

## practical information



## How to get there:

Basel has an international airport (the EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse Freiburg, from where the city is reached within 19 min by bus no. 50 which runs four times an hour) and **three train stations**. ❶ The Swiss railway station SBB, ❷ the German station DB "Badischer Bahnhof" and the ❸ French station SNCF. Frequent, modern trains link the three stations with places in Switzerland and all parts of Europe. The Swiss main station, SBB, provides a large post office, shopping, Migros supermarket, restaurants, lockers, bicycle rental, rest rooms and foreign currency exchange. ❹ **Tourist offices** inside the Stadtcasino (at Barfüsserplatz) and inside SBB train station ❶ (061 268 68 68, valid for both tourist offices). The main post office is in the center (Freie Strasse). @ Internet station at your youth hostel.

**The Basel Card** costs CHF 20.– for 24 h (without means of transport); or CHF 25.– (incl. means of transport), for 48 h CHF 27.–, and for 72 h CHF 35.–. It gives you free admission to some museums and to the zoo, free guided tours of the town, free ferry rides, reductions for concerts and discos, reductions in various shops, a 30% reduction on car rental and reductions on boat trips and taxi fares.



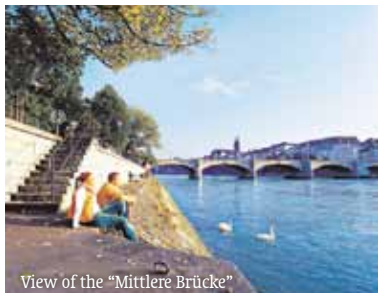
## save money

All visitors who stay at a Basel hotel/hostel receive a **free Mobility Ticket** valid for the whole stay (max. 30 days). This gives you unlimited tram and bus travel without ever having to buy a ticket! Just great! Ask at reception.

www.basel.com  
www.backpacker.ch

## budget accommodation

❶ **Basel St. Alban Youth Hostel**, St. Alban – Kirchrain 10, (061 272 05 72), »www.youthhostel.ch/basel. For more accommodation in Basel ask at the tourist office.



View of the "Mittlere Brücke"



Autumnal atmosphere over the Rhine with a view of the Cathedral

**B**asel is located at the elbow of the Rhine on the borders of France and Germany. Its open-minded inhabitants give Basel its special character. The town has the oldest university in Switzerland (1460) and houses many museums and theaters. It has increasingly established itself as the architectural capital of the country. The multicultural Kleinbasel (on the right bank of the Rhine river) is the home of the alternative cultural scene. The town center is located on the left side of the river. The oldest and cheapest connections between the two banks of the Rhine river are **the ferries**. They are not only a tourist attraction but a means of public transport. Try it! From Basel you can also make excursions into the neighbouring regions of Germany and France.

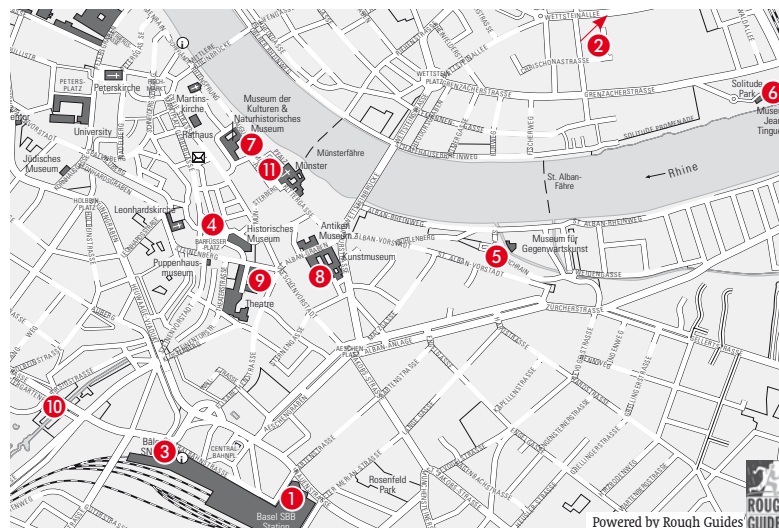
## highlights

❷ **The Museum Jean Tinguely**, at Paul Sacher Anlage 1 (take bus no. 31/36 to Tinguely Museum), is dedicated to the life and work of this major sculptor of iron. The building itself was designed and executed by another famous Swiss, the architect Mario Botta. This museum is unlike others: here, things rattle, squeak, crash and thump. Open Tue–Sun 11 am–7 pm, closed on Monday. Admission CHF 15.–, students CHF 10.–.

