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#### Discover Basel!

The "pocket-sized metropolis" has a great deal to offer, combining a lively city centre with narrow streets in the romantic old town, world-class museums, historical buildings and highlights of modern architecture. All of which can be explored on foot and in a single day thanks to the short distances, with a surprise around every corner.

Discover Basel's most picturesque streets to stroll along, culinary hot spots and locations with a history spanning over 2000 years.



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# 17 REASONS TO LOVE BASEL



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There are many reasons to love Basel and its people.

# # 1 Mediterranean flair



Basel, the city on the Rhine, has a Mediterranean climate and as many as 300 days of sunshine a year. As soon as temperatures

allow, the people of Basel take to the outdoors, and their joie de vivre is clear to see.

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 $Internet: \ https://www.basel.com/en/Basel-is-an-inspiration/Su\\$ 

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#### #2 In good company: one city, three countries.



Where else can you visit three countries all at the same time (very conveniently on public transport), without having to travel a long

way?

Photo: BST Internet:

https://www.basel.com/en/Media/Attractions/Border-triangle

# #3 Basel's residents are crazy about art.



In the now legendary Picasso year of 1967, the people of Basel voted to acquire two paintings by the artist for the city's Kunstmuseum (Museum

of Fine Arts). Picasso was so moved that he gave three paintings and a study to Basel. And the city's love of art is evident everywhere: it's no coincidence that there are 40 museums here within a small area.

Photo: Basel tourism

Internet: https://www.basel.com/en/art

# #4 The city with the most beautiful people in the world.



You will see them during the famous Fasnacht (Carnival), the three "most beautiful days", as the locals love to say. Being definitely one of

the main highlights in the year, the Basel locals spend the remaining 362 days preparing for this event. It's not a hobby, but a passion. Look forward to all these creative masks, colourful costumes and wonderful lanterns!

Photo: Basel tourism

Internet: https://www.basel.com/en/carnival-in-basel

# #5 Floating pedestrian bridges.



Silently, driven only by the current, four ferries take you across the river throughout the year. See how time seems to stand still during the brief

crossing.

Photo: Basel tourism



Internet: https://www.basel.com/en/Media/Attractions/Ferries

# #6 Swimsuits – the typical summer outfit in Basel.



The people of Basel love nothing more than swimming in the Rhine. Thanks to the «Wickelfisch», an airtight bag used to carry clothes

and keep them dry, the river becomes a stream of colour in the summer months.

Photo: BST

Internet: https://www.basel.com/en/rhine-swimming

# #7 A stage for art.



Switzerland's biggest theatre offering drama, opera and dance is known for its outstanding productions and broad repertoire. The famous

Tinguely fountain in front of the theatre offers visitors an idea of what to expect inside.

Photo: © Sandra Then

Internet: https://www.basel.com/en/art/Theatre

# #8 Connoisseurs gather at Basel's restaurants.



The region is no longer an insider's tip for gourmets, with over 20 restaurants that have won GaultMillau or Michelin awards. For

instance, let Peter Knogl, «Chef of the year 2015», indulge you at the Cheval Blanc, a restaurant with three Michelin stars.

Photo:  $\ \ \, \mathbb{C}\$  Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois

Internet: https://www.basel.com/en/Media/Gastronomy

#### #9 Dolce vita on the banks of the Rhine.



The Rhine is the city's lifeline, an area for recreation, and it inspires people, events and the city's architecture. When temperatures rise, there's

a distinct southern flair: stalls set out their wares, residents put out tables and chairs, and barbecues sprout up everywhere.

Photo: Basel tourism

Internet: https://www.basel.com/en/Basel-is-an-inspiration/Summer-in-Basel/The-Rhine-is-Life

# # 10 Basel Zoo: for animal lovers and explorers.



Every child here knows it: the zoo, known by locals as the «Zolli». The oldest zoo in Switzerland is open everyday throughout the year, providing visitors

with an impressive insight into flora and fauna from around the world.

Photo: Basel tourism

Internet: https://www.basel.com/en/Media/Attractions/Leisure-time-excursions/Basel-Zoo

# 111 A city full of contrasts.



Embark on a journey into the past spanning many eras. There can be few other cityscapes where buildings dating back as far as the fifteenth

century engage so harmoniously and vibrantly with the contemporary creations of internationally distinguished architects.

Photo: BST

Internet: https://www.basel.com/en/Sightseeing



# 122 Basel's residents see everything red-blue.



Basel can rightly call itself the football capital of Switzerland as hardly any other city in the country has such devoted fans as FC Basel. And the

club shows its thanks in a fitting manner: with international success and countless championship titles.

Photo: Basel tourism

# 133 Our guests travel for free.



Your personal guest card will be handed to you when you check in. The attractive features of the BaselCard include free use of public transport,

free surfing on the guest WiFi plus a 50% discount on admission to Basel's museums, Basel Zoo, Theater Basel and much more.

Photo: BST

Internet: https://www.basel.com/en/BaselCard

#### 144 The home of academic life since 1460.



The University of Basel is the oldest university in Switzerland. Besides lending the city an aura of innovation and thirst for knowledge, it also

attracts lots of young people to Basel, who make life here more colourful than elsewhere.

Photo: Basel tourism

# 155 For a special shopping experience.



The city on the Rhine boasts fabulous flea markets where there are still real treasures to be found. And the city market on Marktplatz,

held from Monday to Saturday, offers a wealth of delicious products.

