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Navigation Guide

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Marne-Rhine Canal & Rhône-Rhine Canal

Town	Navigation time	Number of locks
Canal de la Marne au Rhin		
Lutzelbourg		
Saverne	3h15	10
Hochfelden	4h15	10
Vendenheim	3h30	7
Canal du Rhône au Rhin		
Strasbourg	2h15	3



Marne-Rhine Canal



Town	Navigation time	Number of locks
Canal de la Marne au Rhin		
Lutzelbourg		
Arzviller	1h15	boat lift
Niderviller	1h15	/
Gondrexange	2h	/
Lagarde	4h	7
Einville au Jard	3h15	5
Dombasle sur Meurthe	2h30	4
Nancy	2h45	8

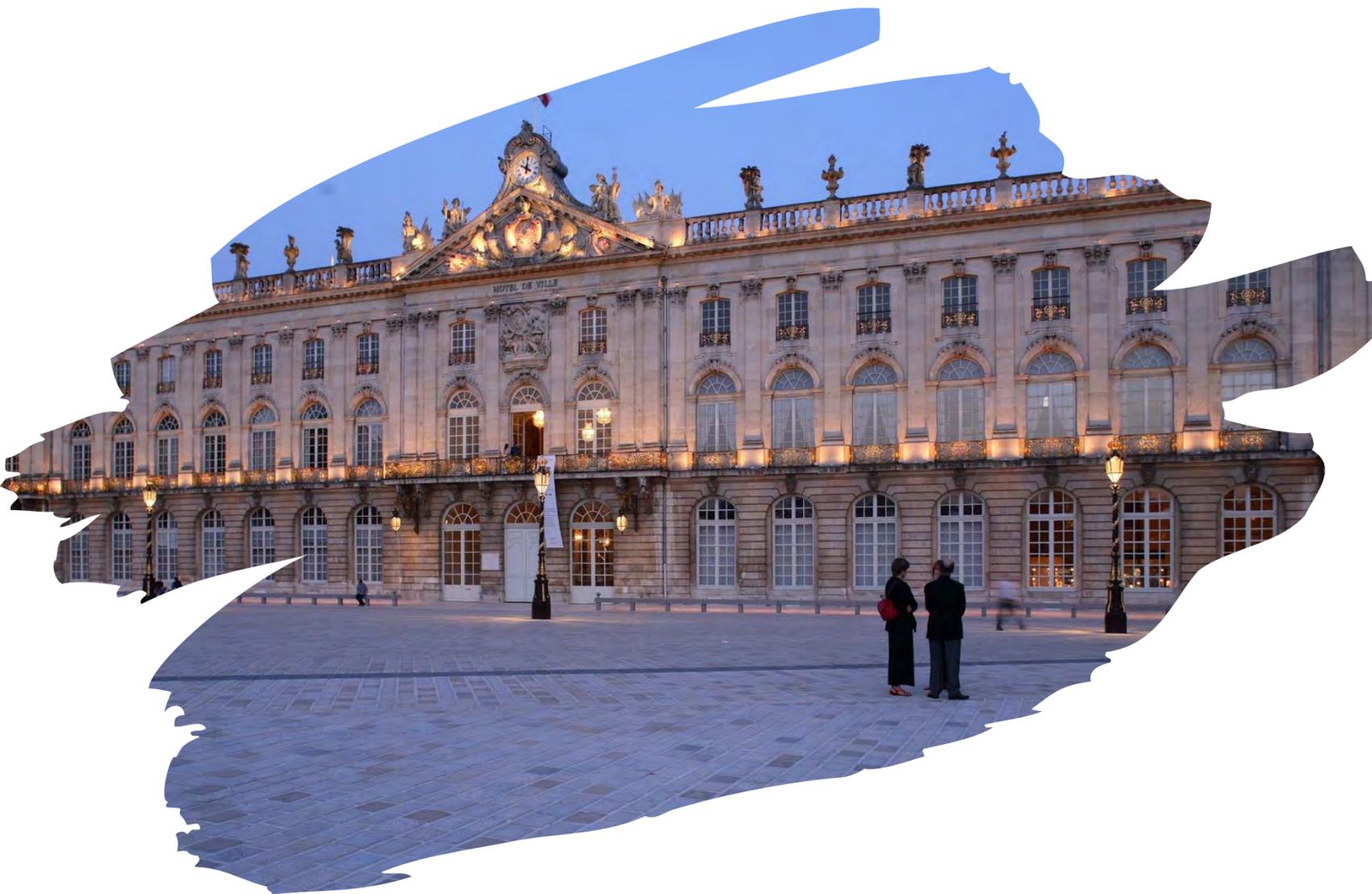
Marne-Rhine Canal & Sarre Canal

(originally Canal des Houillères de la Sarre)

Town	Navigation time	Number of locks
Canal de la Marne au Rhin		
