

This tour requires an elevated level of fitness as well as cycling experience.

CYCLING FRANCE & GERMANY

ALSACE & THE BLACK FOREST TO SWITZERLAND

June 1-9, 2027 (9 days | 16 guests)

with Professors Scott Carpenter & David Tompkins



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*"The camaraderie among the participants was excellent.
Everyone participated in meal discussions and the lectures.
Everyone had a good sense of humor. It was truly special."*

- Mark, Illinois



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Dear Carleton College alumni,

I invite you to join Professors Scott Carpenter and David Tompkins, along with a small group of fellow cycling enthusiasts, for an unforgettable, late spring journey through the scenic and culturally rich landscapes of France, Germany, and Switzerland. This active program combines rewarding cycling with meaningful exploration across some of Europe's most picturesque regions.

Highlights:

- Cycling through the Alsace region along the famed Wine Route, passing vineyards, medieval villages, and Renaissance façades
- Visiting charming towns such as Obernai, Riquewihr, Colmar, and Freiburg, each rich in history and regional character
- Experiencing the natural beauty of the Black Forest, with rides through its dense pine trees and alongside the serene Titisee and Schluchsee Lakes
- Crossing into Switzerland to cycle along the Upper Rhine and witness the spectacular Rhine Falls, Europe's largest waterfall
- Accommodations in carefully selected hotels that blend comfort, charm, and local character; plus local specialties such as a wine tasting in Obernai, and a cheese tasting in Munster
- All logistics are handled throughout by an expert, full-time, English-speaking cyclist guide/tour manager
- Appropriate bicycles are included, with water bottle and rear pack (there is an e-bike option - *limited availability*)
- A support van with snacks and water is available to transport repair equipment/parts, bikes, and/or participants as needed
- Daily printed route maps and informational sheets are provided via the free smartphone app *Ride with GPS*

This tour has been carefully designed for cyclists with good physical fitness and prior experience with road cycling, ensuring an enriching and enjoyable experience for all participants. Our small group is limited to just 16 participants, so I urge you to contact Alumni Adventures today at (800) 811-7244 or to email carleton@studytours.org.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Ditsch '93
President, Carleton Alumni Council



Carleton College Faculty Leaders



David Tompkins is Professor of History at Carleton College, where he teaches a broad range of courses on modern European history. In his own research, he specializes in the culture and societies of Central Europe. David spent his undergraduate years at Rice University, with a year of

study in southern France, and did his graduate work at Columbia University. He has lived for extended periods all over Europe, especially Germany, and traveled there extensively. A marathon runner and cycling enthusiast, David has been on extended bike tours in France, Italy, and Central Europe. He has led five previous alumni tours to Europe, including cycling trips in the Czech Republic and Austria, northern Italy, and Croatia. During evening discussions, David will talk about the history and culture of this contested border region, the history and future of the European Union, and will refute Scott's views on the superiority of French culture.



Scott Carpenter used to be the Marjorie Crabb Garbisch Professor of French and the Liberal Arts, but now he's just another retiree leeching on the system. That said, he's an old hand at traipsing through Europe, with special emphasis on France and Germany. Back when he was gainfully employed, Scott taught French literature and creative writing. He cut his teeth

on academic writing (primarily books on French literature and literary theory), but then made the shift into the creative arena. This led to: *French Like Moi: A Midwesterner in Paris* (2020), *Paris Lost & Found* (2024), and *Theory of Remainders: A Novel* (2013)—the last of which is in development to become a major motion picture. During the evening sessions of the upcoming trip, Scott looks forward to discussing the French-German connection, notions of cultural identity within Europe, and the role of literature in everyday life. Serving as a counterpoint (and counterweight) to his younger and fitter co-leader, Scott plans to draft off the cyclists ahead of him. Participants are invited to check out Scott's Substack, at frenchlikemoi.substack.com.

"I enjoyed my travel companions and the intellectual stimulation...And I also looked forward to meals full of laughter and learning with the wonderful Carls on the tour."

