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Travel Guide - 2014



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Tournament venue



Tournament location :

Parc Expositions

Pavillon K
Chemin du Wacken
67007 STRASBOURG
Tel : +33 (0) 3 88 37 21 21

Informations about the venue can be found [here](#)

Coming to the venue :

1° From the Strasbourg-Entzheim airport

A shuttle train stops at the airport up to 4 per hour, allowing you to be in Strasbourg station in 9 minutes. Taking the multi-transport Tram+ TER (regional train service) Airport ticket will allow you to travel between the airport and Strasbourg with just one ticket for € 4,00.

From **Gare Centrale**, be wary, the Tram A & D are underground, the C is just out of the Station on the Left.

Take the Tramway D (Aristide Briand) A (Hautepierre-Maillon) or C (Neuhof)

(about 4 min, 2 stations) until

Homme de Fer

Take the Tramway B (Hoenheim Gare) or E (Robertsau Boecklin)

Go out at

Wacken

Walk to the Parc des Expositions (about 3 minutes)

2° From the railroad station

Follow the instructions from 1 starting at From **Gare Centrale**

Mulhouse- Basel Euroairport (~90 min by train) can also be an option to get to Strasbourg !

Pick the shuttle to the Saint-Louis Station, then a train to Strasbourg (around 15€, with a 25% discount if you're under 26). You buy the train ticket at the automatic machines usually.





2° Going to Strasbourg with your car

to Strasbourg :

from Belfort via A36 & A35 (157 km)

from Mulhouse (118 km) and Basel via A35 (140 km)

from Beaune via A36 (348 km)

from Paris (A4) (490 km) (direction Metz)

Upload the map [here](#) an app is available for Android or Apple smartphones [at this link](#)

Plan your trip with [Mappy](#) or [ViaMichelin](#) or [Google Maps](#).

Check [info traffic](#) (and drive carefully)

Train in France

Train

the french national railroad company is the SNCF. You will find everything you need on their website

[SNCF Voyages -help page SNCF](#)

You can find apps for your phone about SNCF on [Mobile apps SNCF](#)



Transportation in Strasbourg



Taxis are expensive, so if you use them think of sharing with friends.

Tramway and bus company

[CTS \(Compagnie des Transports Strasbourgeois\)](#)

14 rue de la Gare-aux-Marchandises - 67200 STRASBOURG
Tél : 03 88 77 70 70

to buy tickets : the CTS SHOP HOMME DE FER, 56 rue du Jeu-des-Enfants
from Monday to Friday : 8.30 to 18.30, Saturday : 9.00 to 17.00

Or the distributors on Tram Platforms

Buses and trams run every day from 5.30am to 11.30pm.
There are less night buses.

Tickets :

Single ticket : 1,60 €

10 single tickets: 13,10 €

30 single tickets : 37,50 €

Return ticket : 3,10 € (valid for two trips in oneday)

24 hours tickets: 6,00 € (for 2 or 3 persons, unlimited rides during 24 h after the first validation)

You can find the fares [here](#)

Schedules can be found [here](#)



General informations about France and Strasbourg



Quick Facts

Electricity: 220VAC, 50/60Hz, French -type plug.

Calling code: +33.

Time zone: GMT+1 winter / GMT+2 summer.

Cell phone network: 3G is supported almost everywhere, 4G may not be available everywhere.

Language and communication

The official language is French. A lot of French can speak English, especially the younger generation. Obviously, it is not their native language so if you need to talk to them, you should speak slowly and pay attention to articulate as much as possible.

French players can understand most **Magic** words in English, such as tap, untap, instant, stack, damage, mulligan, life, and so on. You can normally play a game with a French player without having to say anything in French. However, you might want to know some French sentences used by local players. Here they are, along with some other useful phrases:

Playing

Nice to meet you. — heureux de faire votre connaissance.

I play first. — je joue en premier.

I play second (I draw). — je joue en second (je pioche).