Lutzelbourg		
Arzviller	1h15	boat lift
Niderviller	1h15	/
Gondrexange	2h	/
Canal des Houilleres de la Sarre		
Mittersheim	5h45	13
Sarralbe	3h45	6
Wittring	2h	2
Sarreguemines	3h	6



Marne-Rhine Canal & Moselle River



Town	Navigation time	Number of locks
Canal de la Marne au Rhin		
Lutzembourg		
Arzviller	1h15	boat lift
Niderviller	1h15	/
Gondrexange	2h	/
Lagarde	4h	7
Einville au Jard	3h15	5
Dombasle sur Meurthe	2h30	4
Nancy	2h45	8
Moselle		
Pompey	2h	2
Pont à Mousson	3h	2
Metz	4h45	2

Marne-Rhine Canal, Moselle & Canal de la Sarre

(originally **Canal des Houillères de la Sarre**)



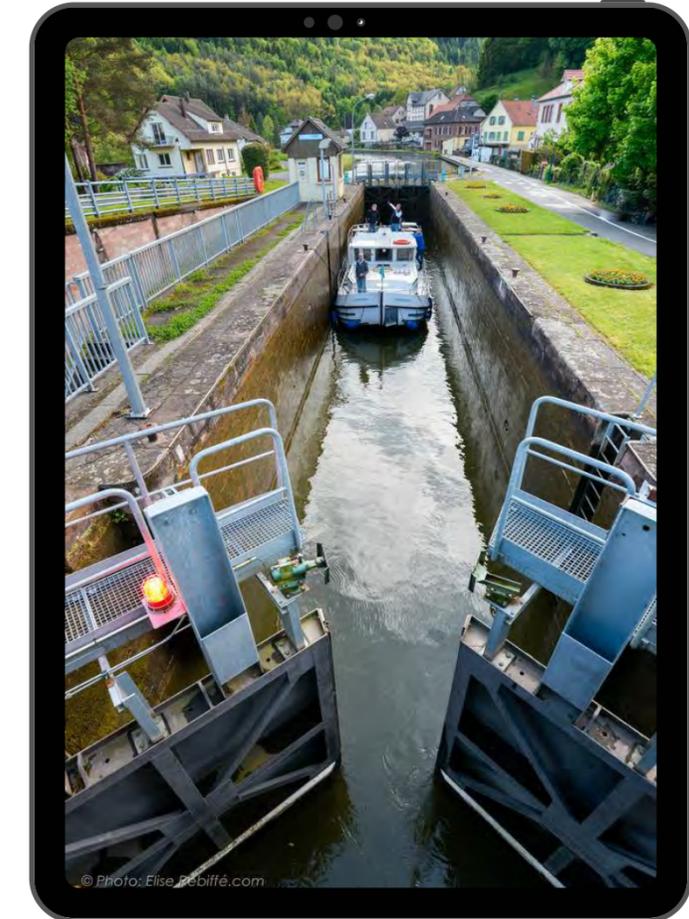
A boating license is mandatory for navigation on the German and Luxembourg waterways. (from Apach to Sarrebrücken)

