



## France : Crossing Alsace



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Alsace, with its rich history, has long sought to preserve its unique symbols and characteristics: the storks, the local dialect, and the colourful and lively festivals which happen throughout the year.

Strasbourg is the intellectual and economical centre of Alsace.

In 1176, construction was started on the Cathedral of Notre Dame, using sandstone from the Vosges mountains.

The robots of the astronomical clock perform quite an impressive display.

The best preserved area of Old Strasbourg is known as « Little France », it is an area of wooden houses, canals, covered bridges and the Vauban dam.

Strasbourg, is also famous for its Christmas markets. It is well worth making the trip just to discover the festive atmosphere of these annual celebrations.

The largest and the most well known of the markets of Alsace, takes place on the square in front of the Cathedral.

In Mulhouse, 'town of a dozen museums and a hundred chimneys,' it is interesting to follow the painted walls, which retrace the history of the town, through its former days as an independent republic and a great industrial centre.

The local cuisine is very original: Strasbourg sausages, sauerkraut, and Munster cheese.

The vineyards of Alsace are also very well reputed, with names such as Reisling, Gewurztraminer, Sylvaner, as well as the many beers and other fruit-based alcohols.