



# JESUIT CHURCH

Molsheim



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## + Description

### Historical background

The construction of the church was given the green light by Archduke Leopold of Austria on December, 15th 1614. Project management was entrusted to Christophe Wambser. Jean Isfording, a Jesuit in charge of the College of Molsheim, served as foreman. The first stone was laid in February 1615 and the building was finished two years and nine months later.

### The building

According to the historian Hunckler, this Gothic style church is one of the most impressive and magnificent of the country.

### The inner sanctum

Next to the Cathedral of Strasbourg, the Jesuit Church of Molsheim is the second largest church in Alsace, with its 61,5 x 21,5 m (201.8' x 70.5') interior and its 20 m (65.6 ft) high nave.

## **The chorus**

Measuring 19,5 x 11 m (64' x 36'), the chorus has been raised and its majestic stone arch is held in place by four lions. The altar was replaced by a Neo-Gothic high-altar in 1865.

## **The organ**

Built in 1781 by Jean André Silbermann, it is the only organ in Alsace with a manual of four octaves and an echo division.

## **The Chapel of the Virgin Mary**

It is located on the spot of the former chapel of the St. Mary medieval hospital of Molsheim.

## **The Chapel of St. Ignatius**

Formerly Chapel of the Cross. At the entrance stand four beautiful statues representing the Evangelists. The chapel took the name St. Ignatius in 1622, as a tribute to the founder of the Jesuit order.

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