Photo: © Bettina Matthiessen

Internet: https://www.basel.com/en/Shopping/Markets

# 166 World-class venue.



Thanks to its location on the border with France and Germany, the multinational companies established here, and the two large trade fairs,

there is always a cosmopolitan air in the streets and alleys of Basel. It's therefore no wonder that the city's inhabitants are considered to be particularly open-minded.

Photo: Basel tourism

# 177 Music up to your ears.



Did you know that Basel is one of only a few cities to have two orchestras of international renown? The Sinfonieorchester (symphony orchestra) and

the Kammerorchester (chamber music orchestra) play regularly at the world's big concert halls, delighting classical music fans.

Photo: Basel tourism

Internet: https://www.basel.com/en/art/Music-Literature



# **DISCOVER HISTORY**



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Take a stroll through the streets and alleys of Basel, and you will soon find yourself immersed in history. The city's venerable buildings bear witness to its long history, which stretches back over 2000 years.

The city of Basel was first mentioned in writing in the year 374, when the Roman historian Ammianus Marcellinus described how Emperor Valentinian I had set up camp in "Basilia" with his troops. At this time, the city was already several hundred years old. Its attractive location on the Rhine and the strategically important Münsterhügel (Cathedral Hill) first attracted the Celts to the bend in the Rhine in the Bronze Age, before the Romans subsequently made Basel an important trading centre. The next milestone in Basel's history is 1226, with the construction of the Mittlere Brücke (the Middle Bridge), which soon became a major hub for long-distance trade.

From the 16th century, Basel's economic prosperity was associated first with silk weaving and subsequently with dyeing. These two economic mainstays later went on to evolve into the chemical and pharmaceutical industry.

To this day, Basel functions as one of the most important logistics hubs for the economy of the country as a whole: thanks to the Schweizerische Rheinhäfen (Port of Switzerland), Basel connects Switzerland with the sea, the EuroAirport is vital for the region's import and export trade, and the SBB, Badischer Bahnhof and Basel SNCF railway stations are major European hubs for both freight and passenger trains.

#### TRADITION & EVENTS



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Never a dull moment in Basel
Whatever time of year you visit Basel, there's
always plenty going on! Unforgettable moments
are guaranteed with a whole host of events both
large and small – from sporting through musical
to traditional customs.

Basel Carnival (Fasnacht), the largest in Switzerland, starts at 4 a.m. in the morning on the Monday after Ash Wednesday, and lasts for three days. The event is known by the locals as "die drey scheenschte Dääg", i.e. the three best days of the year. The uniqueness of Basel Carnival was recognised in 2017 when it was added to UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Where sport and strong emotions combine FC Basel 1893, the successful football club with



its traditional red and blue strip and passionate fans, is the pride of the city and has also established an international reputation thanks to its appearances in the Champions League. The team's home stadium St. Jakob-Park was designed by none other than the architects Herzog & de Meuron.

Basel has much more to offer than just football when it comes to sport, however. Every year, the city attracts world-famous stars from the sporting scene for major international events such as the CSI Basel equestrian event and the ATP Swiss Indoors tennis tournament. Naturally, the city is particularly proud to host its local hero Roger Federer.

Appealing to young and old

Basel's main attractions are not only its sporting events, but also its traditional city fairs and markets. Around a million visitors come to experience the autumn fair (Herbstmesse), the biggest amusement fair in Switzerland. During Advent, the city is transformed by the extensive and atmospheric Christmas markets on Barfüsserplatz and Münsterplatz and the highly decorated "Adväntsgass" (Advent alley) in Rheingasse.

#### **Carnival in Basel**



Mayhem, music and merriment! The famous Basel Fasnacht Carnival begins on the Monday following Ash Wednesday. It only lasts for 3 days but

the remaining 362 days of the year are busily spent making preparations. The Carnival starts with the "Morgestraich" lantern parade at 4 a.m. on Monday morning, when the city is plunged into darkness and the Fasnacht Cliques take

control.

Photo: Basel tourism

Opening hours: February 19 - 21, 2018

Internet: http://www.basel.com/en/Basel-is-an-inspiration/Car

nival-in-Basel

#### **Baselworld**



Each spring in Basel, around 1,800 names from the watch, jewellery, precious stone and related industries present their latest designs and

innovations.

Some 100,000 visitors from the specialist retail and wholesale trade travel to Basel from all continents to discover the latest trends and creations from the watch and jewellery universe. As the world's leading trade fair, Basel World has the imperative to give positive impetus to the industry.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Messe Basel, Messeplatz, 4021 Basel

Opening hours: 21 - 26 March 2019 Internet: www.baselworld.com More Info: www.baselworld.com

#### **Art Basel**



Art Basel is the largest and most important fair for modern and contemporary art. Every year in June, art collectors and lovers

meet here from all over the world. Nearly 300 selected galleries make the fair the most important temporary museum.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Messeplatz, 4005 Basel

Public Transport: Tram Lines 2, 6, 14, 15 to Messeplatz

Opening hours: June 14 - 17, 2018



Phone: +41 61 268 68 68 Internet: www.artbasel.com

#### **Basel Tattoo**



After the Edinburgh Tattoo, the Basel Tattoo is the second largest military music festival in the world. Formations travel here from all over

the world and present their precise choreographies each July. And be aware: the Basel Tattoo sells out a few hours after ticket sales begin. Remember the date and be prepared.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Klybeckstrasse 1b 1, 4057 Basel Public Transport: Tram Line 8 to Kaserne Opening hours: July 12 - 20, 2019

Phone: +41 61 266 1002

Internet: www.baseltattoo.ch

#### **Swiss Indoors Basel**



Basel is the home town of Roger Federer. The tennis star therefore makes sure to take part in the Swiss Indoors as often as possible along

with many other top shots. The Swiss Indoors is the third largest indoor tennis tournament in the world and if you love tennis, it is an absolute must.

