

Endorsement from one of our travellers in 2015.

It is a 4-day (3-night) trip for fellow Conservatives to see the European Parliament in session in Strasbourg, timed to coincide with Strasbourg's fantastic Christmas market in December – and meet with Richard Ashworth MEP (and some of his esteemed colleagues who lead other countries' MEP groups), dine with him (twice), visit one of the best old castles worth visiting, walking tour, coach tour, and more – and all by Eurostar & TGV (with 3 nights' B&B plus one lunch in a lovely and convenient 3* hotel, right next to the end of the tram line) for just £300 *price tbc* (if 2 sharing, otherwise £400 *price tbc*). You only have to find for yourself one lunch and two evening meals, although snacking in the markets is an option!

Strasbourg itself is delightful in springtime, but still delightful in December!

I enthused about this trip (organised by Wealden Conservatives) after I first went in 2103, and after doing it again in 2014 & 2015 I am pleased to see our Sevenoaks participation increasing year-on-year (we had 6 this time).

I cannot recommend this trip highly enough, and at the price it is a great bargain

Note, the hotel is new (opened 2015) and the beds are really comfortable. The staff are lovely, the food good, and the drinks good & reasonably priced (with endless free hot drinks) – but you will be far too busy enjoying the Strasbourg Christmas markets to use the hotel services much. There is free wifi if needed.

The hotel is quiet, and less than a mile from the Rhine (and German border), and although the walks nearby are very pleasant, the nearby German town of Kehl is not worth crossing the road for (never mind crossing the river for).

The modern trams into the middle of Strasbourg town cost less than 2 Euro, take 10 to 12 scenic minutes, and are only 8 to 15 minutes apart. They terminate outside the hotel. So the hotel is in a great location.

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