

Bâle / Mulhouse

Entre Rhin et Loire à vélo / EuroVelo 6



Départ Bâle **Arrivée** Mulhouse

Durée 2 h 13 min Distance 33,26 Km

Niveau I begin / Family Thématique Canals & intimate rivers You can really appreciate what a multicultural cycle route EuroVelo 6 is when starting out from Basel. At the station, the various languages you'll hear show what a cosmopolitan place this is, encouraging openness to different cultures. The city, on Switzerland's border with France and Germany, reflects the joy of sharing open borders. After a very brief stretch across the German border, the impressive Passerelle des Trois Pays, a footbridge over the Rhine, opens the way to a gentle introduction to the French region of Alsace and then the dynamic town of Mulhouse. After Basel's multilingual voices, enjoy the variety of birdsong at the Réserve Naturelle de la Petite Camargue. En route, also make a detour to the Kembs hydroelectric dam, showing the power of the mighty Rhine.

The Route

In front of Basel train station, look out for a link indicating the Eurovelo 6. Ride towards the Rhine and the bridge, the Mittlere Rheinbrücke, then follow the river's east bank downstream (northwards), just crossing the German border briefly to take the footbridge, the Passerelle des Trois Pays.

Once across this footbridge, you're in France. Follow the **signposting** for the Canal de Huningue, Kembs and Mulhouse.

Drawing near to the town of Mulhouse, the waymarking may prove slightly tricky to follow. Note that at Riedisheim, at the Grand Chemin de Sausheim, turn right, rather than left as is indicated at time of writing.

Link to the Kembs hydroelectric plant and dam, as a return trip.

To admire the Rhine, before Kembs, at the level of the lock, Écluse N°4, there's a signposted link leading you to the hydroelectric plant and dam.

Connections

To EuroVelo 15 - Véloroute Rhin near Bâle, To EuroVelo 5 - Moselle / Alsace near Mulhouse

SNCF train stations and services

- Basel SBB train station: with numerous international train connections.
- TER regional trains Mulhouse > Basel, every 30 mins, with spaces for bikes, journey time 30 mins.

Practical information

Tourist Offices

This is Basel: +41 (0)61 268 68 68
Pays de Saint-Louis: 03 89 70 04 49
Mulhouse Tourisme: 03 89 35 48 48

Don't miss

• **Basel**: the bustling Rhine-side quays (with café and restaurant terraces, plus nautical activities); the historic centre; the Marktplatz, the main square; the cathedral; the many museums

- Huningue: the historic port; the outdoor leisure centre offering water sports; the magnificent footbridge, reserved for cyclists and pedestrians
- Kembs: the pretty little town with its river port; the impressive hydroelectric dam and centre; the Écluse de Niffer, a lock designed by architect Le Corbusier, visible along the cycle route; the stops and observatories from which to admire river birds, and waders in particular
- Mulhouse: the Musée de l'Impression sur Étoffe (Museum of Printed Fabrics), on the Canal du Rhin au Rhône trail; the Musée de l'Automobile (on cars); the Quartier des Grands Musées (reached by following the canalized River III), its collection of museums earning Mulhouse its title of European Capital of Technical Museums.





