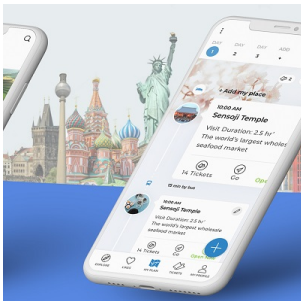


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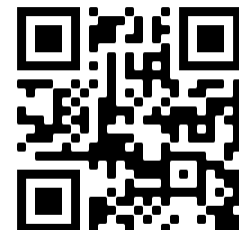


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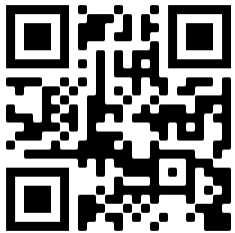
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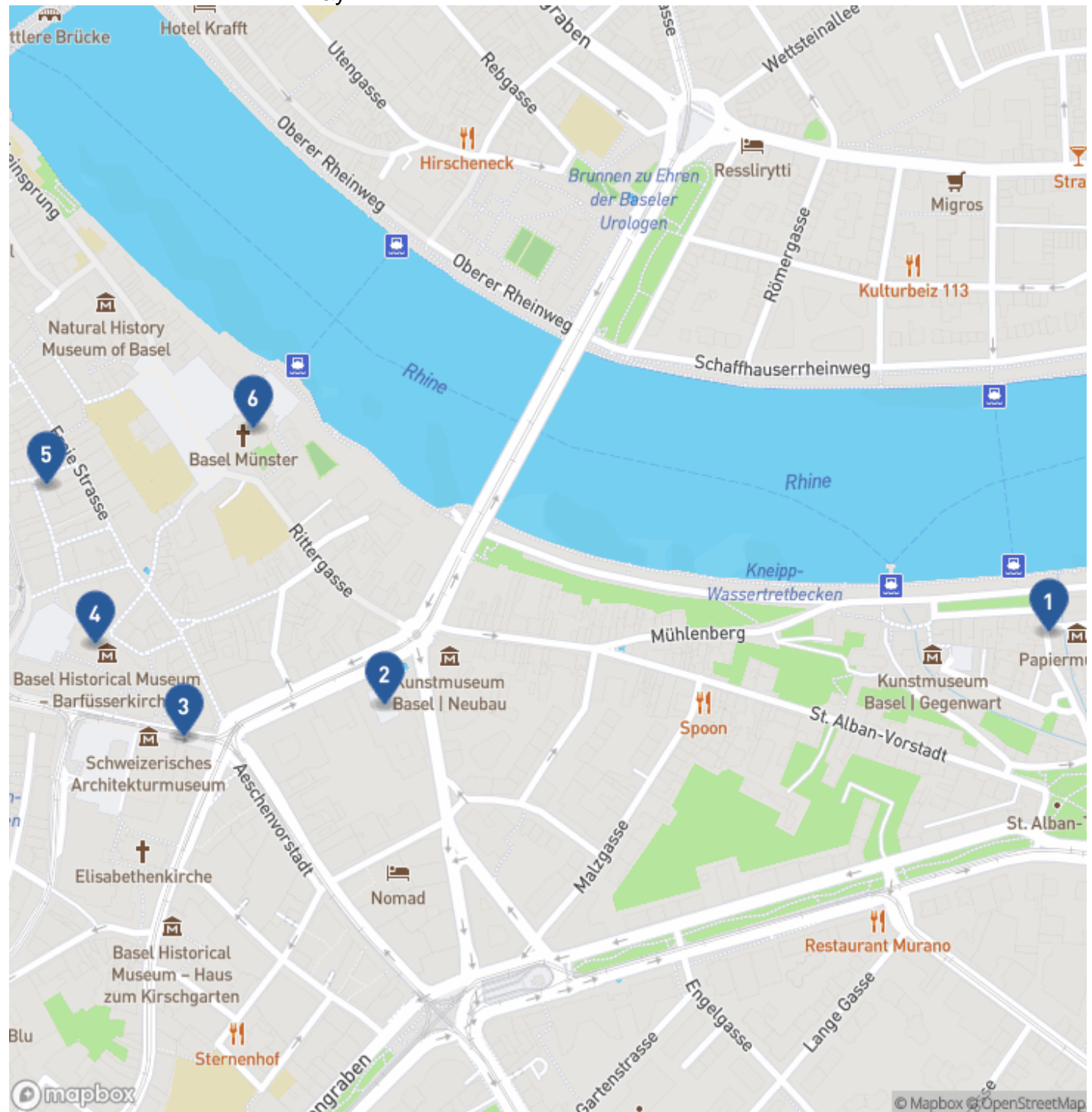
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09:30 Basel Paper Mill Museum



