

Saverne, Alsace, France

Saverne sits where the Vosges Mountains meet the Alsatian plain, its glowing pink-sandstone château mirrored in the Marne-Rhine Canal. Step off the barge and you're already at the palace gates.

Docked (canal quay)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Euro (€)

French / Alsatian dialect

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Canal quayside at Port de Plaisance — no tender, flat gangway onto paved towpath

Best For: Alsatian architecture, flammekueche, rose gardens, castle hiking

Walk to center: 3–5 min to Grand Rue; Château des Rohan right at the dock

Don't Miss: Château du Haut-Barr ruins — the "Eye of Alsace" with sweeping Rhine Plain views

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €10–€20 · 🚲 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Château des Rohan & Museum** — The "Alsatian Versailles" — a massive 18th-century pink sandstone palace whose formal gardens spill down to the canal.
 - **Château du Haut-Barr Castle Ruins** — Perched 470 m above town on three sandstone outcrops, the "Eye of Alsace" delivers sweeping views of the Rhine plain.
 - **La Roseraie — Saverne Rose Garden** — France's second-oldest rose garden, with 8,500 rose bushes representing 800
- varieties, set at the foot of the Vosges...

 - **Grand Rue Walking Tour & Maison Katz** — Saverne's pedestrianised main street is lined with colourful half-timbered Alsatian houses.
 - **Alsatian Winstub Lunch** — Settle into a local Winstub (Alsatian tavern) for flammekueche fresh from a wood-fired oven, choucroute garnie, and a...

BEST WALKS

- **Canal Quay to Maison Katz Town Walk** 1.2 km · 20 min · Flat — From the Port de Plaisance, cross to the Château des Rohan gardens, stroll along Quai du Château, then turn north up Grand Rue to the...
- **Canal Towpath to the Rose Garden** 1.5 km one way · 30 min · Flat — Head west along the shaded Marne-Rhine Canal towpath from the marina to La Roseraie.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	59°	42°	12d
Jun	76°	58°	12d
Aug	77°	61°	12d
Sep	71°	54°	9d
Oct	61°	48°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:39AM–8:22PM · Jun 5:27AM–9:35PM · Aug 6:23AM–8:45PM · Sep 7:07AM–7:42PM · Oct 7:51AM–6:40PM

Euro (€)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- No tender needed. Saverne is a canal port — you step directly off the barge onto flat quayside. Keep an eye on your ship's departure time; the canal schedule is firm.

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The map displays the Moselle river flowing through the region, with the A4 highway running parallel to it. Key locations marked include Vilsberg, Buchelberg, Phalsbourg, Danne-et-Quatre-Vents, Ottersthal, Eckartswiller, Saint-Jean-Saverne, Erolsheim-lès-Saverne, Steinbourg, Monswiller, Lees Tailis, Otterswiller, Gottenhouse, Haegen, Thal-Marmoutier, and Schwenheim. Numbered markers (1-8) and a parking symbol (P) are placed along the river and near the highway, indicating specific points of interest or stops.

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du col de Saverne

Botanical Garden

A beautiful botanical garden showcasing regional flora.

2

Pèlerinage Notre-Dame-de-Bonne-Fontaine

A historic pilgrimage chapel with a sacred spring.

3

Château du Haut-Barr

A majestic medieval castle offering panoramic views.

4

Locks No. 30 - 31

Historic canal locks demonstrating waterway engineering.

5

La Roseraie de Saverne

A stunning municipal rose garden with diverse varieties.

6

Rocher du Saut du Prince Charles

A scenic rock formation and viewpoint with historical legend.

7

Saverne semaphore tower

A historic optical telegraph tower for long-distance communication.

8

Château du Grand-Geroldseck

The impressive ruins of a medieval hilltop castle.

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Cruise port / terminal