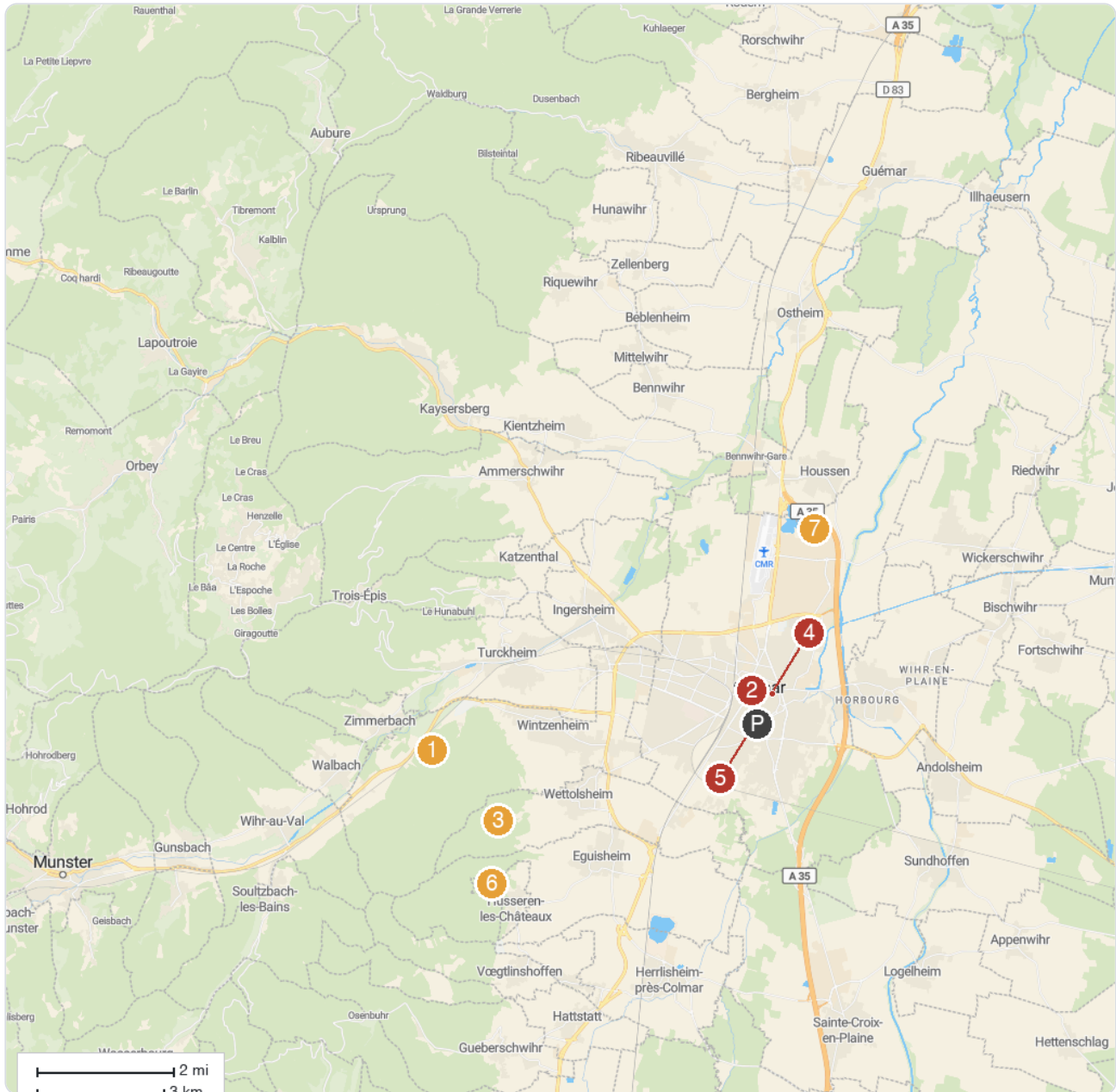
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Time is short from Rhine ships. Coach transfers eat into your shore time — you'll typically have 3-4 hours in Colmar itself. Prioritise: canal boat ride OR Unterlinden, then Old Town stroll.
- Book the coach early. Ship-organised excursions to Colmar fill up fast, especially in summer and during Christmas market season (late Nov-Dec). Independent coaches and taxis from Breisach are available but pricier.
- Cash and cards both work. Most Old Town restaurants, shops, and the Unterlinden Museum take cards. Carry a few euros for the canal boat tour and market stalls.
- Don't skip the wine.
- Best light is morning.
- Christmas market season (late Nov-Dec) is magical but crowded.

Colmar, Alsace, France — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Château de Pflixbourg | A scenic medieval castle ruin offering panoramic views. | 2 Musée Unterlinden | Art museum housing the famous Isenheim Altarpiece. |
| 3 Château du Hagueneck | Remains of a medieval castle, a historic ruin. | 4 Musée du Jouet | A charming museum dedicated to historic toys. |
| 5 La Petite Venise | Colmar's picturesque canal district, perfect for boat rides. | 6 Trois Châteaux d'Eguisheim | Three medieval castle ruins atop a scenic hill. |
| 7 Base Nautique Colmar Housen | A lake and water sports center for recreation. | P Cruise port / terminal | |