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to Ribeauville</h3> <p style="text-align: justify;">There are many beautiful roads to go to Ribeauville from Trois Epis. The shortest route is less than 30 miles on bike paths through the vineyards and the medieval villages of Riquewirth and Bergheim where we will enjoy lunch. After leaving♦Bergheim, you will have the choice of doing the 2000 foot climb up to the spectacular Haut Koenigsbourg castle or♦just drive up to tour the castle. That evening you will be staying at the Hotel de La Tour for 2 nights Dinner will be in one of the lovely restaurants in town.</p>

<h3>Day 4: Ribeauville to Ribeauville</h3> <table border="0" align="left"> <tr> <td></td> <td> <br /></td> </tr> </table>

<p style="text-align: justify;">Our ride this day will be across the lovely plains of Alsace (stopping at the Maginot Line Memorial), across the Rhine river (where you will be able to observe the fascinating lock system) and into the Kaiserstuhl region of Germany. You will be riding through German vineyards and lunch will be on your own in the lovely town of Burkheim, Germany. This day has almost no vertical gain but it is a long 40 mile day. Or your group can opt to take the day off and tour the lovely city of Colmar. Colmar offers one of France♦s best museums, lovely sightseeing, great shopping and, (big surprise!) great restaurants. Your dinner will be on your own.</p>

<h3>Day 5: Ribeauville♦to Eguisheim</h3> <table border="0" align="right"> <tr> <td> <br /></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>

<p style="text-align: justify;">This is our shortest riding day; approximately 20 miles. It starts out on the old Roman route, which has been made into a lovely bike path. We will follow the path to the lovely town of Kintzheim where we have an opportunity for a wine tasting and we will be visiting a fascinating museum about the region♦s history of wine making. From here we will follow the bike path through the vinyards to the ancient walled city of Turkheim for lunch. (Our favorite spot to take our guests for the infamous ♦Tarte Flambe♦ or Alsatian pizza. After lunch we have a short ride to Eguisheim, where you will spend that and the following night in the <a


href="http://www.hostellerieduchateau.com/"><strong>Hostellerie</strong><strong> du Château</strong></a>. If you are looking for a bigger ride that day, we can send you over the Route de Cinq Chateaux. This quiet forested road takes you up a 2000 ft vertical climb and will deposit you right above Eguisheim.♦ Eguishiem is one of Alsace♦s most beautiful villages and you will have time to wander through its cobblestone streets that afternoon. Dinner will be on your own, but we will happily help you with your reservations.</p>

<h3>Day 6: Eguisheim to Eguisheim</h3> <p style="text-align: justify;">Today the group will have the opportunity to choose from several rides. The first option would be to ride the very challenging♦ 3000+ ft climb to the top of Grand Ballon (4200ft) and then the famous "routes des cretes," which follows the crest of the Vosges Mountains. This is 70 mile loop is not for the feint at heart! For the group looking for something a little less strenuous, we offer a wonderful tour of La Valle du Munster. This 40 mile ride takes us up a gorgeous pastoral valley to the foot of the Vosges Mountains. We have a favorite family picnic spot where we will lunch on the goodies we have picked up that morning on our ride through the Turkheim Farmers Market. That evening, we will pick the group up and drive 15 minutes to Colmar. We will take a little tour of the streets and canals of Colmar and then dine in one of our favorite restaurants.</p>

<h3>Day 7:♦ Departure</h3> <p>After breakfast we will drive you to the train station in Colmar. We can also help you arrange your transportation if you need to go elsewhere.</p>

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Additional Information:

Trip Cost:	 \$2950 per person based on double occupancy (single occupancy \$650 additional)
Included:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 nights lodging</li> <li>Pick up at Colmar train station Transfer to the hotel</li> <li>6 breakfasts</li> <li>5 dinners with local wine</li> <li>Wine tasting</li> <li>5 lunches</li> <li>Baggage transfers from hotels to hotels</li> <li>Bicycle</li> <li>A map of the region</li> <li>All taxes</li> <li>Mechanical help</li> <li>Entry to the museums and castle</li> </ul>
Not Included:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 dinner</li> <li>Beverages except wine with dinner as listed above</li> <li>Trip insurance</li> </ul>

Tour Dates for 2020  
 May 24 to May 30, June 21 to 27, June 28 to July 4

Please review our [Terms and Policies](terms-a-conditions).

#### Additional Information

- We will have a car and driver available everyday to assist anyone anytime.
- My wife and/or I will ride with you and we will be able to split our group in order to accommodate different route choices.
- The minimum per trip is 2 riders and the maximum is 10 riders.
- We can suggest hotels in Colmar for anyone wishing to spend a few days in Alsace before or after the trip.