

# BASEL



Home to 40 museums, the city of culture for connoisseurs has the highest concentration of museums in the country. Basel also has a beautiful Old Town, modern architecture, and the Rhine – an inviting spot to rest a while. Basel is Switzerland's oldest university city. Historic landmarks of the city include the large market square with its richly decorated red sandstone town hall and the late Romanesque-Gothic cathedral. During a walk through the old town, past small boutiques, antique book shops but also shops of modern designers, a visit to the "Läckerli Huus" to try the traditional Basel honey cake is well worth your while. Basel is tradition-conscious and open-minded at the same time, a fact born out by several modern buildings designed by renowned architects such as Herzog & de Meuron, Mario Botta, Diener & Diener and Richard Meyer.

Basel is a green city. The Botanical Gardens, several parks and the banks of the Rhine are perfect places to relax and linger for a while. And the Etoscha House at the zoo offers spectacular insights into the Namibian Savannah. At nearby Augusta Raurica near Augst impressive ruins and a great many finds at the museum bear testimony to the busy lives of the Romans in the region in the past. The charming countryside of the Basel region with its many cherry trees in spring boasts a particularly beautiful display of blooms. Germany and France, the Black Forest and Vosges Mountains are only a stone's throw away from the border city of Basel.

The yearly Fasnacht (Carnival) is the most important celebration for the people of Basel. On the Monday following Ash Wednesday the city rises with the "Morgenstrach". At four in the morning on the dot all the lights in the city go out and a colourful and brilliant procession through the streets of the city begins.

## GENERAL INFO:

**Population:** 165,529 inhabitants

**Language spoken:** German

## HOW TO GET THERE:

- EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg - Shuttle bus to the city centre: every 7 minutes, transfer time 15 Minutes. [www.euroairport.com](http://www.euroairport.com)
- Zurich Airport, - Hourly direct train connections to Basel, transfer time around one hour, [www.flughafen-zuerich.ch](http://www.flughafen-zuerich.ch)
- Frankfurt Airport - Hourly direct train connections to Basel, transfer time approximately three hours. [www.frankfurt-airport.de](http://www.frankfurt-airport.de)
- Tourist Information: Im Bahnhof SBB 4051 Basel, T +41 (0)61 268 68 68, F +41 (0)61 268 68 70 [info@basel.com](mailto:info@basel.com), <http://www.basel.com>

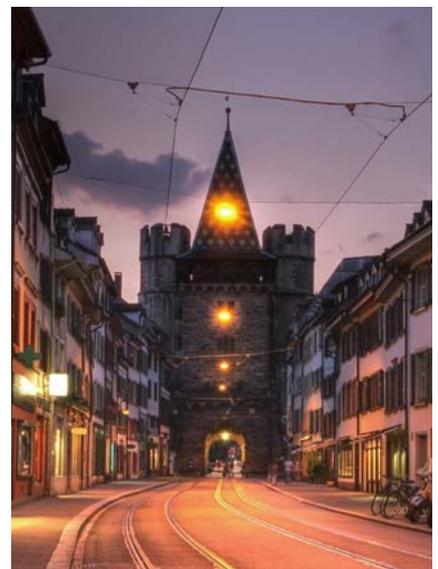
## OPENING HOURS:

- Shops/shopping Monday - Wednesday: 9 am - 6.30 pm / Thursday - Friday: 9 am - 8 pm Saturday: 9 am - 6 pm
- Banks and currency exchange Monday - Friday: 8.30 am - 5 pm Saturday: closed
- Public authorities and offices Monday - Friday: 8.30 am - 12 noon / 2 pm - 5 pm Saturday: closed
- Basel on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5chqC8eXRU4>



## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Basel Art Museum** – one of the oldest public art collections and biggest Holbein collection in the world.  
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- **Jean Tinguely Museum** – the glass hall was designed by the Ticino architect Mario Botta and houses the unique metal sculptures by Tinguely.  
Paul Sacher-Anlage 1, 4058 Basel, T +41 (0)61 681 93 20, [infos@tinguely.ch](mailto:infos@tinguely.ch), [www.tinguely.ch](http://www.tinguely.ch)
- **Fondation Beyeler** – a variety of art collections and special exhibitions are displayed in the 127- metre-long modern building designed by the Italian architect Renzo Piano.  
Baselstrasse 101, 4125 Basel, Switzerland, T +41 61 645 97 00, F +41 61 645 97 19, [info@fondationbeyeler.ch](mailto:info@fondationbeyeler.ch), [www.fondationbeyeler.ch](http://www.fondationbeyeler.ch)
- **Museum of Cultures** – one of the biggest collections in Europe devoted to life in European and non-European cultures.  
Münsterplatz 20, 4051 Basel, Switzerland, T +41 61 266 56 00, [www.mkb.ch](http://www.mkb.ch)
- **Zoological Gardens** – about 600 animal species housed in eleven hectares of grounds featuring exotic flora right in the heart of the city.  
Binningerstrasse 40, 4054 Basel, T +41 (0)61 295 35 35, F +41 (0)61 281 00 05, [zoo@zoobasel.ch](mailto:zoo@zoobasel.ch), [www.zoobasel.ch](http://www.zoobasel.ch)
- **Rhine Cruises** – excursion boats provide opportunities for views of the city from the Rhine and operate all the way to the big freight ports of Basel and Rheinfelden.  
Basel Tourismus, Aeschenvorstadt 36, 4010 Basel, T +41 (0)61 268 68 68, F +41 (0)61 268 68 70, [info@basel.com](mailto:info@basel.com), [www.basel.com](http://www.basel.com)  
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- **Musical Theatre Basel** – delights a wide audience with extravagant productions of international musicals.  
Feldbergstrasse 151, 4058 Basel, Switzerland, T +41 61 699 88 99, [www.musical.ch](http://www.musical.ch)





## RESTAURANTS

- **Tibits**

Derived from the word "titbits", stands for delicious and fresh food and drink. As quick as a fast food restaurant, but as atmospheric as a sophisticated café: that is tibits for you. The vegetarian buffet features over 40 salads, a daily changing selection of hot dishes and a dessert buffet. In addition to fresh juices, tea and coffee, wines and cocktails, you may also enjoy original sandwiches and a daily breakfast buffet. All to take away. Healthy, nutritional quality guaranteed. Our offerings are clearly labeled. If you are a vegan, or have lactose intolerance, celiac disease or other food intolerances, we will take good care of you.

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- **Bel Etage (Hotel Der Teufelhof Basel)**

The Bel Etage offers seasonal, product-oriented and unpretentious gourmet cuisine to the highest standards. Chef Michael Baader has been responsible for the cuisine since the venue opened in 1989. This multiple award-winning restaurant offers a changing and versatile selection of à-la-carte dishes and various menus rounded off by exciting wines. The daily changing offer includes à la carte dishes and different sizes of menu. A business lunch is offered at lunchtime. Each course is offered with an accompanying wine by the glass or a wine set combined with the menu.

Der Teufelhof Basel, Leonhardsgraben 49, 4051 Basel, T +41 61 261 10 10, F +41 61 261 10 04, [info@teufelhof.com](mailto:info@teufelhof.com), [www.teufelhof.com](http://www.teufelhof.com)

- **The Restaurant Fischerstube**

A cozy traditional brewery restaurant located in the heart of the old town of lower Basel (Kleinbasel) - just a few meters away from the River Rhine. From the restaurant you can watch the brewers at work in the In-house brewery while enjoying a homemade Ueli-beer (Ueli Bier) fresh from the barrel.

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## SHOPPING

- **Basel specialties**

Läckerli is Basel's best-known specialty. However, the range of many other sweet delicacies made by the Läckerli Huus does not make choosing easy! [www.laeckerli-huus.ch](http://www.laeckerli-huus.ch)

- **Freie Strasse**

Basel's famous shopping street is located in the heart of the city. With over 150 shops, it is an inviting place to go on a long shopping spree. You will find everything here, from famous brands to small boutiques and large department stores. [www.proinnerstadt.ch](http://www.proinnerstadt.ch)

- **Spalenberg**

The boutiques on Spalenberg have their own charm and special customers. For example, the long-standing traditional Christmas shop of Johann Wanner sells its wares to the Vatican, the White House and Queen Elizabeth II. [www.johannwanner.ch](http://www.johannwanner.ch)

- **Christmas Market**

In the heart of the historic Old Town at Barfuesslerplatz and Muensterplatz – one of the most beautiful squares in Basel – lies the beautiful Christmas Market with a very special charm of its own. On both locations traders and practitioners of arts and crafts from all over Switzerland and the Basel region offer their goods and give a demonstration of their skills. [www.baslerweihnacht.ch](http://www.baslerweihnacht.ch)