Photo: Basel tourism

Public Transport: Tram & Bus: Linie 14, 36, 37, 47 bis St.

Jakob

Opening hours: October 19 - 27, 2019

Phone: +41 61 485 95 95

Internet: www.swissindoorsbasel.ch

#### Autumn fair



The travelling fairground festival is more than your normal funfair or carnival. For two weeks seven of the city's piazzas are transformed with

fairground rides and delicious culinary treats.

The numerous stalls of the large flea market and speciality market on Petersplatz are even open for two days longer.

Photo: Basel Tourismus Address: Basel City Center

Opening hours: October 26 - November 12, 2019 Internet: https://www.basel.com/en/autumn-fair

#### **Christmas in Basel**



Basel is known as Switzerland's most traditional Christmas city, thanks not only to its Christmas market but also to a variety of other

seasonal events: its many shops, beautiful Christmas lights, spectacular special exhibitions in its museums, its Wish Book and numerous concerts and events.

Photo: Basel tourism

Opening hours: 28 Nov - 23 Dec, 2019

Internet: http://www.basel.com/en/Christmas-in-Basel

#### **All Events**



It doesn't really matter when you come to Basel: there are unique events here all year round.
Switzerland's largest
Fasnacht (Carnival), the

most important art fair in the world, a well-known ATP tournament, a fun fair with a history that dates back nearly 550 years and



much more is waiting for you. Actually you should just spend 365 days in Basel, because choosing between the offers is definitely not easy! Here you will find an overview of all the events in Basel so that you know what is happening when and can plan accordingly.

Photo: Basel tourism

Internet: https://www.basel.com/en/Events

# DO & SEE



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Basel can look back on more than 2,000 years of history. A history that is still very much present today – surviving as it does in all the nooks and crannies of the city and forming an exciting contrast to the modern face of Basel. The heart of the city beats in Basel's well-preserved, romantic Old Town: its narrow streets and hidden squares with more than 180 fountains are just as charming as its many centuries-old buildings and eye-catching sights, such as City Hall or Basel Cathedral.

# The Rhine - our life line



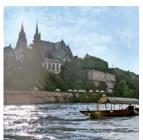
If you visit Basel, you won't be able to avoid the Rhine. Especially in the warm months, the banks of the river tempt you to sunbathe and relax, to

rest or to swim. From the Kleinbasel Rhine side,

you will have a unique panoramic view of the Grossbasel district with the Cathedral and Pfalz, of the Mittlere Brücke, the four ferries, picturesque half-timbered houses and baroque residences. You can let your eyes wander from various viewpoints, enjoy refreshment in numerous restaurants and cafes, or just sit in the sun by the river and become part of the picture.

Photo: Basel tourism

#### **Ferries**



A trip on one of the four ferries across the Rhine is not to be missed.

Traditionally one calls the "Fährimaa" with a bell from the landingstage.

Experience how time seems to stand still during the short crossing. Without sound, driven solely by the current, the ferries will take you to the other side of the river throughout the whole year.

Photo: Basel tourism

Opening hours: More information at www.faehri.ch

# **Tinguely Fountain**



In summer, it cheerfully shovels water, in winter, an enchanting ice sculpture: the unique fountain designed by the Swiss artist Jean Tinguely

attracts tourists as well as passers-by, strollers, and Basel inhabitants wishing to enjoy their lunch break outside. With its central location in the city centre, it is the best starting point for a tour of the outdoor works of art of Basel.

Photo: Basel tourism

Public Transport: Lines 6, 10, 16 to Theater or lines 3, 6, 8,



11, 14, 15, 16 to Barfüsserplatz

#### **Basel exhibition centre**



The central architectural urban feauture of the new hall complex, developed by Herzog & De Meuron, is the City Lounge. This covered, public space not

only marks the entrance to the exhibitions, but also functions as a meeting place for locals and visitors.

Photo: Basel tourism

Public Transport: Lines 1, 2, 6, 14, 21 to Messeplatz

#### Kunstmuseum Basel



Starting in 2016, the Kunstmuseum Basel presents art in three different buildings: The Kunstmuseum Basel | Main Building, the

Kunstmuseum Basel | New Building and the Kunstmuseum Basel | Gegenwart, which is dedicated to contemporary art. Across Dufourstrasse, facing the Main Building and connected to it on the basement level, an exhibition building designed by the renowned Basel-based architecture firm Christ & Gantenbein rised that accommodates special exhibitions as well as presentations of art from the collections.

The Kunstmuseum Basel ranks among the most renowned institutions of its kind in Europe and beyond. Its world-famous collection, the Öffentliche Kunstsammlung Basel, now encompasses around 4.000 paintings, sculptures, installations, and videos as well as 300.000 drawings and prints from seven centuries.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: St. Alban-Graben 16, 4010 Basel Public Transport: Tram 2/15 "Kunstmuseum" Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10-18 h, Thu 10-20 h

Phone: +41 61 206 62 62

Internet: www.kunstmuseumbasel.ch

# Vitra Design Museum



The Vitra Design Museum numbers among the world's most prominent museums of design. It is dedicated to the research and presentation of

design, past and present, and examines its relationship to architecture, art and everyday culture. In the main museum building by Frank Gehry, the museum annually mounts two major temporary exhibitions. In conjunction with our alternating exhibitions, the Vitra Design Museum offers a variety of workshops and guided tours.

