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Basel

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1. BASEL MÜNSTER: The medieval cathedral that dominates the riverside skyline is worth a trip for the peaceful cloisters, the impressive frescos and sculptures (inside and out) and to climb the towers for a birdseye view over the rooftops of Basel.

www.baslermuenster.ch

2. KUNSTMUSEUM: One of the largest art collections in Switzerland, exhibiting works from the fifteenth century to modern day.

www.kunstmuseumbasel.ch

3. FONDATION BEYELER: A little outside the city centre, this former private collection exhibits some of the most important names in contemporary art and sculpture.

www.fondationbeyeler.ch

4. MEDIEVAL TOWN CENTRE: With its fifteenth century university and old merchant houses, its worth spending time meandering through the winding streets of the city centre and along the river bank.

www.basel.com

5. ST ALBANECK: Hidden on an old residential side street just back from the river, this beamed building hides a contemporary European restaurant with one of the most interesting menus in town.

www.stalbaneck.ch

6. RHYSCHÄNTZLI: Contemporary and cool industrial interiors combine with a menu of traditional Swiss dishes given a modern twist. The atmosphere is young and friendly, and the food is done well.

www.rhyschaenzli.ch

7. ELISABETHEN STÜBLI: Best known for its delicious cheese fondue, this cute, wooden-panelled spot also serves good Swiss classics.

www.elsbethenstuebli.ch

8. BODEGA ZUM STRAUSS: You can't miss the giant ostrich adorning the facade of this local favourite. Come for the excellent Italian / European-style menu, stay for the drinks and company.

Barfüsserplatz 16

9. SWIMMING IN THE RHINE: In summer the city swelters, and locals in-the-know don their swimsuits and leap into the Rhine. Grab a waterproof bag and simply float the heat away.

www.basel.com/en/portrait/rhine-life

10. IT'S SHORTER BY WATER: Basel has five bridges crossing the Rhine, but if you're in a hurry, then catch a ride on one of the four ferries. "Wilde Man", "Leu", "Vogel Gryff" und "Ueli" cross using just the current and an overhead cable.

www.basel.com/en/activities/excursions/ferries

11. CINEMA UNDER THE STARS: Every summer the Münsterplatz is transformed into a huge open-air cinema courtesy of mobile phone provider Salt (formerly Orange).

www.saltcinema.ch/basel/basel.html

MEET THE ROMANS (not on map): At the impressively intact nearby Roman settlement Augusta Raurica in the town of Augst.

www.augustaurica.ch

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COFFEE AND CAKE

12. GLATSCHARIA ÜNA: Hands down the best ice cream in the city. Fresh alpine milk is transformed into refreshing, colourful treats at this tiny kiosk hidden behind the University. Classic fruit and chocolate flavours abound, but try the Fior Di Latte, a traditional sour milk ice cream which is surprisingly sweet.

Rosshofgasse

13. CAFE KAFKA: A cute little cafe attached to the Literaturhaus Basel with good hot chocolates and a small menu. A nice alternative to the nearby Starbucks on Freiestrasse.

www.literaturhaus-basel.ch

APERIO DRINKS

14. CONSUM: Tuck into local wines and cheese before dinner at this bar opposite the Kraft Hotel. There are cheese and meat platters and a good selection of white, red, rose and sparkling wines by the glass.

www.consumbasel.ch

15. VOLTABRAU: A stylish industrial-style space with a good selection of own-brewed beers and a slightly exposed patio.

www.voltabraeu.ch

16. FLANNAGAN'S: Irish pubs don't always get the best rep, but this one actually feels like the genuine article, complete with quiz.

www.flanagans.ch

events

JANUARY

Vogelgryff: A celebration of the Klein Basel guilds. The symbols of each guild (a lion, a griffon and a wild man) process down the Rhine before dancing on the Klein Basel banks.

FEBRUARY

Fasnacht: The biggest carnival in Switzerland. For 72 hours from the Monday after Ash Wednesday, cliques process the streets to the sound of sombre drum and piccolo marches, dressed as a mockery of global and local events. Begins with the Morgenstreich, or lighting of the lanterns, at 4am on the Monday.

JUNE

Kantonal Schwingfest: or Swiss wrestling. The rules are a mystery to all but those involved but it's a fun family-friendly day out.

NOVEMBER

Weihnachtsmarkt: The classic Christmas market complete with lights, crafts and hot chocolate.



BEYOND THE CITY

ADLERINSCHLIENGEN: Hop over the border to Germany and the Black Forest for some of the best meats and fondue (at reasonable Euro prices) in the region.

www.adler-schliengen.de/index.htm

WASSERFALLEN: This mini mountain combines adventure park with hiking. Ride the cable car up, take a little wander to the summit, then head down on the giant, adult-sized trottinets.

www.region-wasserfallen.ch

VITRA DESIGN MUSEUM: Part museum, part shop, the Vitra centre is home to the brand that created some of the most iconic furniture of the modernist era. From Charles and Ray Eames to Philippe Starck, Vitra have worked with amazing designers throughout their sixty-plus year history.

www.design-museum.de

The airport is approximately 15 minutes drive from the centre of the city. Alternatively, there is a bus (50) which runs from the airport to the Basel SBB Bahnhof in approximately 20 minutes. Trams run to most parts of the city from the station www.bvb.ch/en/timetable-network/online-timetable

City map



1. Basel Münster, *Münsterplatz*
2. Kunstmuseum, *St. Alban-Graben*
3. Fondation Beyeler, *Baselstrasse 101, Riehen*
4. Old Town, *Altstadt*
5. St Alban Eck, *St. Alban-Vorstadt*
6. Rhyschänzli, *Lichstrasse*
7. Elisabethen Stübli, *Elisabethenstrasse*
8. Bodega zum Strauss, *Barfüsserplatz*
9. Swimming in the Rhine
10. Rhine ferries
11. Salt Cinema, *Münsterplatz*
12. Glatsharia Üna, *Rosshofgasse*
13. Cafe Kafka, *Barfüssergasse*
14. Consom, *Rheingasse*
15. Voltabrau, *Voltastrasse*
16. Flannagan's, *Picassoplatz*