Visit Duration: 1 hour

The Papiermuseum is also called the Swiss Museum for Paper, Writing and Printing, it is a working museum which means the site is still fully functional as a paper mill and is used for workshops as well as being the site of exhibitions about the technical side and history of paper milling in Basel. The cultural heritage is preserved as professionals produce paper before your eyes using the traditional methods and historical equipment. Visitors are also given the chance to make their own paper and to try typesetting and making decorative paper. The museum collection has at its core the Swiss Historical Paper Collection which was gathered from 1954 to 1979. The artifacts cover 400 years of paper mill history. The exhibits are focused on printing, writing and paper making but also cover book binding and the artisanal techniques of dipping paper.

Twelve mill houses were operated in the 12th century by water from a canal built by the convent of the Monastery of St. Alban. At first the mills were used to grind corn. In the late Middle Ages ten of these mills were converted to paper mills making it one of the most important industries in the area. Today the Stegreif Mill and Galiciean Mill house the museum; both these mills produced paper for 446 years up until 1924.



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Address: Basler Papiermühle, St. Alban-Tal 37,
4052 Basel, Switzerland

Phone Number: 61 225 90 90

Admission: Adults 15F, children over 16yrs,
students, seniors 13F, children 6yrs-16yrs 9F,
families 30F-38F

opening hours: Tues-Fri/Sun 11:00am-5pm, Sat
1pm-5pm



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10:40 Fine Arts Museum Basel / Kunstmuseum



Visit Duration: 1 hour, 30 mins

0.7 KM, 10 minutes walking from Basel Paper Mill Museum

A modern extension is being constructed adjacent to the original building. This will effect the galleries and department of prints and drawings, the prints and drawings study room and the bookshop of the main building. However it is still possible to view three collections on show temporarily in different museums in the city. The Fine Arts Museum collection of masterworks is on show at the **Museum fur Gegenwartskunst**. This collection is of modernism works is entitled: *Cezanne to Richter – Masterpieces from Kunstmuseum Basel* and will be on display until February 2016. You can also see the collection of Old Masters on display in the exhibition: *Holbein, Cranach, Grunewald – Masterpieces from the Kunstmuseum Basel* at the **Kulturen Basel Museum**. The works from the Emanuel Hoffmann Foundation are on display at the **Schaulager** in an exhibition entitled: *FUTURE PRESENT – Contemporary Art from Classic Modernism to the Present Day*.

When the Fine Arts Museum is fully operating it is among the largest collections in Europe and is the oldest public museum in Europe. The museum holds works from the 15th century to present day. In the Prints and Drawings Department the focus is on works by artists from the Upper Rhine region during the years 1400 to 1600 and the 19th to 21st century. One of the largest parts of the museum collection is Renaissance art which includes works by Konrad Witz, Lucas Cranach the Elder, Martin Schongauer and Matthias Grunewald. Among the museum highlights are works by Basel-born artist Arnold Bocklin. Other top artists on display include Picasso, Rembrandt, Paul Rubens, Jan Brueghel the Elder, Leger, Monet, van Gogh, Cezanne, Juan Gris, Gauguin, Manet, Edvard Munch, Klee, Marc Chagall, Andy Warhol and Braque.



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Address: St. Alban-Graben 16, 4051 Basel,
Switzerland

Phone Number: 061 206 62 62



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12:15 Kunsthalle



Visit Duration: 1 hour

0.2 KM, 2 minutes walking from Fine Arts Museum Basel

The Kunsthalle Institute is dedicated to displaying, contemplating and discussing contemporary art. It was founded in 1872 when it was one of the initial institutions in the country to exhibit international and Swiss contemporary art. Today it is one of Switzerland's top contemporary art exhibition spaces. It is known as an institution which pushes the envelope, takes risks and engages artists who are not yet well known.

Throughout the year the venue hosts approximately 10 temporary exhibitions. Many of the exhibitions are of new, never before seen work. In addition the venue hosts a number of events including artist's talks, film screenings and performances. At the site there is a bookshop, library and restaurant as well as the exhibition space.

The museum is housed in a unique building constructed between 1869 and 1872 based on the designs of Johann Jakob Stehlin-Burckhardt. Other well known artists at the time contributed to the decoration of the building. Since then the building has been extended several times and a sculptor's workshop was added in 1927 which today serves as the STADKINO Basel . In 2004 there were further renovations and the Swiss Architecture Museum (SAM) moved into the ground floor.