Photo: © Vitra Design Museum, Foto: Thomas Dix Address: Charles-Eames-Str. 1, 79576 Weil am Rhein

Opening hours: mon-sun 10.00-18.00 h

Phone: +49 7621 702 3200 Internet: www.design-museum.de

# **Museum Tinguely**



Situated directly on the Rhine, the Museum Tinguely, built after plans by the Ticinese architect Mario Botta, houses the greatest collection of

works by Jean Tinguely (1925–1991), one of the most innovative and important Swiss artists of the 20th century. The permanent exhibition presents a survey of his oeuvre spanning four decades. Special exhibitions show a wide range of artists and subjects including Marcel Duchamp and Kurt Schwitters who influenced Tinguely significantly, companions such as



Arman, Niki de Saint Phalle, Yves Klein as well as current art trends along Tinguely's ideas.

Photo: Basel tourism

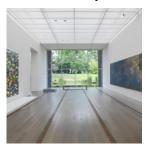
Address: Paul Sacher-Anlage 2, 4002 Basel

Public Transport: Bus 31/36/38 "Tinguely Museum"

Opening hours: tue-sun 11.00-18.00 h

Phone: + 41 61 681 93 20 Internet: www.tinguely.ch

#### **Fondation Beyeler**



By building Renzo Piano's museum in 1997, the Fondation Beyeler made its collection accessible to the public. The 250-odd works of classic

modernism reflect the views of Hildy and Ernst Beyeler on 20th-century art and highlight features typical of the period: from Monet, Cézanne and van Gogh to Picasso, Warhol, Lichtenstein and Bacon. The paintings appear alongside tribal art from Africa, Oceania and Alaska.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Baselstrasse 101 4125 Riehen Public Transport: Tram 6 "Fondation Beyeler"

Opening hours: Mo/Mon-So/Sun 10–18 h; Mi/Wed 10–20 h

Phone: +41 61 645 97 00

Internet: www.fondationbeyeler.ch

#### The border triangle and the Rhine port



Experience the whole wide world in microcosm as you follow the daily events at the Rhine port. The border triangle is where the three counties

Germany, France and Switzerland meet, from where container ships head out towards the North Sea and is the pick-up and drop-off points for Swiss raw materials and goods. Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Hochbergerstrasse 160, 4019 Basel Public Transport: Tram 8 "Kleinhüningen, Bus 36

"Kleinhüningen"

Phone: +41 61 639 95 95 Internet: www.portofbasel.ch

# Zoo Basel



The Zoological Gardens, known affectionately as "Zolli" by Basel's inhabitants, opened in Basel in 1874 and is home to a large number

of indigenous and exotic animals.

Basel Zoo is a popular excursion destination and well worth a visit at any time of year. In the summer months the park is an ideal place to stroll in the open air, in the winter months the various animal houses guarantee up close and personal encounters with a wide variety of animals. If you wish to discover an underwater world, there are several underwater creatures to discover at the vivarium. The recently rebuilt lion enclosure, "Gamgoas", and the newly opened monkey house are two attractions worth a special mention.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Binningerstrasse 40, 4054 Basel Public Transport: Tram Line 10, 17 "Zoo Basel"

Opening hours: 8.00 - 18.00 Uhr

Phone: +41 61 295 35 35 Internet: www.zoobasel.ch

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free surfing on the guest WiFi plus a 50%



discount on admission to Basel's museums, Basel Zoo, Theater Basel and much more.

So what are you waiting for? Discover Switzerland's capital of culture. With its multicultural diversity and passion for life, this bastion of art and architecture is sure to captivate you. The BaselCard will turn your trip into an unforgettable experience.

Photo: Basel Tourismus

Internet: https://www.basel.com

Email: in fo@basel.com

More Info: https://www.basel.com/en/BaselCard

#### Cathedral and Pfalz



Basel's landmark must be the Cathedral. This former Episcopal Church was built between the 12th and the 15th century in romanesque and gothic

style. Today, the square around the church is a meeting place and is often used for events. From the observation platform, known as the "Pfalz", you can enjoy a spectacular view overlooking the Rhine, the Kleinbasel district, the Black Forest and the Vosges.

Photo: Basel tourism

Public Transport: Lines 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16 to Barfüsserplatz or lines 2, 15 to Kunstmuseum

# DINING



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Basel is an epicurean delight with some exquisite gourmet restaurants serving delicious regional dishes. Due to the proximity of water, fish features heavily on the menus of many restaurants - ask for the Basel salmon, a local recipe that will leave you hungering for more. Also, be sure to sample the traditional Swiss dish Rosti, a potato dish that has a simple elegance to it and is delicious washed down with a cold beer. Proscht!

# Restaurant Schloss Binningen



The Restaurant Schloss Binningen is a gourmet restaurant and dining inside the castle, it is really a feast for all the senses. While your eyes

delight in the elegant and unique environment, if it's on a summer evening on the terrace, or on a winter afternoon in the pleasurable lounge, your taste buds can experience the wonderful flavours of the fine food.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Schlossgasse 2 & 5

Opening hours: Tues - Fri: 11.30 am - 2 pm & 6 pm - 12 am /

Sat: 6 pm - 12 am / Sun: 11.30 am - 4 pm

Phone: +41 61 425 60 00

Internet: www.schlossbinningen.ch



#### Les Quatre Saisons



Treat yourself to some culinary delights in the newly renovated Restaurant Les Quatre Saisons. Head chef Peter Moser and his team apply

a fresh sense of inspiration and a high level of commitment to their dishes, bringing together all of the elements necessary to create their unique cuisine – ingredients fresh from the market, original recipes and a great deal of passion.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Clarastrasse 43, 4005 Basel

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 11.30 AM - 2.30 PM and

6.30 PM - 11.30 PM Phone: +41 61 690 87 20

Internet: http://www.les-quatre-saisons.ch

Email: hotel-europe@balehotels.ch

# Hasenburg



Roesti with mountain cheese and chicken in a balsamic-honey sauce – this restaurant at the heart of Basel's Old Town is where traditional

dishes meet new creations.