- Joanne, Maryland

ITINERARY

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

Tuesday, June 1, 2027: Depart home for Strasbourg, FRANCE

Wednesday, June 2: Arrive in Strasbourg | Time at leisure | Bicycle fitting & warm-up ride | Welcome meeting & dinner

Arrive in France, at Strasbourg Airport (SXB), and join a group transfer (time TBD) to our hotel. Strasbourg is at a crossroads between Germany and France, and is a politically fascinating town, having served as host to many of the European Union's institutions, including the European Parliament. Its historic city center, which includes the famed Notre Dame de Strasbourg Cathedral, built in A.D. 1015, has been recognized by UNESCO. Beyond its many architectural gems, Strasbourg is full of quaint neighborhoods such as La Petite France, with its revolving bridges, canals, and typical Alsatian-style buildings. This afternoon we gather for a bicycle fitting and, if you wish, a suggested a warm-up ride, before we meet for introductions and a welcome dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Hotel Maison Rouge](#). (D)*

Thursday, June 3: Canal de la Bruche | Molsheim | Obernai

Cycling distance: 35 miles (Elevation gain: 1,732 feet)

After breakfast we leave Strasbourg via side streets, bicycle paths, and along the peaceful Canal de la Bruche, which will lead us to one of the most important WWI fortifications that had a key role in sparing Alsace from destruction. Continue on to the heart of the Alsatian vineyards, Molsheim. After lunch we continue along the famous Alsace Wine Route. If you wish, stop at one of the many small, family-run wineries for a tasting along the way. In Obernai, we will visit a winery together and enjoy a tasting. Gather this evening for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Le Colombier Hotel Obernai](#). (B,L,D)*

Friday, June 4: Alsace Wine Road | Castle of Haut-Koenigsbourg | Riquewihr

Cycling distance: 38 miles (Elevation gain: 3,182 feet)

This morning, we head into the heart of Alsace, exploring its festive villages in the midst of vineyards, Renaissance house façades, expansive views across the Rhine River Valley, and the Haut-Koenigsbourg castle. We stop to visit the castle and along the way explore any number of the sixteen villages (Bergheim is probably the best preserved) of the local consortium through which we pass. Each village has different charms, with populations ranging from 400 to 5,000 residents. We arrive at our hotel in the center of Riquewihr, check-in, and enjoy dinner at leisure. *Overnight at the 4-star [Best Western Plus Le Schoenenbourg Hotel](#). (B,L)*

Saturday, June 5: Munster Valley: Munster, Cheese tasting & lunch | Colmar

Cycling distance: 28 miles (Elevation gain: 1,312 feet)

Today we cycle through the Munster Valley with a stop in Munster, perhaps the best-known town on our route. The town was founded by evangelizing Irish monks in the 7th century A.D. who used their cheesemaking skills to create one of the most famous cheeses in France. We will learn more about how this distinctive cheese is made, and enjoy a cheese tasting and lunch. Afterward, we continue on to Colmar to explore the canals and museums and, if you wish, do a little shopping. Colmar has been a famous market and wine center since the 13th century. Gather this evening for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Le Colombier Hotel Colmar](#). (B,L,D)*

Sunday, June 6: Freiburg, GERMANY

Cycling distance: 38 miles (Elevation gain: 1,597 feet)

This morning, we leave Colmar and cycle toward Freiburg, arguably one of Germany's most beautiful cities with its impressive cathedral and colorful houses lining its streets. We will also find the old "Bächle," an unusual system of gutters that run through its center. These Bächle were once used to provide water to fight fires and feed livestock, and



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From top: Strasbourg, France; Alsace Wine Road, France; Castle of Haut-Koenigsbourg, France



Rhinefall, Switzerland

have a constant flow of water diverted from the Dreisam River. During the summer, the running water provides a natural form of air conditioning and the pleasant sound of running water. Watch your step, as it is said that if one accidentally falls or steps into a Bächle they will marry a Freiburger, or “Bobbele.” This evening, enjoy an independent dinner. *Overnight at the 3-star [Hotel Oberkirch](#).* (B,L)

Monday, June 7: The Black Forest: Titisee & Schluchsee Lakes, Rothaus: Rothaus Brauerei

Cycling distance: 42 miles (Elevation gain: 4,146 feet)

Today's ride takes us through stunning natural areas. Climb through the dense pine trees of the Black Forest to the village of Titisee and enjoy the crystal-clear waters of the Titisee and Schluchsee Lakes. Alternatively, if you are in the mood to relax, jump on the Höllentalbahn – a train that passes through the impressive “Hell's Valley.” No matter how you choose to get there, we finish the day enjoying a guided visit of Germany's highest brewery, located right next our hotel in Rothaus. From our hotel you may also choose to take a hike, just over one mile, to an isolated lake and enjoy a swim. Gather this evening for dinner. *Overnight at the 3-star [Brauereigasthof Rothaus](#).* (B,L,D)



Lake Titisee, Germany

Tuesday, June 8: SWITZERLAND: Schöllenen Gorge, Rhinefall, Schaffhausen | Farewell dinner