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Canal de la Marne au Rhin		
Lutzelbourg		
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Niderviller	1h15	/
Gondrexange	2h	/
Lagarde	4h	7
Einville au Jard	3h15	5
Dombasle sur Meurthe	2h30	4
Nancy	2h45	8
Moselle		
Pompey	2h	2
Pont à Mousson	3h	2
Metz	4h45	2
Thionville	5h	4
Apach	3h45	1
Remich (Luxembourg)	1h30	1
Konz (Allemagne)	4h45	2
Saarburg	2h	/
Merzig	4h45	2
Saarlouis	2h30	1
Sarrebrücken	3h45	2
Canal des Houillères de la Sarre		
Sarreguemine (France)	3h	4
Wittring	3h	6
Sarralbe	2h	2
Mittersheim	3h45	6
Canal de la Marne au Rhin		
Gondrexange	5h45	13
Niderviller	2h	/
Arzviller	1h15	/
Lutzelbourg	1h15	boat lift

Lock Operating Hours :

	Canal de la Marne au Rhin Canal du Rhône au Rhin	Plan incliné d'Arzwiller *	Canal des Houillères de la Sarre
Monday thru Saturday	7h -> 19h	10h -> 17h	8h30 -> 18h30
Sunday	7h -> 18h	10h -> 17h	8h30 -> 18h30

*Until 6 p.m. in July and August - Closed on May 1st



The locks on the Marne-Rhine Canal, the Sarre Canal and the Vosges Canal are automatic and are operated by the Lock keepers themselves.

Lower a crew member ashore before the lock to walk to the controls. Entry into the lock takes place when the green signal is indicated. Your crew member should always stay by the control panel during the lock passage, ready to press the red stop button in the event of an emergency.

Moselle locks are automatic and operated by lock keepers, permanent or touring. It is preferable to lower a crew member ashore before the lock, so that they can receive the mooring ropes once the boat is in the lock.

Do not hesitate to consult our tutorial with the following link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=86u8vRiGjKE

Quick History Points:

Plan incliné d'arzviller (Arzviller boat lift):

Le Plan Incliné of Saint-Louis Arzviller is a boat lift/elevator, unique in Europe, which has been in service since January 27th, 1969. Situated on the Canal de la Marne-au-Rhin, it lets you cross the threshold of the Vosges mountains by river. It replaces a scale of 17 locks succeeding each other over 4 km, which once used to take a whole day of navigation to pass through.

For more information about this, flash the code !

Le chateau des Rohans (Rohans Castle):

The majestic Château des Rohans, with its immense neoclassical facade, offers testimony to the role of Saverne. Since the beginning of the Middle Ages, the town has been the property of the Strasbourg episcopate, meaning it belongs to the Bishop of Strasbourg. The structure visible today is a restoration of the building commissioned by Cardinal Louis-René-Edouard de Rohan-Guéméné. To learn all about its history, flash the code!





Strasbourg:

You will fall under Strasbourg's spell, the capital of Alsace, with its picturesque alleys and its flowered half-timbered houses! Strasbourg has been marked by the various Germanic and French administrations. Its history, both rich and tormented, has left a remarkable architectural heritage. The town center, located on the Grande Île (Big Island), has been fully listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO since 1988 and includes the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Strasbourg and the district named Petite France. Strasbourg has also become the symbol of Franco-German reconciliation. The presence of several renowned national establishments, such as the National Theater, the National and University Library and the National Rhine Opera, make it an important cultural center.

We recommend a visit to the Tourist Office (in front of the cathedral) to discover the myriad of ways to explore the town, such as renting a vintage Citroen 2CV with a guide, by bike for a ride in the 'Petite France district', by the little tourist train or take a guided tour by Segway.



Discovering the Canal de la Marne to the Rhin River & Canal du Rhône to the Rhin (heading West)



Niderviller

In the 18th century, Niderviller became famous for its Earthenware. Its creations are now exhibited in many museums in France (including the Louvre in Paris) and around the world. Visit the store which sells a whole range of items, from the dish sets to simple cup service, and exhibits a very fine collection of old earthenware and porcelain.



Gondrexange :

Created in the Middle Ages, the lake is ideal for swimming, water sports and pike, pike perch and carp fishing (fishing license required). Make a stop at Les Mouettes campsite, to access the beach and rent windsurf boards and canoes.



Lagarde :

Make a stop to this typically Lorraine village in the heart of the Lorraine Natural Park.

