

Dear participant,

You may be planning to visit Strasbourg before or after the Rhine cruise reunion, please read on for more information about the city, staying there, and travel information.

Hotel

We have arranged to have a block of rooms reserved for ALLIANCE in a nice hotel located in the city centre, close to the cathedral, tourist office, museums and other points of interest: [Hotel de la Cathédrale](#), 12-13 place de la Cathédrale – Strasbourg.

Two types of rooms are available from June 10-12 or 18-20 at a preferential rate (double room):

- **11 Cosy rooms at 165€** per night (instead of €235)
- **14 Superior rooms at 205€** per night (instead of €345)

"Cosy" rooms overlook the hotel courtyard, some rooms are on the top floor, attic style. "Superior" rooms have a window overlooking the Strasbourg cathedral square (the bell does not ring at night!). Prices include breakfast and are regardless of single or double occupancy. A few rooms include a 3rd bed. City tax 2.75€ per night and per person is not included and needs to be settled directly at the hotel. **Prices are guaranteed until the end of October 2023**, after this date they will revert to standard prices as displayed on the [hotel web site](#).



If you wish to extend your stay in Strasbourg before or after the cruise, we recommend you book your hotel promptly. Reservations must be guaranteed by a credit card, payment will be made at the hotel. Reservations may be cancelled up to one week in advance at no charge.

The hotel is conveniently located in downtown Strasbourg. **Please note the hotel elevator starts from the 2nd floor up, so everyone needs to walk up one floor from the reception area. If you have some serious disability to walk up one floor, you may want to select another hotel nearby, there are plenty around, e.g. the [Gutenberg hotel](#) (no special arrangements have been made).**

The hotel web site does not accommodate a special booking code. So, you may book by email at booking@hotel-cathedrale.fr or by telephone at **+333 8822 1212**, mentioning the reunion code **AS2024** to secure the preferential rate.



IMPORTANT: Once you have booked your hotel (whether you use the recommended hotel or another accommodation), please send an email to rhine@allianceschlumberger.org including a copy of your booking confirmation, arrival and departure dates.

Getting there

Strasbourg is accessible by road, plane or train, depending on where you travel from and your personal preferences. Strasbourg airport has few direct flights from outside Europe. The easiest international route is to fly to Paris, then take a TGV trip from Paris station or CDG airport, it is less than 2 hours. Strasbourg airport is 30' away from the city centre by bus or taxi, 15' by train. Strasbourg train station is around 20' walk from the hotel, or 10' by taxi. The Gutenberg parking is a 5' walk from the hotel, as indicated on the map above (P1). The hotel is not directly accessible by car.

Weather

The weather in Strasbourg should be pleasant in springtime, however the area may also be rainy at times. Temperatures are expected to be around 25°C during the day and down to 18-20°C at night.

Moving around

The central island of Strasbourg is not large, most visits are better done walking. Some visits include climbing staircases inside museums or outside on streets and bridges. If you have difficulty walking around, you may order bike-taxis from the tourist office, located across the street from the hotel. The tram network is good, you need to purchase a tram card from the tourist office before boarding.

Restaurants

There are plenty of restaurants in the city centre and nearby the hotel, which only offers breakfast.

Visits

Nearby the hotel, you may visit the Cathedral (interior and tower), the Petite France area, museums (Alsatian, Oeuvre Notre Dame, Historical), souvenir shops, or take a boat ride through the old and modern parts of Strasbourg including the European parliament (reservation at the tourist office, not recommended at night as most monuments are no longer illuminated due to energy saving measures).

Pechelbronn

If you wish to visit the nearby oil museum and site of the first log ever recorded by the Schlumberger brothers, see <https://www.musee-du-petrole.com/welcom/> and make your own arrangements.

Medical assistance

Emergency medical care is available at the local clinic and hospitals, hotels may provide contact with local doctors.

Money matters

The currency in Strasbourg is the Euro. Credit cards are accepted in most places, and smartphone payment in some places. French cheques are still accepted, although this is gradually vanishing as it already has everywhere else.

Other

Electricity voltage is 230 V / 50 Hz, and the type of plugs in use in France and on the boat is the European standards C and E. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and plug type E is the plug which has two round pins and a hole for the socket's male earthing pin. Mobile phone service in France is available from several operators. Wi-Fi is available in the hotel and most restaurants and coffee shops, 4G is available in and around the city.

Cruise information

Detail about the boat dock, boarding time, Wifi, dress code and other reunion information will be communicated in a future bulletin.

We look forward to having you on board,
Best regards,
The Rhine organisation team