Cycling distance: 46 miles (Elevation gain: 1,774 feet)

This morning, we cross into Switzerland and cycle quiet roads descending through the stunning Schöllenen Gorge, which will take us to the Rhine River. This section is referred to as the “Upper Rhine,” since it is still a small river and not the wide river that most think of when they think of this historic river. Cycle along the breathtaking Rhine waterfall, thought to be the largest waterfall in Europe. Along the way, if you wish, stop by the Laufen Castle where you can overlook the falls for another stunning perspective. We end our day in Schaffhausen, known as the “City of Bay Windows.” Enjoy this charming medieval town, ornately decorated with oriel windows (a form of bay window which protrudes from the main wall of a building, but does not reach to the ground) and extravagantly painted façades. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner to celebrate our adventure coming to a close. *Overnight at the 3-star [Kronenhof Hotel](#).* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, June 9: Fly home

After breakfast, we transfer as a group (time TBD) to Zurich Airport (ZRH) for independent flights homeward. (B)



Freiburg, Germany

What to Expect

STRENUOUS: Must be physically fit and prepared for multiple hours of activity per day.



CYCLING

Cycling experience and a moderate level of fitness is required for this program, which combines local sightseeing with cycling that ranges from leisurely and gentle to challenging ascents and descents. We will travel an average of **38 miles per day over the 6 days** of active touring. While no advanced *technical* cycling skills are required, at times there will be some climbs and descents during rides that are long and winding; daily distances and elevation gains are estimated in the enclosed itinerary. The majority of the road surfaces will be tarmac, with vehicle traffic; some surfaces may be hard packed and unpaved, wet or rough; in some of the city centers there may be cobblestones, which can present challenges, especially after rain. Although there is no substitute for cycling experience and/or physical fitness, electric bicycles are available at an additional cost and will assist riders on hills and enable guests to cycle together more easily. If you have any question regarding your fitness level, we encourage you to choose an electric bike (limited availability on a first come, first served basis). Each day, participants will be given a printed route map as well as information via the app *Ride with GPS* to allow for an independent cycling pace. There will be a support van available for a limited number of participants who may need to skip a cycling leg in order to reach the next planned destination, and to allow flexibility for unplanned events, however participants are expected to cycle the majority of this itinerary. Participants are responsible for bringing an appropriate bike helmet (although a limited supply may be available with bike rental) and will be required to wear it at all times while cycling. Durable, comfortable clothing, including proper cycling attire, is essential on this program. Participants may bring their own pedals if they prefer (flat pedals only for e-bikes, for safety reasons). Most included lunches will be served picnic-style or at a local café.

OVERALL

All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask while in close proximity to others. If our cycling guide decides that a participant cannot join an excursion, or complete a cycling route, safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you. The actual itinerary is subject to variables such as the abilities and interests of the group and local weather conditions. Our expert, English-speaking cycling guide knows the region very well, and will assess each day's route and brief the group in advance on planned routes and expected conditions. Average daytime temperatures in early June are expected to be in the low to mid-70s F with nighttime temperatures dipping to the low 50s F, with a moderate chance of precipitation. *Complete pre-departure details, such as what to take with you and more of what to expect, will be sent to participants.*



Schöllenen Gorge, Switzerland



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FLIGHTS & TRANSFERS

Airfare from/to home is not included. Group airport transfers on arrival to Strasbourg Airport (SXB) and for departure from Zurich Airport (ZRH) are included (times TBD). Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. can assist with flight arrangements for this tour. You may contact them directly at 866-200-6172 or email studytours@vwti.com. Alternatively, you are welcome to book your flights independently or through your preferred travel agent. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. *We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*



Freiburg, Germany



Schaffhausen, Switzerland

Tour Prices Per Person (7 nights)

Double Occupancy (13-16 participants)	\$7,395
Double Occupancy (10-12 participants)	\$7,795
Single Supplement	\$995

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).
With fewer than 10 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.*

Prices Include:

- Carleton College faculty leaders **Scott Carpenter** and **David Tompkins**
- An expert **cycling guide/tour manager** and services of local guides throughout the tour
- **Support van** with driver to transport luggage, bicycle repair supplies, and bicycles as needed; with water and appropriate snacks available
- **Accommodations for seven nights in comfortable, ideally located, 3-, 4-, and 5-star hotels**, as indicated in the itinerary
- **Rental of appropriate touring bicycle** (electric option available at additional cost), rear pack, route map, and mounted water bottle
- **Group arrival and departure airport transfers**
- **High-quality meals** including breakfast daily; 6 picnic-style or café lunches; and 5 dinners with water, wine, and coffee/tea, including welcome and farewell dinners
- **Sightseeing, excursions, entrance fees to museums, tastings, ferry tickets, and cultural events** as indicated in itinerary
- All VAT, local taxes, and service charges as per itinerary
- **All gratuities** to cycling guide/tour manager, local guides, driver, waitstaff (for included meals), and porters
- **Baggage handling** at hotels, where available
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list
- On-tour **daily printed route maps** and access to route informational sheets via the **app Ride with GPS**