Photo: Hasenburg

Address: Schneidergasse 20 - 4051 Basel

Opening hours: Open Tuesday to Saturday from 11.00 am. Warm and cold kitchen from 11.30 - 22.00 oʻclock. Sunday &

Monday closed

Phone: +41 (0)61 261 32 58

Internet: http://www.chateaulapin.ch/en/

Email: chateaulapin@bluewin.ch

# **Rhywyera Restaurant**



In the centre of lively
"Kleinbasel", one of the
hotspots of the city, you'll
find Rhywyera restaurant.
A terrace provides a
lovely view over the river

Rhine where the restaurant offers contemporary, modern and creative cuisine, focusing on regional dishes and seasonal ingredients in a Mediterranean ambience.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Unterer Rheinweg 10

Opening hours: Mon - Fri: 11.30 am - 12 am

Phone: +41 61 683 3202 Internet: www.rhywyera.ch

#### **Don Pincho**



Whether you choose for a café in the morning, restaurant over lunch time, tapas bar in the evening, or the lounge at night - the Don Pincho in

Basel gives you the feeling of being part of the Spanish way of life. The kitchen offers nutritionally balanced and creative lunch time menus, Spanish specialties, such as the namesake of the restaurant, Pinchos, the world renowned tapas and, of course, paella.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: St.Johanns-Vorstadt 58

Phone: +41 61 322 10 60 Internet: www.donpincho.com



# Acqua



Situated between
Heuwaage and zoo, in the
old walls of a water plant.
Enjoy simple and fresh
Italian cuisine with the
Menu del giorno and vino

da tavola. Even the coffee tastes a little bit more Italian than usual. And the long bar with fine drinks and cocktails are impressive. Lounge with comfortable seating, soft music, dimmed lights and freedom for your head: rilassamento assoluto!

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Binningerstrasse 14

Public Transport: Tram 1/8: "Markthalle", Tram 10/17: "Zoo" Opening hours: Tue - Fri 12 am - 2 pm, 7 pm - 12 am / Sat 7

pm - 12 am

Phone: +41 61 564 66 66 Internet: www.acquabasilea.ch

#### Restaurant Schlüsselzunft



Here you will find state-of-the-art gastronomy with à la carte menus, reasonably priced plate-service meals, a large choice of

wines and guaranteed market fresh cuisine. The unique restaurant with the historic guild room is the perfect place to relax and enjoy right in the city centre.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Freie Strasse 25, 4001 Basel Public Transport: Tram 6, 8, 11 Marktplatz

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 09.00 - 23.00h; Sunday and holidays: 11.00 - 22.00h / Closed on Sunday between

June - August

Phone: +41 61 261 20 46

Internet: www.schluesselzunft.ch Email: kontakt@schluesselzunft.ch

#### Kohlmanns - eat and drink



It smells of fire, wood and freshly baked goods. The restaurant with its modern oak furniture is extremely cosy and is situated right at the

Barfüsserplatz. Kohlmanns offers hearty Swiss and surprisingly regional specialities.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Steinenberg 14, 4051 Basel

Public Transport: Tram 8, 11 "Barfüsserplatz"

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 11.30 am - 11 pm, Fri & Sat 11.30

am - 12 am

Phone: +41 61 225 93 93 Internet: www.kohlmanns.ch Email: kohlmanns@gastrag.ch

#### **Stadtkeller**



Traditional Swiss restaurant in the heart of the city. Different beers on tap.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Marktgasse 11, 4051 Basel Public Transport: Tram 8, 11 "Schifflände"

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday: 11 am - 10.30 pm /

Friday: 9 am - 10:30 pm Phone: +41 61 261 72 51

Internet: www.stadtkeller-basel.ch Email: stadtkeller@gastrag.ch

#### Ono



Restaurant Ono boasts a unique atmosphere over two floors, serving delicious pasta dishes and cocktails. Its location in Basel's old town and

close to the university makes it a popular



# meeting point.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Leonhardsgraben 2, 4051 Basel

Public Transport: Tram 3 "Universität", Bus 34 "Universität" Opening hours: Mon - Fri 08.15 am - 01.00 am, Sat 09 am -

01.00 am

Phone: +41 61 322 70 70 Internet: www.ono-lifestyle.ch

#### Papa Joe's



American restaurant and Caribbean cocktail bar. Tropical cocktails, real burgers, ribs and wings, fajitas, Californian wine and hot desserts. Fun and

food at its best.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Barfüsserplatz, 4051 Basel

Public Transport: Tram 3/6/8/11/14/15/16 "Barfüsserplatz"
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11.30 am - 11 pm, Fri 11.30 - 01.30

am, Sa 12 pm - 01.30 am, So 12 pm - 11 pm

Phone: +41 61 225 93 94 Internet: www.papajoes.ch

#### Parterre



Restaurant with creative fresh cuisine in Kleinbasel. In summer beautiful garden terrace. Live music. Lounge.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Klybeckstrasse 1b, 4057 Basel Public Transport: Tram 8/17 "Kaserne"

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11 am - 12 am, So: only Brunch from

11 am - 6 pm

Phone: +41 61 695 89 89 Internet: www.parterre.net

#### St. Alban-Stübli



You will find this little restaurant in the Old Town of Basel. Enjoy a cuisine with products fresh from the market, French specialities and

traditional Basel dishes.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Sankt Alban-Vorstadt 74, 4052 Basel Public Transport: Tram 1/2/15 "Kunstmuseum"

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11.30 am - 2.15h pm & 6.30 pm - 11

pm

Phone: +41 61 272 54 15

Internet: www.st-alban-stuebli.ch

#### Torstübli



Original Basel restaurant. Pleasant homely atmosphere. The meeting place for "Tout Bâle".