Take a moment to admire the St-Jean-Baptiste church and its 12th century Romanesque bell tower..



Einville au Jard :

The commune of Einville-au-Jard lies along the Marne-Rhine canal and follows the course of the Sânon river between the villages of Dombasle and Lagarde. Its name Einville-au-Jard, with a “d” at the end, designates the “garden” or more precisely the “park” of the castle...



Nancy :

Art Nouveau enthusiasts will love Nancy's Baroque architecture, especially its Place Stanislas, long considered one of the most beautiful squares in the world.

It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its gilded iron gates, impressive facades and fountain evoke elegance and style, especially in the evening when the square lights up.

The École de Nancy school was the spearhead of Art Nouveau in France. Take a tour of the Musée de l'Ecole de Nancy to find out more.

Stroll through the alleys of the historic old town. It is a lively area with many shops and great restaurants. Do not miss a visit to the Palace of the Dukes which houses the Lorraine Museum and the tombs of the Dukes of Lorraine.

Why not use a "greeter", an American concept where a resident shows you, his city? (nancygreeters.fr)

Take advantage of your stopover in Nancy to taste the regional specialties such as quiche Lorraine, 'Bergamot' candies and "Baba au rum" cake.



Discovering the Canal des Houilleres

Mittersheim:

Located in the heart of the "Pays des Étangs" (land of ponds), Mittersheim is typical Lorraine village. Moor near Lac Vert, ideal for swimming, fishing and water sports. You cannot access the lake by boat, but it is only a few meters from the canal.



Sarrable:

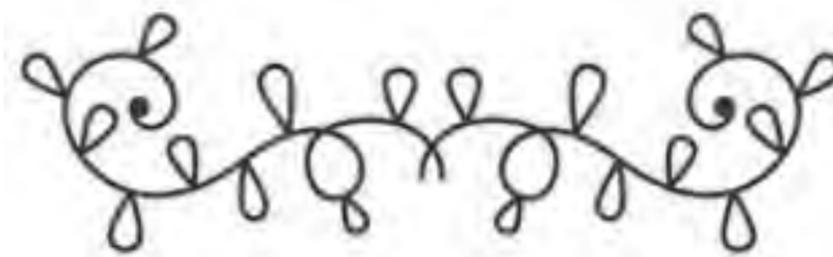
Sarrable is located at the confluence of the Saar and Alba rivers, the origin of its name. The canal crosses the Albe River under a bridge built in 1867, the first metal bridge of this type to be built in France. The architecture of the village is quite modern, as many buildings were destroyed in WWI and WWII. However, St-Martin's Church, also known as the "Saar Cathedral" still remains and is worth a visit. Be sure to see the town's fortifications and the 14th century 'Porte de l'Albe'.





Wittring:

It is believed that at the time of the great invasions, a Germanic tribe, the tribe of Wid, whose chief was Witer, settled on the edge of the Saar. In the name of the tribe Wid, “ingen” was added to say that it is a village, which would give the Germanic name Wittringen, today in French “Wittring”. At that time, the Saar crossed on a ford and the hills were covered with forests. In 1426, Wittring became the property of the Dukes of Lorraine then of the Lordship of Sarreguemines.



Sarreguemines:

Located on the Franco-German border, this town has quite an eventful past, notably going from the French occupation to the German occupation over the centuries. It finally became a part of France at the end of the Second World War, in 1945. The town has specialized in earthenware since the end of the 17th century. Pottery, murals and fireplaces made from Sarreguemines were at one time exported all over the world. The factory unfortunately closed in 2007, but you can still see some amazing achievements in the town museum. Here you will find many cycling paths along the Saar River.



Discovering the Moselle River



Pompey :

The commune of Pompey belongs to the Community of Communes of the “Bassin de Pompey”, located just north of the town of Nancy, a town of 105,000 inhabitants, forming the center of an urban area of approximately 435,000 inhabitants. Pompey is located on its northern outskirts, about ten kilometers from the center.



