

The BMW Club
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BMW Club Oxford

**Trip to Germany
6th to 10th June 2021**

Hotel Waldblick

- Hotel Waldblick is a 3* hotel run by a great family. They are bikers themselves so understand the needs of bikers for shelter, comfort, great food and drink.
- The hotel is not far from the iconic B500 which runs south from Baden Baden down through the Black Forest to the Swiss border.
- Several of us stayed overnight on the way to and from Austria in 2019.



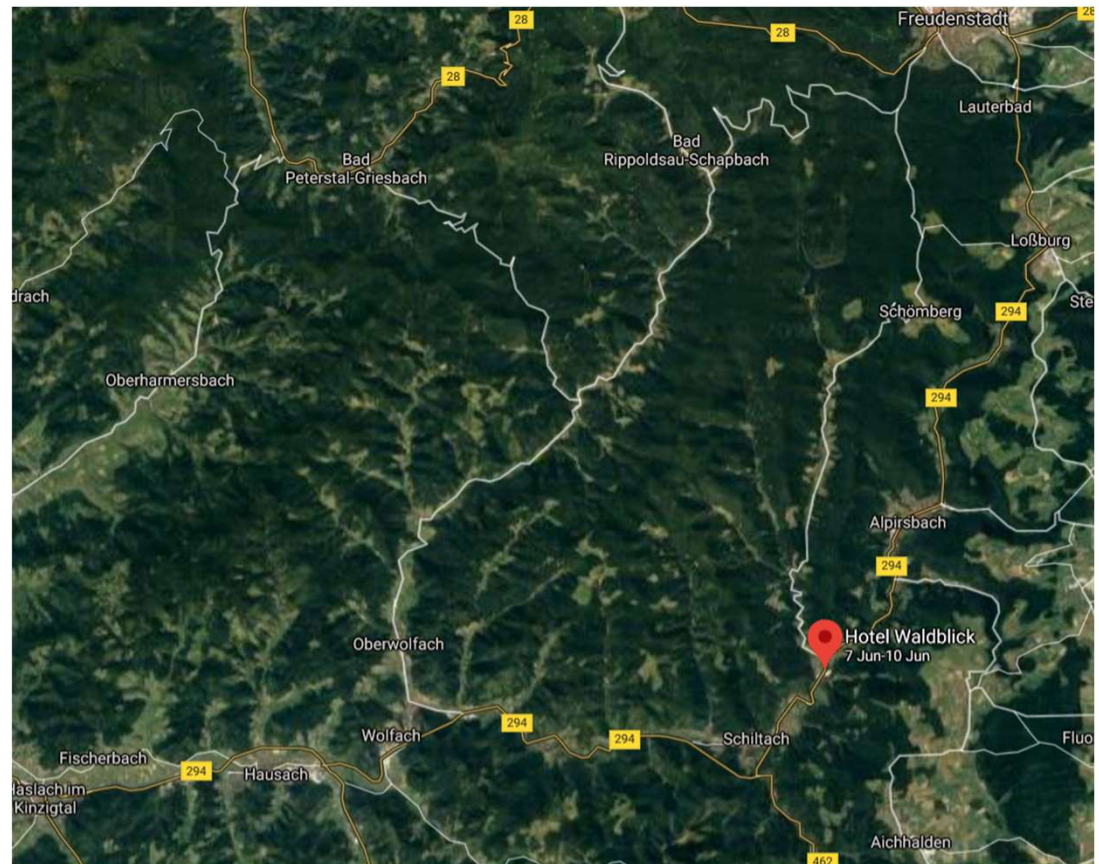
How to get there

- Based on my previous experience, using Le Shuttle, an overnight stopover at Reims is reasonable.
- Reims is approx 170miles and 3 ½ hours from Calais (including a stop on the Autoroute). Add to that the 150 miles or so and about 3 hours to the Tunnel on the UK side makes for a long day but is mostly motorway.
- Reims to Hotel Waldblick is about 270 miles. Using the Autoroute this takes about 4 ¾ hours excluding stops. Other variations are possible but will take longer.



What is there to do in the Black Forest?

- The following pages show some trip ideas:
- 1 Auto und Technik Museum, Sinsheim
- 2 Rhine Falls via B500
- 3 Friedrichshafen on Bodensee (aka Lake Constance or Konstanz). This has the Zeppelin Museum, the Dornier Museum and plenty of other attractions.
- Alternatively for a leisurely day out, explore the area closer to the hotel.