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Riehentorstrasse 27, 4058 Basel Public Transport: Tram 1/2/15 / Bus 31/34/38

"Wettsteinplatz"

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11 am - 12 am

Phone: +41 61 692 01 10 Internet: www.torstuebli.ch

#### **Volkshaus Basel**



Redesigned by Herzog & de Meuron, this French brasserie and classic bar, with courtyard beer garden with scattered trees, pavement café and

banquet rooms, is a new culinary and cultural meeting point in the heart of Kleinbasel.

Photo: Basel tourism

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Address: Rebgasse 12-14, 4058 Basel Public Transport: Tram 8 "Claraplatz"

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 11.30 am - 2 pm & 6 pm - 10 pm /

Sat: 6 pm - 10 pm Phone: +41 61 690 93 10

Internet: www.volkshaus-basel.ch

# Walliserkanne



Traditional restaurant with specialties from Valais. Famous for gourmet classics such as escalope Viennese style, prepared at your table

and fish and chicken dishes from the oven. Cosy bar, beautiful boulevard terrace.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Gerbergasse 50, 4000 Basel

Public Transport: Tram 3/6/8/11/14/15/16/17 "Barfüsserplatz" Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 11.30 am - 2 pm & 6 pm - 10.45

pm

Phone: +41 61 261 70 17

Internet: www.walliserkanne-basel.ch

#### **Zum Braunen Mutz**



The traditional bar with beer hall, bar and restaurant. Here you will meet original Basel locals of all generations.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Barfüsserplatz 10, 4051 Basel

Public Transport: Tram 3/6/8/10/11/14/15 "Barfüsserplatz" Opening hours: Tues - Sat:11.30 am - 2 pm & 6.30 pm - 11

pm

Phone: +41 61 261 33 69 Internet: www.braunermutz.ch

#### Zum Gifthüttli



Traditional restaurant in the Old Town, serving typical Swiss dishes. Experience the true taste of Basel.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Schneidergasse 11, 4051 Basel

Public Transport: Tram 6/8/11/14/15/16/17 "Marktplatz" Opening hours: Sun-Fri 10.30 am -11.30 pm, Sat 09 am -12

am

Phone: +41 61 261 16 56 Internet: www.gifthuettli.ch

#### Zum Isaak



The Restaurant is situated in front of the Basel Cathedral. Here you find creative cuisine and in summer a beautiful garden.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Münsterplatz 16, 4051 Basel

Public Transport: Tram 6/8/11/14/15/16/17 / Bus 31/34/38

"Schifflände"

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11 am - 11.30 pm

Phone: +41 61 261 47 12 Internet: www.zum-isaak.ch



# **CAFES**



Basel Tourism

Basel has a lot of nice stylish cafés, where you can enjoy chocolate specialties, homemade cakes, high quality coffee and a wide array of other hot and cold beverages.

#### **Xocolatl**



When in Rome...! This is every chocoholic's dream. Sit back and dive into one of their delicious chocolate coffees.

Photo: Basel tourism Address: Marktgasse 6

Public Transport: Tram to Schifflande

Phone: +41 61 262 01 05 Internet: www.xocolatl-basel.ch

# **Confiserie Schiesser**



Established in 1870, this traditional coffee shop is located in the heart of the Old Town. Sit back and watch the world go by as you indulge in a coffee

and one of their delicious pastries.

Photo: Basel tourism Address: Marktplatz 19

Public Transport: Tram to Marktplatz

Phone: +41 61 261 60 77

Internet: www.confiserie-schiesser.ch

# Cafe Huguenin



A classic Vienna style coffee house located in the heart of Basel, serving delicious coffees and a mind-boggling assortment of pastries.

Photo: Basel tourism Address: Barfüsserplatz 6

Public Transport: Tram to Barfüsserplatz

Phone: +41 61 272 05 50 Internet: www.cafe-huguenin.ch

#### Café Confiserie Beschle



Stylish coffee house serving excellent coffee and a mouth-watering array of chocolate delights.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Aeschenvorstadt 56

Public Transport: Tram to Bankverein

Phone: +41 61 2954040

Internet: www.beschlechocolatier.com

#### Mitte



Cool café set in a buzzing cultural centre. Kick back with a coffee and an exceedingly decadent pastry.

Photo: Basel tourism Address: Gerbergasse 30

Public Transport: Tram to Musik Academie

Phone: +41 61 263 36 63 Internet: www.mitte.ch



# **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



Basel Tourism

After a hard days cultural sightseeing, kick back in one of Basel's many bars. Whatever your scene – be it the chilled vibes of the piano bar or the sound of heavy rock – there's a watering hole for you to wallow in!

Basel's nightlife is as eclectic as the futuristic buildings that inhabit the city. Don your glad rags and get ready for some 21st century grooves.

# Café des Arts



Stylish hangout for the hip! Sip one of their exquisite cocktails while chilling to the cool sounds in the piano lounge.

Photo: Basel tourism Address: Barfüsserplatz 6

Public Transport: Tram to Barfüsserplatz

Phone: +41 61 273 57 37 Internet: www.desarts-basel.ch

#### Hirscheneck



Well-established and popular bohemian hangout that caters to the local punk rock scene.
Great drinks and loud music.