Pont-à-Mousson:

Pont-à-Mousson is an industrial town which exports steel all over the world. However, this town, formerly twinned with a Jesuit university, conceals an incredible architectural heritage such as two impressive churches, the charming Place Duroc in Renaissance style with its central fountain and the Prémontrés Abbey, a historic monument dating from the 18th century. You can admire its three staircases (round, square, oval), its cloister bordered by glass galleries, without missing out on a walk through the "Jardin des Senteurs". The Musée au Fil du Papier, in a magnificent Renaissance-style mansion, presents a collection of paper-mache objects and furniture made between 1870 and 1945.



Metz:

Metz is a town steeped in history, and rich in architectural heritage. Visit the Musée de la Cour d'Or (Golden Court Museum) which features archaeological excavations and a rich collection of fine art. Discover the superb St-Etienne cathedral with 6500m² of stained-glass windows and walk to the Porte des Allemands city gate and see the medieval fortified bridge castle. From there starts the ramparts circuit, allowing you to discover the remains of the town's fortifications. Then head to the Center Pompidou-Metz, a masterpiece of contemporary architecture with three exhibition galleries, sporting a daring roof reminiscent of a Chinese hat found in Paris by its architect Shigeru Ban.



Thionville:

You have arrived deep in the Lorraine! The Pays Thionvillois (Thionville region) is part of the northern Moselle, which is located 30km from Luxembourg and Germany. A land marked by the richness of its borders. Slow and majestic, the river draws a valley where the vineyards cling all around the meanders. All around, the castles mount a very peaceful guard on the neighboring borders, while a few kilometers away, the military grave site becomes a distant memory. Recent military heritage rubs shoulders with old castles and religious buildings. This already rich territory is also marked by its industrial and mining heritage. Culture finds its place in museums. As you travel, discover the alleys steeped in history of the cities that bring the territory to life. One cannot appreciate the region without taking advantage of its natural heritage which, between forests and plateaus, leads you to contemplate the flora and fauna or to hike quietly on foot or by bike on well-developed paths.

The Commune of Remich in Luxembourg



From APACH to SAARBRÜCKEN

Crossing the Apach Lock, you enter Luxembourg and navigate the Moselle to its intersection with the Saar River in Germany. From there you can head south to return to the French side, just after Sarrebrücken.

You must have a license to navigate here.

If you have a navigation license, you can explore the charming Luxembourg town of **Remich** and stroll through the picturesque alleys of the old quarter. In **Konz**, visit one of Germany's largest museums on rural culture. The town of **Trier**, on the other hand, contains many Roman remains, such as the iconic Porta Nigra. The headquarters of the world-famous ceramic manufacturer Villeroy & Boch is in **Mettlach** and is worth stopping by for a guided tour. Make a stop in **Merzig** if you want to meet wolves at Wolfspark Werner Freund.



Wolf park in Merzig

Saarbrücken

Welcome to Germany !

Saarbrücken is a cosmopolitan university town and the economic and cultural center of the Saar region. Although it is 3km from the town center, we strongly recommend that you visit the Franco-German garden, opened in 1960 to commemorate the friendship between the two countries. Back in town center, you can visit the Historical Saar Museum, where you descend to an underground castle complex to discover remarkable evidence of architecture from the 13th to the 18th century (medieval fortress, moats, dungeons, etc.). The baroque Saarbrücken Castle is also not to be missed. A walk along its ramparts offers a superb panorama of the town. Moor at the Osthafen Marina if you want to visit the Saarbrücken Zoo (2km from the mooring).

North of the Güdingen Lock you are in Germany and German navigation rules apply. You must have a license to navigate German waterways, however, boats without a license are allowed between the port of Saarbrücken and the Güdingen lock.

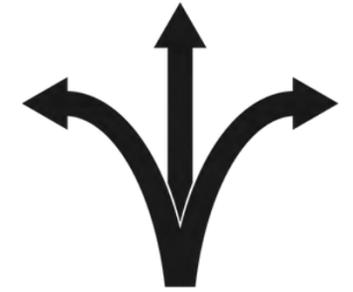


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- Lutzelbourg Train Station (1 km)
- Saverne Train Station (11 km)
- Strasbourg Entzheim Airport (77 km)