How many cards in your hand? — Combien de cartes en main ?

What's your total life? — Combien de points de vie ?

Please wait a second — Un instant s'il vous plait.

I concede. — je concède

Thank you. — Merci

Numbers

0 — zero

1 — un

2 — deux

3 — trois

4 — quatre

5 — cinq

6 — six

7 — sept

8 — huit

9 — neuf

10 — dix

11 — onze

12 — douze

13 — treize

14 — quatorze

15 - quinze

16 - seize

17 – dix-sept

18 – dix-huit

19 – dix-neuf

20 - vingt

Traveling

Where is [L'homme de fer] Station? — Où se trouve la station [L'homme de fer] ?

Is it near here? — Est-ce proche ?

Can I walk until there? — Puis-je y aller à pied ?

Does this train stop at ~? — Ce train s'arrête t-il à ~?

What's the next station? — Quelle est la prochaine station ?

How long does it take? — Combien de temps cela prend ?

I'd like to buy a return ticket. — Je voudrais acheter un billet aller-retour.

Please take me to [Parc des expositions] — Emmenez moi à [Parc des expositions] s'il vous plait.

How much does it cost to go to [Parc des expositions]? — Quel est le prix pour aller à [Parc des expositions]?

Where are the toilets? — Où sont les toilettes ?



Currency

The Euro (€ symbol) is the French (and European Union) currency.

1 Euro roughly equals 135 Japan Yen - 1,35 US Dollars - 0,85 English pounds.

Currently the 5 euros bills are being replaced by new bills - both are legal.

new 5 euros bills



old 5 euros bills

Most of the store accepts credit cards such as VISA and Mastercard – AMEX is way less popular and recognized. However, sometimes, a minimum amount (10-15€ depending of the store) is required for using a credit card to pay. Therefore you shouldn't have to keep a lot of cash in your pocket.

You can ask for an invoice/receipt for any amount.

Tipping

There is no tipping habit in France. Service is already included in the invoice. At restaurants, taxis, hotels, etc. You never need to provide any tip and if you do so, it'll be likely accepted if a special attention or a particular service has been provided.

In Comedy Theatre and Concert Hall, there is a tip habit for the staff member who led you to your seat. Most of the time, tips are his/her only salary.

Safety

Strasbourg is a safe place but it doesn't mean there is no crime. It depends of the time and the place, and your luck, avoid being alone especially at night.

Always take care of your valuables, especially in crowded places, such as public transportation. It is wise to keep your bags and pockets closed and to carry your backpack in front of you when using public transport.

Never leave your things unattended. Keep an eye on your belongings also in restaurants, and don't keep them on the table visible to others or hang your bags on your chair.

When you arrive at the airport go directly to baggage claim to retrieve your luggage. Don't let anyone help you with it. Try to also respect your airline's instructions on allowed hand luggage, as there are limitations on carrying fluids on board, for instance. It might save you from unpleasant surprises, such as having your bottles confiscated, at the security check.

Thieves tend to work in groups, so be wary of random people approaching you in order to talk to you about something. It might be just a distraction to keep you busy while someone else is emptying your pockets.

Pickpockets often work where many people stop watching at street artists and the like, so be careful when around crowds.

If you want to hire a taxi, having the venue or hotel address written on a paper might help getting there if you don't speak French. In case you are travelling with a car, you should not leave any objects inside the car visible through the windows.

It is also recommendable not to leave things in the trunk, especially if your car has a foreign license plate.

It is a good idea to take precautions so that nobody can see your PIN number when you use your credit card for paying in shops or while drawing cash at a cash dispenser.

You can also try to locate an officer of the local police, or police station ("commissariat de police" in french).

It is a good idea to carry your documentation separate from your money, and not to carry all your money in one place. Losing only part of it is a lesser problem than losing all of it at once!

Take care of your luges in public places and transportation, « Vigipirate plan » (to prevent terrorism) is active in France, you'll probably cross policemen and soldiers in arms, unattended, abandoned or lost lugages will be destroyed and you may be prosecuted.