Prices Do Not Include: Airfare from/to home; passport and visa fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; upgrade to electric bicycle; personal helmet (required); cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of excess baggage; meals and beverages except as noted; all items of a personal nature such as medical expenses, laundry, taxi, room service, telephone/fax/Wi-Fi charges; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour; and anything not listed as included.

Payments: A deposit of \$2,000 per person is required to reserve your space and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to “Eos CAA-CyclingFrance6/27.” Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure (February 1, 2027) and must be by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure and elsewhere published.

Participant Cancellation Fees: All requests by participants for cancellations must be received in writing by Alumni Adventures. The following cancellation terms will apply based on when the cancellation is received:

- On or before December 3, 2026: Deposit is refunded less a cancellation fee of \$500 per person.
- December 4, 2026 – January 31, 2027: Forfeit the full deposit of \$2,000 per person.
- February 1 – March 17, 2027: Cancellation fee equal to 50% of the tour cost.
- On or after March 18, 2027: No refund.

For this and other reasons, participants are strongly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Information will be provided with confirmation of receipt of your deposit.

Note: Prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of publication and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, the price of fuel, services, and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices.

Prices, itinerary, accommodations, and leaders are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

Due to space limitations, this is abbreviated information. Complete terms and conditions are available upon confirmation or upon request and can be viewed online at carleton.edu/alumni/adventures.

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Strasbourg, France

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RESERVATION FORM
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To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-811-7244 or carleton@studytours.org.

Participant Name 1 _____ Carleton Class of: _____
(as it appears on passport)

Participant Name 2 _____ Carleton Class of: _____
(as it appears on passport)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (cell) _____

Email(s) _____ | _____

☐ I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____

How did you hear about this tour? ☐ eNewsletter ☐ mailing ☐ website ☐ friends/family ☐ other _____

Bicycle Preference (participant #1) ☐ Road Bike ☐ Hybrid Bike ☐ E-Bike (Additional fee, limited availability, first come first served)

Bicycle fitting measurements (Required): Height: _____ Stand-over height (inseam to ground): _____ Weight: _____

Bicycle Preference (participant #2) ☐ Road Bike ☐ Hybrid Bike ☐ E-Bike (Additional fee, limited availability, first come first served)

Bicycle fitting measurements (Required): Height: _____ Stand-over height (inseam to ground): _____ Weight: _____

Additional information about bicycle specifications is available upon request.

Recommendations will be given for the type of bike best suited to individuals, upon request.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

☐ Double (one bed) ☐ Twin (two beds) ☐ Single

☐ I will be sharing with: _____ ☐ Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed).
☐ Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$2,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.

Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. All prices and payments are in U.S. dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE):

☐ Check payable to: Eos CAA-CyclingFrance6/27 ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express ☐ Already paid by phone
CC# _____

Exp. Date _____ 3- or 4-Digit Code _____

Name on Card _____

Please complete this reservation form, choose/enclose your method of deposit, and sign the release statement below.

Submit via email, mail, or fax to:

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By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to all Terms & Conditions delineated throughout.

Signature (participant #1) _____ Date _____

Signature (participant #2) _____ Date _____

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Sponsors/Operator and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsors/Operator will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. **PRICES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of publication and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, tax increases, currency fluctuations, or fuel and energy surcharges, and all such increases are to be paid to Sponsors/Operator upon notice to the participant. **FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. At the participant's option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsors/Operator will agree to dispute resolution in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL:** Both the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. State Department publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices> and <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** Participants agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, viruses, diseases, or conditions. Participants understand and agree to hold Sponsors/Operator, their officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of any disease, virus, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, virus, disease or condition, quarantine requirements, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving their final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, such as those related to customs and immigration, require you to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfer, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel. **APPEARING IN PHOTOS:** Photos from Alumni Adventures' trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by other travelers or tour lecturers/guides, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future Alumni Adventures promotions; no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes. **ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Dispute Resolution Agreement. The participant affirms that he/she has not received or relied upon any oral representation of Sponsors/Operator as a basis for executing this Release.