

Discover the city of culture on the Rhine.

Basel is situated in the heart of Europe, bordering Germany and France. A combination of authentic Swiss quality and a multicultural population make this city unmistakably cosmopolitan and innovative. Basel is often referred to as Switzerland's cultural capital. Not only because the city is home to the oldest public art collection dating from 1661, but also because Basel, with its world-famous museums and high-calibre events, has become a hotspot for the art world.

Close to **40 museums** with world-class exhibitions – unique in Switzerland and at the top of the international league too. With their diverse themes, they offer something for all interests – and some of them have even written history. **Fondation Beyeler** is the most frequently visited art gallery in Switzerland and delights visitors with first-class exhibitions of modern and contemporary art. **Museum Tinguely** houses the best-known works of the Swiss artist Jean Tinguely, while the world's oldest public art collection in **Kunstmuseum Basel** offers visitors a chance to admire works from Holbein to Picasso as well as superb special exhibitions.

It is therefore no coincidence that **Art Basel** – the premier international art fair – is held here. Every year in June, over 300 carefully selected exhibitors from some of the world's most prominent galleries help turn this exhibition into the city's leading "temporary gallery", featuring 20th and 21st century art. In Switzerland it's held from 16 to 19 June 2022, while its sister fairs are taking place from 29 November to 3 December 2022 in Miami Beach and in March 2023 in Hong Kong.

Basel also demonstrates a clear flair for **architecture and design**. The juxtaposition of classical town houses, medieval churches and modern buildings by a number of world-renowned architects promises exciting architectural contrasts. As you explore the city, you can view architectural masterpieces by luminaries such as Renzo Piano, Mario Botta and Frank O. Gehry. You may even have a chance to meet the Basel architect duo of Herzog & de Meuron, who has designed exciting projects including the Olympic stadium in Beijing, the Elbphilharmonie Hamburg and the Miami Art Museum.

For those who love to combine art with an outdoor trip, the 24 Stops – **Rehberger Weg** is the ideal excursion. This trail, which is around 5 km long, links two countries, two communities and two cultural institutions – and tells countless stories along the way. It connects the Vitra Campus in Weil am Rhein with the Fondation Beyeler in Riehen. Guided by "24 Stops", 24 waymarkers created by the artist Tobias Rehberger, walkers can explore a uniquely diverse natural and cultural landscape.

Yet even without counting its many events, this city on the **Rhine** has a lot to offer. Basel locals know how to make the most of life with true savoir-vivre. **Fine cuisine** is just as important to them as art and culture. You can also enjoy a unique recreational activity in the summer when the official “**Rhine Swim**” takes place, an annual tradition. But you can take advantage of a cool dip any time you wish. It is only when you spend time with the locals in and around the water in this relaxed city on the Rhine that you discover for yourself why the Mediterranean seems so very near in Basel. Further Basel is a popular starting or terminal point for a **river cruise**.

Visitors to Basel can make the most of the city’s diverse cultural offering with the **BaselCard**. The free personal guest card is handed to visitors when they check in and allows them to discover the best of the city. 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 and Theater Basel**. Discounts also apply to guided walking tours of the Old Town and river trips on the Rhine. The BaselCard turns a visit to the city of culture on the Rhine into an unforgettable experience.

Further information: www.basel.com



Exhibition highlights Basel 2022

Fondation Beyeler

Piet Mondrian: 5.6.–9.10.2022

25 years Fondation Beyeler: 30.10.2022–29.1.2023

Kunstmuseum Basel

Picasso – El Greco: 11.6.—25.9.2022

Torn Modernism. Basel's Acquisitions of «Degenerate Art»: 22.10.2022—12.2.2023

Museum Tinguely

Territories of Waste: 14.9.2022—8.1.2023

Events 2022

16.-19.6.2022

Art Basel

Art Basel showcases art of the 20th and 21st centuries and is undisputedly regarded as the leading world fair of the international art market. Over 250 carefully selected exhibitors from the world's most important galleries make the fair the most important temporary museum.

15.-23.7.2022

Basel Tattoo

The Basel Tattoo has been bringing the best and most spectacular music and show formations from all over the world to Basel since 2006. Bands from the most famous royal families also lend the event an extraordinary elegance. To date, more than one million spectators of all ages have experienced the breathtaking marching performances of the large formations and been enchanted by the touching Scottish Highland sounds and exciting dance interludes. The Basel Tattoo is the second largest event of its kind in the world after the famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

10.-28.8.2022

FLOSS Festival 2022

This free summer event brings a Mediterranean festival atmosphere to Basel. From a floating stage with a sail in the middle of the Rhine, insider tips and well-known bands from Switzerland and abroad will delight up to 50,000 visitors. Take a seat on the steps of the Kleinbasel Rhine bank and let yourself be enchanted by this special atmosphere!

