

'Lorraine'

Alsace-Lorraine

'Lorraine,' cruising through tranquil countryside

6 Nights | Saturday departures | Hotel and charter sailings

'Lorraine' cruises through the borderlands of Alsace-Lorraine, where the history, cuisine and character of eastern France mingle with the traditions of neighboring Germany. Along the way, stop at wine cellars to sample the locally produced wines. Visit Sarrebourg to see Chagall's *La Paix*; the lovely market town of Saverne and Strasbourg, known as "the crossroads of Europe."



SATURDAY: Meet in Strasbourg for transfer to 'Lorraine,' moored at Xouaxange. After a cocktail welcome, enjoy dinner on board.

SUNDAY: Visit a crystal workshop today to see how the area's most famous products are fashioned by hand. Then cruise to Arzviller where a counter-balanced barge lift accomplishes the 150-foot drop in a matter of minutes. Moor overnight in fairytale Lutzelbourg.

MONDAY: Enjoy a morning excursion to Sarrebourg to visit the Chapel des Cordelieres with its beautiful stained glass window, *La Paix*, created by Marc Chagall. Then cruise to the bustling market town of Saverne with good opportunities for walking or cycling along the towpath.

TUESDAY: After breakfast, cruise to Hochfelden, passing several picturesque Alsatian villages. In the afternoon, visit a small local *brasserie* (brewery) to sample the excellent local beer.

WEDNESDAY: This morning's cruise to Strasbourg, a city that is often called "the crossroads of Europe," offers additional walking or cycling opportunities along the towpath. After lunch, visit the city's La Petite France district and the remarkable Notre Dame Cathedral. There is time at leisure to explore Strasbourg before returning to 'Lorraine' for dinner this evening.

THURSDAY: Visit Colmar, affectionately known as "La Petite Venice" because of its canals lined with half-timbered houses adorned by

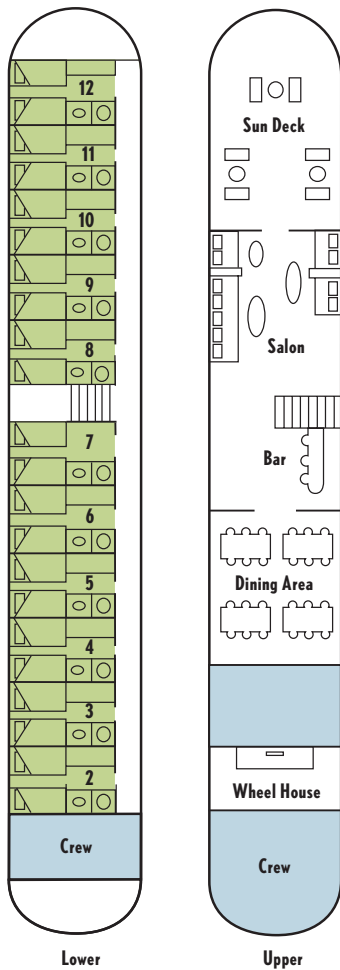
overflowing flower boxes and lavishly carved woodwork. After a guided tour of the city center with its magnificent medieval and Renaissance buildings, there is time to wander through the shops and museums. Return to 'Lorraine' by way of the Route des Vins with a stop at a wine cellar in Riquewihr for a tasting. Rejoin the barge at Krafft for a special farewell dinner.

FRIDAY: After breakfast, return to Strasbourg where your journey ends.

NOTE: This route is run in reverse on alternate weeks.

A&K RECOMMENDS

Extend your stay with pre- and post-cruise hotel nights. Contact A&K for details.



A twin-bedded cabin aboard 'Lorraine'



Outdoor café in Strasbourg's La Petite France

OVERVIEW:

- Barge length: 128 feet
- Barge width: 17 feet
- 22 passengers
- 7 crew
- 11 twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- Cabin size: 107 square feet
- Departs from Strasbourg Rail Station, Strasbourg, Saturdays at 2:45 p.m.
- Cruise route is 100% canal
- Minimum of 8 passengers required to operate hotel sailings
- Children under 12: charters only