

# Kembs / Neuf-Brisach EuroVelo 15 - The Rhine Cycle Route in Alsace

**Départ** Kembs Arrivée Neuf-Brisach

**Durée** 2 h 57 min

**Niveau** I begin / Family Neuf-Brisach

**Distance** 44,02 Km

Thématique Canals & intimate rivers, Castles & Monuments EuroVelo 15 continues through Ottmarsheim. This village's rare octagonal Romanesque church is one of the most famous in the Upper Rhine. Further on, at Fessenheim, a museum focuses on the work of Victor Schoelcher; his family was from these parts and he was central in having slavery abolished across French territories in 1848. The last stop on the stage, Neuf-Brisach was the last fortified town designed by Louis XIV's great military architect, Vauban. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, its octagonal form presents the most accomplished example of Ancien Régime defence.

## **Cycle route**

From Niffer, signposts indicate the EuroVelo 15 cycle route all the way along.

Initially, on the 3km of canal-side path up to Niffer Lock, this stage is free of motorized traffic. Then the way alternates between quiet roads with little motorized traffic and greenways going along a former railway line up to Neuf-Brisach. At various points, linking cycling trails lead across the border into Germany. There are also options for reaching the French city of Mulhouse.

### **Tourist information**

Office du tourisme du Pays de Brisach, +33 (0)3 89 72 56 66

#### **SNCF train services**

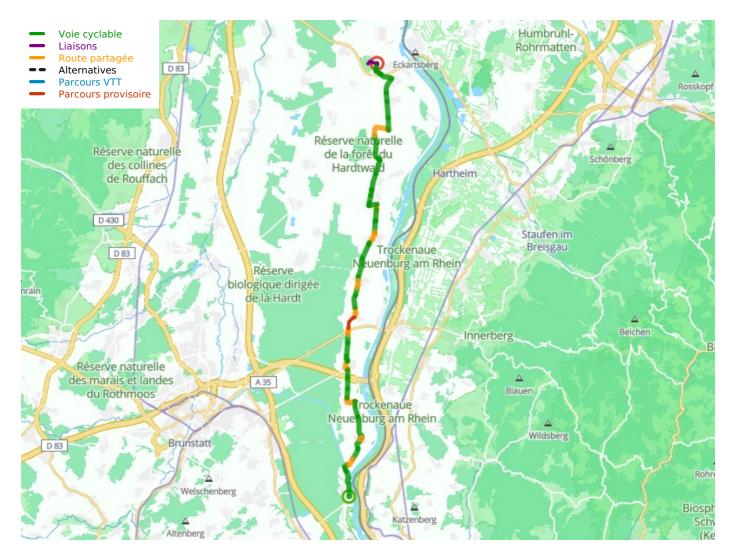
TER Alsace regional stations at Habsheim and Rixheim

#### Don't miss

- Niffer: Le Corbusier's lock,
- Ottmarsheim: 11th century Romanesque church
- Chalampé: the Rhine island (fauna and flora)
- Bantzenheim: the barn
- Blodelsheim: half-timbered houses
- Fessenheim: Victor Schoelcher museum area, locks
- **Vogelgrun:** St-Alphonse brewery, Rhine Island (fauna and flora), locks, fish pass, nautical base
- **Neuf-Brisach:** stronghold, Vauban citadel (UNESCO world heritage site), Vauban historical museum and the MAUSA urban art and street-art museum in the citadel's galleries
- Hardt forest: cycling routes

#### Specialist bicycle services

Bike hire, including of electric bikes, available from Neuf-Brisach



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