Trip #1 Auto und Technik Museum



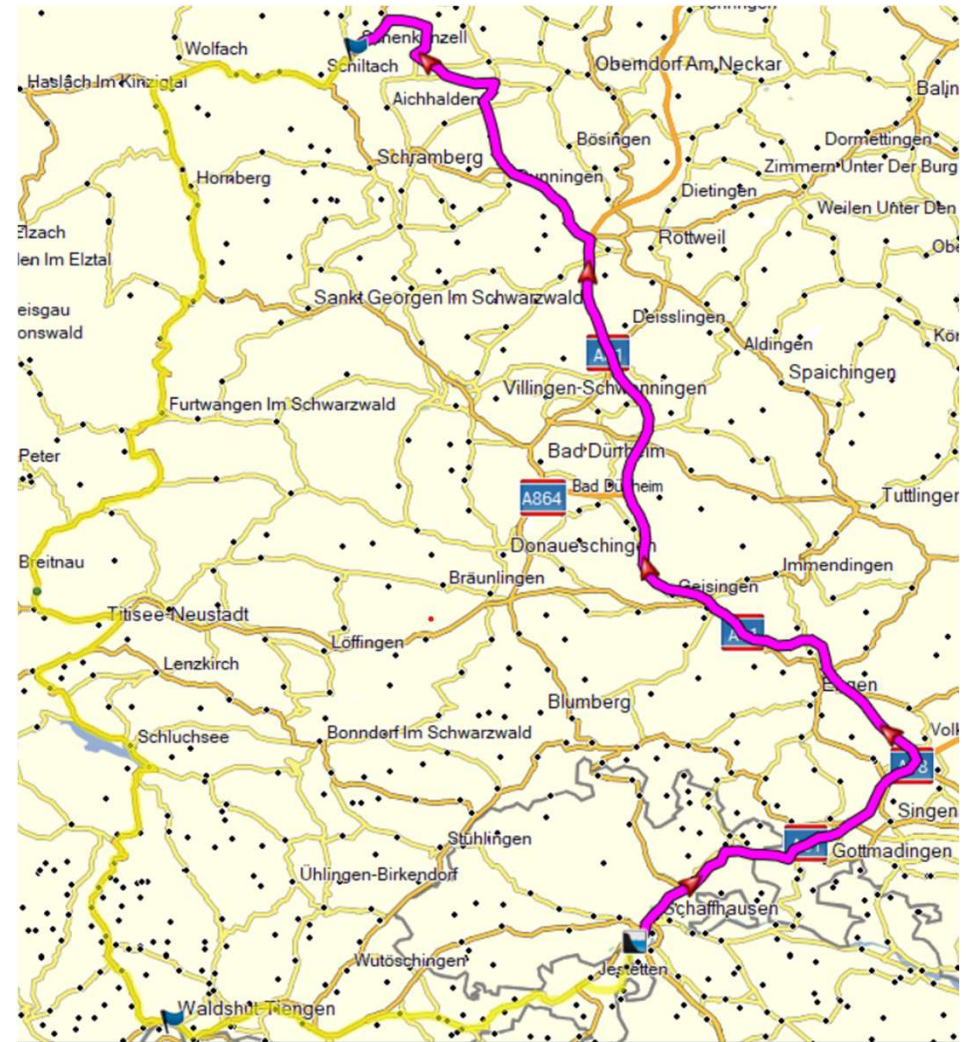
- Following the pink route, north along the B294 via Freudenstadt and Pforzheim to Sinsheim. We can then visit the Auto-Und Technik-Museum. As the picture shows it is a large venue with 4 halls, a Concorde and Concorde-ski on the roof!
- When I visited in September 2018, it was clear that I could have spent all day there. The range of cars, motorcycles, planes and military vehicles is amazing. There is a good café there and even the opportunity to view an Imax film in the cinema.
- The return is either back via Pforzheim (Pink route) or via the Autobahn to Baden Baden then B500 to the hotel (Blue route). Total round trip distance is about 200 miles.



Trip #2 Rhine Falls



- South (following the yellow route) along the B500 via Lake Titisee to Waldshut then crossing *carefully* into Switzerland (avoiding major roads requiring the Swiss Vignette) across to Neuhausen.
- We can then see the Rhine Falls. These are spectacular being 23m high and 150m wide, and claimed to be the most powerful falls in Europe.
- Return either back along the same route or a faster route (shown in pink).
- Total round trip distance about 200 miles.



