

Discovery Tour

1. HOSTELLERIE DU PUR SANG*

Former private mansion and also reception centre for prestigious clients and friends of the Bugatti family.

2. THE BUGATTI RAIL BOGIE

Undercarriage of railway vehicles on which the axles are mounted. It is a symbol of its inventor's genius in every field of transport. In 1935, this was how Ettore Bugatti was able to go by train from Strasbourg to Paris in merely 3½ hours.

3. THE FACTORY*

Place where Bugatti cars were made and assembled from 1909 to 1956. Now Messier Bugatti Dowty, it specializes in the manufacture and maintenance of aircraft landing and braking systems.

4. THE VILLA*

Former house of the Bugatti family.

5. THE HARDTMÜHLE*

These buildings were the foundation of the current factory and its extensions.

6. SAINT JEAN CHÂTEAU*

Prestigious mansion accommodating buyers and guests of Ettore Bugatti.

7. BUGATTI SAS*

Assembly site of the famous Veyron, the fastest car sold in the world, exceeding 400 kph (248.5 mph).

8. THE JEAN BUGATTI MEMORIAL

Monument built in memory of Ettore's son, who died in a road accident when testing a racing car.

9. THE TOMBS OF THE BUGATTI FAMILY

Eight members of the Bugatti family lie in peace here, including Ettore, his son Jean and Ettore's brother, Rembrandt, an animalsculptor.

10. THE BUGATTI FOUNDATION

A centre set up by the «Enthusiastes Bugatti» association within the Charterhouse museum, open from May to mid-October.

11. BRONZE STATUE ETTORE BUGATTI

This order of the council of Molsheim was made by Marièle Gissinger (2009) for the 100th anniversary of the car manufacturer's installation in Molsheim - Dorlisheim.

12. BRONZE SCULPTURE BUGATTI CAR TYPE 35 GRAND PRIX

Sculpture by François Chevallier (2009) of the mythical racing car (1924) conceived to reach a top speed of 200 kph.

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Ettore BUGATTI (1881-1947)

The inventor of a thousand patents

Originally from Milan, Ettore Bugatti settled in Molsheim in 1909. He bought the Hardtmühle and, backed by a team of highly skilled workers, started up his own Bugatti factory. He produced over 7,800 cars under this trade name, including the mythical Bugatti Type 35 and other versions, which scored over a thousand victories between 1924 and 1939 during Grand Prix car races such as Le Mans.

In 1926, another emblematic Bugatti car was produced: the Royale. Only six of them were built and, in 1930, they cost three times more than a Rolls Royce. The radiator cap «standing playing elephant» is a sculpture of Ettore's younger brother, Rembrandt.

Very early on, Ettore's eldest son, Jean, worked in the family business, specializing in the field of racing-car mechanics and bodywork design. At 27, he became the Director of the Molsheim factory. He was a test driver for racing cars and met his death in a road accident at the age of 30 during a test drive near Duppigheim, just 9 km (5.6mi) from Molsheim.

Throughout his life, Ettore Bugatti was an ingenious and prolific inventor, interested in different means of locomotion. He also designed a railcar, commissioned by the French national railway network. In 1935, he achieved a rail speed record at 196 kph (121.7 mph).

Other fields also caught his imagination, such as aeronautic and marine navigation.

The Bugatti myth lives on with several regional, national and international associations devoted to the memory of this exceptional family, like the Enthusiastes Bugatti Alsace and the Bugatti Foundation.

Every year, for one weekend in September, the Bugatti festival gathers together the famous Bugatti cars.

You are on the land where the Bugatti myth came to life.

The famous «Bugatti» trade name was created by Ettore Bugatti (1881–1947), the Alsatian car manufacturer of Italian origin most renowned for his racing cars, *the legendary blue rockets with an arch-shaped radiator* whose track record was unrivalled, and sports and luxury cars such as *the Royale*.

This trail with 12 landmarks, symbolized by information panels at the disposal of tourists, invites you on a journey to discover the fascinating story and life of the Bugatti family in Molsheim, Dorlisheim and Duppigheim.

Through anecdotes recounted by the Witness, you will discover the key sites where the Bugatti car-making era began and how that tradition still continues today in other ways.



The Hardtmühle in years 1930

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What do you know about Bugatti?

Test your knowledge during your discovery tour in Molsheim and Dornlisheim.

- How old was Ettore Bugatti when he established its factory in Molsheim?
- Which passion of Ettore Bugatti inspired him the design of his cars?
- How many railcars were made between 1934 and 1939?
- What was the nickname of Ettore Bugatti?
- What was produced in the former Messier-Bugatti factory before Ettore Bugatti bought it in 1909?
- Rembrandt, Ettore's younger brother, was an artist. Of what kind?
- The entry gate of castle Saint-Jean is a remain of a 12th C. monument. What was it?
- The Bugatti family made a donation to the church of Dornlisheim. Of what kind?
- How old was Jean Bugatti when he became director of the factory in Molsheim?
- How many patents by Ettore Bugatti were registered?

Leave your survey at the Tourist Office Region Molsheim-Mutzig, you may win a prize at the draw during the Bugatti Festival in September:

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Distances

de P₁ à P₂ : 9 km

de P₁ à P₃ : 2 km

de P₁ à P₄ : 1,5 km

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