Photo: Basel tourism Address: Lindenberg 23

Public Transport: Tram to Wettsteinplatz

Phone: +41 61 692 73 33 Internet: www.hirscheneck.ch

#### Cargo Kultur Bar



Groovy art and culture bar that hosts DJ's spinning a selection of funky soul and heavy dub beats at the weekend.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: St. Johanns-Vorstadt 46

Public Transport: Tram to Johanniterbrücke

Phone: +41 61 321 00 72 Internet: www.cargobar.ch

#### Kaserne



A lively alternative bar hosting a range of cultural events including music, theatre performances and exhibitions.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Klybeckstrasse 1B

Public Transport: Tram to Kaserne

Phone: +41 61 66 66 000 Internet: www.kaserne-basel.ch



#### **Fischerstube**



Watch as your beer is being brewed in this excellently raucous beer hall.

Photo: Basel tourism Address: Rheingasse 45

Public Transport: Tram to Rheingasse

Phone: +41 61 692 94 95 Internet: www.uelibier.ch

#### **Atlantis**



Popular and vibrant club that plays a mix of contemporary dance music, as well as the hits from yesteryear.

Photo: Basel tourism Address: Klosterberg 13

Public Transport: Tram to Basel Kirschgarten

Phone: +41 61 228 96 96 Internet: www.atlan-tis.ch

# Birds Eye Jazz Club



Atmospheric Jazz club that plays host to some of the best local and international performers on the circuit.

Photo: Basel tourism Address: Kohlenberg 20

Public Transport: Tram to Musik Academie

Phone: +41 61 263 33 41 Internet: www.birdseye.ch

# Acqua



Situated between
Heuwaage and zoo, in the
old walls of a water plant.
Enjoy simple and fresh
Italian cuisine with the
menu del giorno and vino

da tavola. Even the coffee tastes a little bit more Italian than usual. And the long bar with fine drinks and cocktails are impressive. Lounge with comfortable seating, soft music, dimmed lights and freedom for your head: rilassamento assoluto!

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Binningerstrasse 14, 4051 Basel

Public Transport: Tram 6,16 Heuwaage; Tram 10,17 Zoo Opening hours: Please check: www.acquabasilea.ch/orario/

Phone: +41 61 564 66 66 Internet: www.acquabasilea.ch Email: info@acquabasilea.ch

# Kohlmanns - eat and drink



It smells of fire, wood and freshly baked goods. The restaurant with its modern oak furniture is extremely cosy and is situated right at the

Barfüsserplatz. Kohlmanns offers hearty Swiss and surprisingly regional specialities.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Steinenberg 14, 4051 Basel

Public Transport: Tram 8, 11 "Barfüsserplatz"

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 11.30 am - 0.00 am, Fri & Sat

11.30 am - 1.00 am Phone: +41 61 225 93 93 Internet: www.kohlmanns.ch Email: kohlmanns@gastrag.ch



#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**



Basel Tourism

Basel's hotels offer accommodation for every taste and need. From traditional top-of-the-line hotels to youth hostels, from highly modern design hotels to the family atmosphere of a bed & breakfast, you'll find what you're looking for.

#### **Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois**



The Grand Hotel Les
Trois Rois lies at the very
heart of Basel and has
one of the richest
traditions in Europe. The
historical structure of

1844 was restored with a great deal of attention to detail. Experience hospitality and exquisite delicacies in a lively setting, which combines natural elegance with luxury.

Photo: Les Trois Rois Address: Blumenrain 8

Public Transport: Tram to Schifflände

Phone: +41 612 605 060 Internet: www.lestroisrois.com

Der Teufelhof



A wonderfully creative hotel with each room designed by a different contemporary artist. The restaurant serves excellent food and the hotel also hosts cutting-edge theatre performances.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Leonhardsgraben 47-49

Public Transport: Tram to Musik Academie

Opening hours: 7 day, 24 hours Phone: +41 612 611 010 Internet: www.teufelhof.com Email: info@teufelhof.com

#### **Hotel Odelya**



The 3-star Hotel Odelya is situated both in the city and in a very quiet location in Basel's largest private park. The modern rooms in the listed

building, the idyllic park, the cosy restaurant and the helpful team will guarantee you'll feel right at home.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Missionsstrasse 21, 4055 Basel

Public Transport: Railway Station SBB/SNCF Bus Nr. 30 til

Spalentor; Euroairport Bus Nr. 30 til Spalentor

Phone: +41 61 260 21 21 Internet: https://www.odelya.ch

Email: hotel@odelya.ch

#### Swissôtel Le Plaza Basel



At the Swissôtel Le Plaza Basel you will encounter 238 spacious and elegantly equipped rooms and suites while experiencing true Swiss

hospitality and service by a dedicated team.

Located at the heart of the exhibition square and in walking distance of the city center the Swissôtel is an excellent base for your next city trip to Basel.

Start the day with a sumptuous Vitality breakfast



at the hotel's restaurant Grill25, take advantage of the newspaper or room service, enjoy free Wi-Fi on all hotel grounds and visit the Pürovel Sport area with sauna and steam bath for an optimal balance in life. Make yourself home away from home while discovering the numerous cultural highlights of Basel within easy reach.