Emergency numbers :

In case you need help, the emergency number is 112, as in most European countries but there are local emergency numbers.

for medical emergencies : 15

for police emergencies : 17

for firefighters emergencies : 18

If any doubt or not sure, dial : 112

If you call an emergency number by mistake, don't hang up, just explain to the helpline operator that it's a mistake and everything's alright, if you don't, an emergency team will be sent to be sure everything is OK.



Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in public spaces (bar, restaurant, stations, transports, hotel) but not outdoors.

Convenience stores.

In Strasbourg there are convenience stores that are mainly open from monday to saturday, and they close very early on saturdays.

They tend to have not only a great array of hot and cold snack foods and drinks, but also things like battery packs for phones, toiletries, and alcoholic drinks. Yes, you can buy beer and wine in convenience stores. Drinking in public space is not prohibited in France, but it's not recommended.

If you're looking for a cheap takeaway meal, you can easily find a cold one in a convenience store.



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About the event

The Event Fact Sheet

First of all, have you checked the event fact sheet webpage? It's got a lot of information about the main tournament, the public events and the hall attractions. You should take a close look at it and decide which things you wouldn't like to miss:

You will find information on the T.O. page

www.bazaar-of-moxen.com

and of course on the Wizards of the Coast official page

[wizards GP](#)

don't forget to check for updates regularly.

Registration

50 €

Information about registration bazaar-of-moxen.com

Registering online makes you eligible to additional prizes

Artists

Did you check which artists are attending?

Yeah, it's on the webpage mentioned above.

In STRASBOURG, **Magic** artists Ryan Yee, Magali Villeneuve and Aaron Miller (subject to confirmation) will be attending.

You should start gathering all the cards you want to get signed at the event. By the way, here are a couple of tips about artists that you should keep in mind:

- Be understanding: artists make long trips to attend these events and spend days signing cards. Please don't ask them to sign your full basic land collection – bring piles of maximum 10-15 cards. If you really want to get more cards signed, join the queue again, so other fans get the chance to get their cards signed, too.
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- If you want something special done to your cards or another item (like a binder), ask, don't assume, and accept what the artist is willing to do.
- The best way to show your appreciation for their work and time is buying a print or an artist proof from them. This is especially true if you ask them to sign a lot of cards: be grateful and buy something from them.

[Ryan Lee](#)

[Magali Villeneuve](#)

[Aaron Miller](#)



Visiting Strasbourg

« La Cathédrale » - The Minster

Place de la Cathédrale 67000 Strasbourg
phone : 03 88 32 75 78

Every day from 07:00 – 11:15 and 12:45 – 19:00

It's a Roman cathedral although considerable parts of it are still in

Romanesque architecture, it is considered to be among the finest examples of high, or late, gothic architecture. Erwi von Steinbach is credited for major contributions from 1277 to his death in 1318.

At 142 meters (466 feet), it was the world's tallest building from 1647 to 1874, when it was surpassed by St Nikolai's Church, Germany. Today it is the sixth-tallest church in the world and the highest still-standing structure built entirely in the Middle Ages. The cathedral is visible far across the plains of Alsace and can be seen from as far off as the Vosges mountains or the Black Forest on the other side of the Rhine. Sandstone from the Vosges used in construction gives the cathedral its characteristic pink hue.



[The European Parliament](#)

The European Union is having its seat in Strasbourg, in the middle of Germany, Benelux and France, that constituted the beginnings of what became the European Union. The area surrounding it is interesting for walks or travel by bike, and you can also visit the Parliament, and sometimes even watch one of the sessions. If some are interested, as the Parliament is having a session starting the Monday after the GP, something can probably be arranged if you want to go there as a group and contact them beforehand.

La Petite France

It is a district of Strasbourg, famous for its pavement, small houses and canals. It is close to the Station and the Cathedral, and makes for a very nice walk, that really emphasizes the « typical » alsacian sight.