At **Fondation Beyeler** at Baselstr. 101 in Riehen (take tram no 6 to Riehen Dorf) you'll find an exceptional collection of work by modern masters! The impressive building resembles a ship lying anchored along-

side the road. Open daily 10 am–6 pm (Wednesday till 8 pm). Admission CHF 25.–, students CHF 12.–, **cheaper admission** (CHF 17.–/students CHF 8.–) on Mon 10 am–6 pm and on Wed from 5–8 pm.

❸ **The Natural History Museum** at Augustinergasse 2 covers virtually all aspects of the natural sciences. Walk through the dinosaur hall or look at the numerous fossils or bizarre, colorful minerals. You may observe living animals in terrariums. Tram 6/8/11/14/16 to Schiffplande or tram 2/15 to Kunstmuseum. Open Tue–Sun 10 am–5 pm (closed on Monday). Admission CHF 7.–, students CHF 5.–, **free admission** every first Sunday of the month.



❹ **Museum of Art** (Kunstmuseum) at St. Alban-Graben 16 is one of the leading art houses in Switzerland. Highlights are paintings of Van Gogh, Gauguin, Cézanne and Picasso. And the museum owns the world's largest collection of works by the Holbein family. Open Tue–Sun 10 am–6 pm, admission CHF 15.–, students 5.–.

❺ For many people the **Swiss Architecture Museum** (Switzerland's only museum of architecture), at Steinenberg 7, is a major reason for coming to Basel. The principal themes are: Swiss architecture from the Classical Modern period, international contemporary architecture, and the relationship between architecture and art. Open Tue, Wed & Fri 11 am–6 pm, Thu 11 am–8.30 pm, Sat & Sun 11 am–5 pm (closed on Mon); CHF 10.–/students CHF 6.–.

❻ **Basel's zoo** is laid out in a large park near the SBB station and has a varied collection including Indian rhinos and king penguins. Feeding times (Fütterungen) are fun to watch (see display by the entrance). Open daily from 8 am–5.30 pm; CHF 18.–/youth under 25 CHF 12.–; **cheaper admission on Mondays** CHF 13.–/youth under 25 CHF 9.–.

❼ Basel's impressive **cathedral** (called the Münster) is the landmark of the city and worth a visit. It was built in the thirteenth century of red sandstone with a patterned roof and rebuilt following an earthquake in 1356. Open Mon–Fri 11 am–4 pm, Sat 11 am–5 pm, Sun 11.30 am–4 pm, entry is free of charge.

If you're halfway interested in design, you'll love the **Vitra Design Museum**, one of the world's leading museums for industrial furniture design and architecture. You'll find the Vitra Design Museum across the border in Germany, 10 km north of Basel in the small town of Weil-Am-Rhein (at Charles-Eames-Strasse 1). Take bus no. 55 from Claraplatz directly to Vitra (passport needed!). Open Mon–Sun 10 am–6 pm, admission Euro 8.–/student Euro 6.50.

## events

**Oct 22nd–Nov 14th** Avo Session.

Different acts, i.e. Sheryl Crow, Anastacia, Joe Jackson and many more (tickets at www.ticketcorner.com).

**Nov 25th–Dec 23rd** Christmas market at Barfüsserplatz.

**Dec 31st** New Year's Eve, something is going on everywhere.

**Jan 18th–23rd** Evita at the Musical Theatre.

**Mar 14th–17th** It's carnival – the three crazy days of Basel.

For entertainment, fun and parties ask at your hostel or at the tourist office for the brochure "Basel Live" to get full listings.



# Travel the Swiss Way.

This is how it feels to travel the Swiss way:

There is a train, whenever you need one, already at the airport. A bus to take you farther, or another train. And a boat, if you wish to enjoy the beauty of one of the lakes. Or a little red train to bring you up to the mountains. A whole system of it, working like a Swiss watch. And so many places to see, in that beautiful little country.

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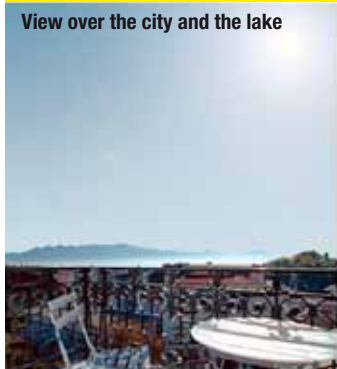
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