Our concierge team will be delighted to assist in planning your next city excursion or event in and around the city.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Messeplatz 25, 4005 Basel

Public Transport: By public transportation: Tram no. 2 from Swiss and French railway station to Messeplatz (5 stations) By Car: on motorway follow signs to "Messe Basel"

Phone: +41 61 555 33 33

Internet: http://www.swissotel.de/basel/

Email: basel@swissotel.com

# **Hotel Metropol**



Enjoy the charming, intimate atmosphere in the modern City Hotelcentrally located, just steps from the main railway station (SBB) and

Air Terminal (shuttle bus). Business centres, the exhibition centre, the historic centre and all the cultural attractions are within easy reach. 46 comfortable design rooms await you during your business, convention or cultural stay, all soundproofed and equipped with the latest facilities. Enjoy fantastic views over Basel from the elegant breakfast room- the ideal start to the day!

# Conditions / extras:

Free W-Lan access. Business centre "Petit Salon" free of charge. Parking on request, ca. CHF 18.-per day.

Photo: Basel tourism

Address: Elisabethenanlage 5 Phone: +41 61 206 76 76

Internet: http://metropol-basel.ch/en/ Email: hotel@metropol-basel.ch

#### **Hotel Wettstein**



In the heart of Kleinbasel, in the immediate vicinity of the Rhine and the old town, our hotel with its idyllic garden will ensure your pleasant stay. You

are only a few minutes walk away from the exhibition and congress centre or the art museum. Whether business or private, the Hotel Wettstein is recommended for every occasion.

Photo: Hotel Wettstein

#### Hotel Dorint an der Messe



The modern 4-star hotel
Dorint An der Messe
Basel, with its immediate
proximity to the
exhibition grounds, is
ideal for business

travellers.

In addition, the excellent transport links make the hotel the perfect starting point for an exploratory tour of Basel.

All 171 light-flooded rooms meet the latest standards, some are air-conditioned and have a large desk.

Free wireless LAN, a fitness studio with TechnoGym equipment, the flexible conference rooms and, of course, the culinary delights in the "Côté Jardin" restaurant and lobby bar are all part of Dorint's full-service philosophy.

Photo: Hotel Dorint an der Messe



#### **GAIA HOTEL**



A very warm welcome! Since 1929, we have been operating the GAIA Hotel - located just by Basel's main train station - with the motto "Come as a

guest, leave as a friend!". Friendship begins here as soon as you arrive at reception, where we welcome you and adopt you as a friend of our establishment.

Located right by the SBB train station in Basel, we have 86 rooms with all mod cons: free WiFi, HD-TV, personal safe, minibar with free organic drinks, extensive organic breakfast buffet, business corner, and the BaselCard for local museums and public transport.

Sustained sustainability, the comfort of a four-star hotel, modern technology – plus the warm hospitality from our family business: that's the GAIA Hotel in Basel in a nutshell!

Photo: GAIA Hotel

# **TOURIST INFORMATION**



Basel Tourism

# **Airport**



EuroAirport
Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg
is the city's major airport,
located 8km from the
centre. Phone: +41 613
253 111 Web:

www.euroairport.ch

Taxi stands are located in front of the Arrivals hall. The main companies are Taxi Zentrale (Tel: +41 612 222 222) and 33 Taxi (Tel: +41 613 333 333). The cost of a taxi from the airport to the city centre is approximately 40 CHF.

BVB bus no. 50 runs to Basel central railway station. The journey time takes approximately 20 minutes.

Phone: +41 616 851 414

Web: www.bvb.ch

All visitors who stay overnight in one of the cities hotels receive a Mobility Ticket that allows them use all public transport free of charge during their stay.

Photo: Basel tourism

# **Public transport**



The most convenient way of getting around town is by bus or tram. Phone: +41 616 851 212 Web: www.bvb.ch. You can rent a bicycle from the

SBB-CFF-FFS train station for approximately 25 CHF per day

Web: www.rent-a-bike.ch

There are four ferries that cross the Rhine, linking Grossbasel with Kleinbasel. The ferries



run from 09.00-19.00 in good weather in summer, and from 11.00-17.00 during the winter. The five-minute crossing costs 1.60 CHF. Web: www.faehri.ch

Photo: Basel tourism

#### Taxi



Taxi Zentrale Phone: +41 612 222 222 Web: www.taxi-zentrale.ch 33 Taxi Phone: +41 613 333 333 Web:

www.33ertaxi.ch

Photo: Basel tourism

#### **Post**

# Rudengasse 1



Photo: Andy Fuchs
Phone: +41 848 888 888
Internet: www.post.ch

# **Pharmacy**



Emergency pharmacy. A surcharge is taken for using the emergency service.

Photo: Gemma Garner Address: Petersgraben 3 Phone: +41 612 637 575

Internet: www.notfallapothekebasel.ch

# Telephone



Country code: +41 Area code: 061

Photo: Jardson Almeida

#### Electricity



220 V

Photo: Stirling Tschan

#### **Population**

171,000

#### Currency

1 CHF (Swiss Franc) = 100 Rappen

#### **Opening hours**

Monday to Wednesday 09.00-18.30 Thursday and Friday 09.00-20.00 Saturday from 9.00-18.00 Sunday closed.

The major shopping centres keep open until 20.00. Only a very few stores are open on Sundays.

#### Internet

www.basel.com

#### **Emergency numbers**

Police: 117
Fire brigade: 118
Ambulance: 144

#### **Tourist information**

In the Stadtcasino, at Barfüsserplatz: Opening hours

Mon-Fri 9.00 am-6.30 pm Sat 9.00 am-5.00 pm

Sun and public holidays 10.00 am-3.00 pm

In the SBB train station:

Opening hours

Mon-Fri 8.00 am-6.00 pm Sat 9.00 am-5.00 pm

Sun and public holidays 9.00 am–3.00 pm

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