Museums

[General link:](#)

Musée Alsacien :

Museum of art and folk tradition in Alsace
23-25 Quai Saint Nicolas
tel : 0033 388525001
open : 12 AM – 6 PM, closed Tuesday

Musée archéologique :

Relics of ancient Alsatian history, from Prehistory to Middle Age. Located in Rohan's Castle
2, place du Chateau
tel : 0033 388525000
open : 12 AM – 6 PM, closed Tuesday

Musée historique :

History of the city of Strasbourg from Middle Age to the French Revolution. Located in the city's old slaughterhouse
2, rue du vieux marché aux Poissons
tel : 0033 388525000
open : 12 AM – 6 PM, closed Monday

Musée de l'oeuvre Notre-Dame :

Gothic Art from the First German Empire era, including original Statuary Masterpieces from the Cathedral.
3, place du Chateau
tel : 0033 388525000
open : 12 AM – 6 PM, closed Monday

Musée Tomi Ungerer :

Museum dedicated to the art of illustration, with a large portion about Tomi Ungerer's work
2, avenue de la Marseillaise
tel : 0033 369063727
open : 12 AM – 6 PM, closed Monday

[Alsace in general, Colmar, The Road of wine, Haut-Koenigsbourg](#)

Alsace has a very rich history, and great sights. Having lived there our whole life, our point of view is obviously biased, but if you can manage to look around a few days and travel by car to discover the rest of the region, you won't be disappointed. The Haut-Koenigsbourg is a Medieval Castle located around 45 to 1h from Strasbourg by car, around Colmar and the Road of Wine (route des vins) that goes around the vineyards that made Alsace famous, and where you can taste several kind of wine (Gewurtz, Pinot Noir, Edelzwicker...) or even typical Alsatian liquor (Schnapps) straight from the producer.



Hotels

Get something as soon as possible because the Christmas Market begins the same week as the GP, and it can be next to impossible to find a room around these dates, so be quick to grab something, especially if you plan on staying after the event.