16.8.2022

Official Basel Rhine Swimming

Swimming in the Rhine is Basel's number 1 popular sport in summer. Do it like the locals and experience a special kind of leisure pleasure. The colourful wrap-around fish keeps your clothes dry - a swimming bag in the shape of a fish and a Basel invention. On 16 August 2022, the official Rhine Swim will take place again, with thousands plunging into the waters and a party on the banks of the Rhine with barbeque, beer and music.

12.-17.09.2022

Flâneur Festival

Experience the diversity, indulge in curiosity and enjoy the magic – that is the motto of the Flâneur Festival 2022. Around 70 vendors will offer their products along Clarastrasse, which is closed to traffic, and invite locals and guests to enjoy a stroll.

12.-18.9.2022 NEW!

Erasmus klingt! (Erasmus sounds)

This year, Basel's historic old town will be the setting for the first time for the interdisciplinary festival "Erasmus Sounds!"; the epochal figure of Erasmus of Rotterdam, who worked in Basel for many years, is at the centre of a new baroque festival that will henceforth take place as a biennial in view of Erasmus's 500th death anniversary in 2036. Each edition will focus on one of the works that Erasmus wrote and with which he had a decisive influence on humanism and the Renaissance. In September 2022, it will be his work "In Praise of Folly". Five top-class baroque concerts with internationally renowned stars, readings, panel discussions, master classes and guided tours of the city will offer exciting discoveries in music, philosophy, Basel's city history and literature.

20.-23.10.2022 NEW!

Paris+ par Art Basel

Art Basel is expanding: the newest fair for Modern and contemporary art in the French capital. Paris+ par Art Basel will build bridges with France's cultural industries – from fashion and design to film and music – to create a flagship event radiating throughout the city and embedded in Paris and its cultural scene. The fair will initially take place at the Grand Palais's temporary venue, the Grand Palais Éphémère, located in the historic heart of Paris on the Champ-de-Mars, until the restoration of the iconic Grand Palais is completed in 2024.

24.11. – 23.12.2022

Christmas Market

The Basel Christmas market with its 130 small rustic wooden chalets at Barfüsserplatz and Münsterplatz is considered to be one of the prettiest and largest in Switzerland. A magnificent Christmas tree stands on the Münsterplatz, with ornaments by the well-known decorator Johann Wanner. On Claraplatz, the "Sennenhütte" opens its doors again to guests for a fun fondue dinner.

Other news and openings 2022

April 2022

Opening of the Novartis Pavilion on the Novartis Campus

The Novartis Pavillon in the park of the Novartis Campus can be seen even from far away – especially at sunset when an elaborate light show makes this fascinating building sparkle. The sustainably built pavilion was designed by Italian designer and architect Michele De Lucchi. The transparent ground floor symbolizes openness and is accessible for free. The upper floor houses the “Wonders of Medicine” interactive permanent exhibition, which shows how diseases develop and illustrates the future of medicine.

May 2022

ARTour – art in a new dimension

A new experience is all set to enrich our city’s vast art offering– a journey between the digital and the real world that brings art to life in new and innovative ways. The exhibition includes ten augmented reality artworks that can be discovered in the center of Basel using the free [ARTour app](#). For Roche’s 125th anniversary, ten artists have created digital works on the theme of Celebrate Life.

As of May 2022

The Pedrazzini experience by The Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois– the art of being seduced

A sunset on the Rhine is an unforgettable experience not to be missed. As guests of the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois, experience Basel from a completely new perspective with a lifestyle in a class of its own on the fastest and most beautiful boat on the Rhine. This experience can be savoured from the early morning to the evening.

June 2022

Basel Marriott Hotel - where contemporary design meets Swiss culture.

Perfectly located in the city center and only a few steps away from the Congress Center, the newly renovated Basel Marriott Hotel offers an unmatched location for leisure and business travelers. Embrace effortless relaxation in spacious rooms and suites with elegant design, lush bedding and inviting workspace with complimentary high speed Wi-Fi.

September 2022

Opening of Roche Building 2 (Bau 2)

The Roche Tower (Building 1; Bau 1) can justifiably be called a modern landmark in Basel, as it is the tallest building in Switzerland and can be seen far beyond the city limits. In spring 2022, the second tower will be officially opened, which at 205 m will even surpass the first by 27 metres. Both towers were designed by the architects Herzog & de Meuron and house the offices of the pharmaceutical company Roche, which until then had been spread all over the city. And the ambitious project is not yet finished: A third building, this time less tall, is currently under construction.

October 2022

Public opening Novartis Campus

The biotech and pharma group Novartis has announced that they are opening their campus further for the public. In a first phase, starting this year, Novartis opens the premises for startups, incubators, institutes, companies and partners. With this step, the company wants to strengthen collaboration between leading and emerging players in the fields of research, development and technology.