Trip #3 Friedrichshafen



- South east to Friedrichshafen, using faster roads to give more time there. Choice of places to visit including the Zeppelin Museum; Dornier Aircraft museum; a ride on Lake Bodensee (aka Lake Konstanz) or just chill out by the lake enjoying the views, cafes etc. Total round trip distance 180 miles. The Autobahn may have unrestricted speed limit!!!

Other Ideas

- if you do not want to have such a long day, the area around Schenkenzell, our base, has many local roads to explore at your leisure which are green edged on my Michelin map (meaning scenic). Hotel Waldblick does do excellent afternoon cakes and snacks over which you can relax with an anodyne tincture of your choice. NB Unlike Austria in 2019, NOT included in your booking!!!
- Most of you will have Satnavs, and nearer the time I can provide you with GPX routes for the excursions above.
- A good map is the Michelin 131 ZOOM France. This covers both the Black Forest and the Vosges regions with a scale of 1:200,000 or 1 cm = 2 km. This gives plenty of detail to plan your excursions.



Unofficial Extension

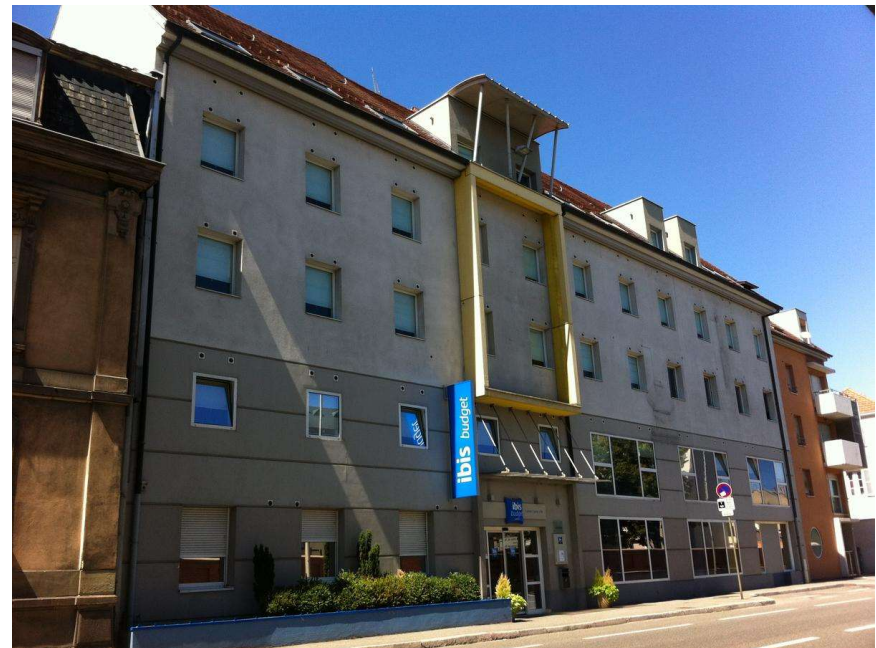
For legal reasons, this extension is not offered as part of the Official BMW Club Trip.

- 3 Nights staying in Colmar, arriving Thursday 10th June leaving Sunday 13th June 2021.
- Colmar is a perfect base for exploring the Vosges region of France. This region is very similar to the Black Forest region in Germany.
- You will have the opportunity to ride the most iconic roads and passes in the Vosges, including:
 - The Route des Cretes
 - The Grand Ballon and Petit Ballon
 - The Col de la Schlucht and the Col du Bonhomme
- Make no mistake, these mountain passes may not be as high as the Alps, but they are challenging, technical, scenic and just great fun to ride!



Colmar Hotel Suggestion

- Ibis Budget Colmar Centre Gare, 15 Rue Stanislas, 68000, COLMAR
- This hotel is a reasonable compromise on price (approx. £63 per night for bed and breakfast single person or £69 for two sharing).
- The location is handy for easy walking into Colmar Centre where there are plenty of places to eat out.
- Other hotels are of course available – your choice entirely!



Stopover Hotel Suggestion

- Ibis Budget Reims Thillois, Parc Millesime RN31, 51370, REIMS
- This hotel is a reasonable compromise on price (approx. £61 per night for bed and breakfast single person or £67 for two sharing).
- The location is handy for access from the motorways and there are plenty of eating options within a short walk.
- Other hotels are of course available – your choice entirely!