Staff Hotel



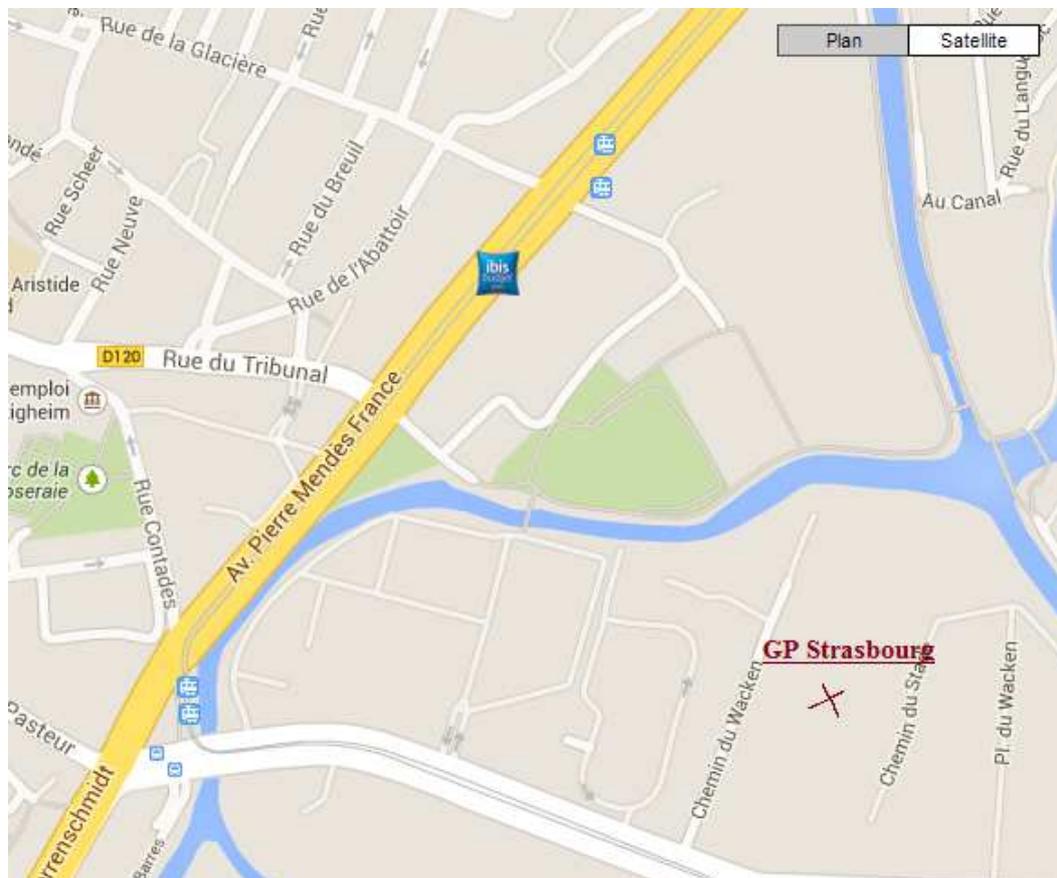
Hôtel Ibis Budget - Palais des congrès

1 Bis avenue Pièrre Mendès France

67300 SCHILTIGHEIM

France

Tel : (+33)8 92 68 31 87



Restaurants

Alsace is known for its nice wine and food. Choucroute, Fleischnaka, Beckaoffe are all specialities from Alsace and are featured in most of the local restaurants. For a nice typical meal, you can expect to pay around 20 to 30€, depending on how many courses, dessert, etc. Tips are not an obligation. The easiest way to find a restaurant from the venue is to take the tram back to « Homme de Fer » or « Gallia ». Once in the center you are likely to find something fine to eat (and at a reasonable price if you're not sitting next to the cathedral). There are plenty of options in the street of The Flam's.

Big Groups

Le Flam's

29 Rue des Frères ; Next to the Cathedral +33 3 88 36 36 90

A chain serving all you can eat flammenkueche. It is one of the few places that can welcome big groups of hungry people. However you need to call beforehand to make sure that there is enough room, especially on the week-end.

[Au Brasseur](#)

22 rue des veaux, +33 3 88 36 12 13

The same style of restaurant, don't miss the happy hour during the week days from 5pm to 7pm. Concerts on the evening, you also need to call beforehand to make sure there is enough room for you. It also mainly a bar, open until one.

Other restaurants

[Chez Yvonne](#)

10 rue du sanglier, +33 3 88 32 84 15

Typical alsatian restaurant, famous for being the meeting place for french presidents and german chancellors (Mitterand/Kohl, Chirac/Schroeder). 12am to 2.15 pm, 6pm to midnight.

[La Rotonde](#)

22 route de Mittelhausbergen, +33 3 88 27 84 31

Just outside of city center, here you find true « Flammenkueche », like the ones our grandparents ate. A bit appart from the center, take Tram D to « Rotonde »

[Zum Stadtwappe](#)

9 place Gutenberg, +33 3 88 32 85 62

Popular alsatian restaurant, typical food and beers. Located place Gutenberg, right after tue statue (follow the red and white tableclothes !)



Places to go out in Strasbourg

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Clubs :

Barco Latino – Le Raffiot

Quai des pecheurs – Tram station Gallia

Located on boats, those two club-bars are in the same street and if the weather is nice, you can also have drinks outside, on the water

Drinks :

L'exil

28, rue de l'ail

A nice play, where you can catch up on sports, it is open till 4 and as a nice choice of beers. The happy Hour stop around 8pm. It is often crowded but there are many nice bars around too. Just look around till you find one with enough room (it can take a while on Saturdays)

L'académie de la bière

17 rue adolph seyboth

Also open til 4, this is one of the best place to get a good beer in a nice environment, with a kitchen open late where you can get a burger or flammenkuche.