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Address: Steinenberg 7, 4051 Basel, Switzerland

Phone Number: 061 206-99-00

Admission: 10F adults, 6F seniors and children

opening hours: Tues, Wed, Fri -

11:00am-6:00pm; Thurs 11:00am-8:30pm; Sat,

Sun 11:00am-5pm



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13:15 Basel Historical Museum



Visit Duration: 1 hour, 30 mins

0.2 KM, 3 minutes walking from Kunsthalle

The Historisches Museum Basel, or Basel Historical Museum, is one of the largest cultural history museums in Switzerland, and it is hence considered to be of national importance. The museum is divided into four sections housed in discrete historic buildings across the city, with the exception of one, the Coach and Carriage Museum, which lies outside the city in the neighborhood of Münchenstein. The other sections are namely the Barfüsserkirche, which is the main museum building, the Haus zum Kirschgarten, and the Musikmuseum. The Barfüsserkirche is housed in an old church located in the city center. It comprises over 6200 square-meters of museum space dedicated to Basel's cultural heritage, spread out across multiple rooms and levels. The main focus of the museum is on objects that depict everyday life in Switzerland throughout the medieval, renaissance and baroque eras, and some things visitors will encounter include the Basel Cathedral Treasure, the famous Basel "dance of death" fragments, a breathtaking collection of Strasbourg tapestries, and a coin and glass painting collection.

The Haus zum Kirschgarten is housed in an old 18th-century aristocratic manor house considered by many to be the most beautiful in the city. It comprises some 50 exhibition rooms that depict everyday life in Basel throughout the 18th and 19th centuries. Visitors will see paintings, porcelain, furniture and children's toys. The Musikmuseum is located in Barfüsserplatz, and boasts 21 exhibition rooms that shed light on the European music tradition over 5 centuries. The displays showcase a range of classical instruments, and information on choirs, concerts, ceremonies and parades of historical importance.



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Address: Main Building: Barfusserkirche,
Barfusserplatz 4, Basel 4051, Switzerland.
Phone Number: 61 205 86 00; info 61 205 86 02
Admission: Adults 12F, reduced 7F
opening hours: Tues-Sun 10am-5pm, closed
Mondays



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14:45 Altstadt Basel / Basel Old Town



Visit Duration: 1 hour

0.1 KM, 2 minutes walking from Basel Historical Museum

Basel's Old Town spans the Rhine and is divided into Grossbasel Altstadt and Kleinbasel Altstadt. It is the historic center of the city and one of the best preserved Old Towns in Europe. The picturesque buildings are in diverse architectural styles and their pristine condition is unparalleled. Wherever you look in the Old Town you will see half-timber buildings from the 15th century in addition to structures in international architectural styles and contemporary architecture by well known designers. Although the architectural styles are diverse there is a sense of harmony and the Old Town has a magical, quaint feel. The Old Town is small enough to explore on foot.

Attractions in the Old Town include the Blaues and Weisses Haus; Fasnacht-Brunnen fountain created by Jean Tinguely; the fish market; Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois; Historisches Museum housed in a 13th century Church of the Shoeless Friars; Kunsthalle museum of contemporary art; Kunstmuseum of fine art; Spalen Gate which is one of the original city wall gates; the Holbein fountain; Leonhardskirche; a famous mural called Lallekonig and Marktplatz with the stunning Rathaus. The Old Town is also the site of several restaurants, bars, specialty stores and performance venues. Some of the most picturesque lanes in the Old Town are Spalenberg, Leonhardsberg and Heuberg.



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Address: The Old Town spans the Rhine with the Altstadt Grossbasel on the west bank and the Kleinbasel on the east bank. Start exploring in MarktPlatz.

Admission: Free

Opening hours: 24/7



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15:50 Basel Münster



Visit Duration: 1 hour, 30 mins

0.3 KM, 4 minutes walking from Altstadt Basel

The Basel cathedral is a stand-out landmark on a hill overlooking the Rhine with two distinct thin towers and an exterior of red brick topped by a brightly colored tiled roof. This national heritage site began as a Catholic cathedral and is now a Reformed Protestant church. The original structure was built between 1019 and 1500 in the Romanesque-style and the Gothic-style. In 1356 the building was damaged by an earthquake and was then reconstructed according to the design of Johannes Gmund. In 1421 further additions were made to the church by architect Ulrich von Ensingen. In 1500 Hans von Nußdorf added the southern tower.

The twin towers of the church reach a height of 64.2 Meters and 62.7 meters and are named after the saintly knights Georg and Martin. On either side of the entrance to the church you can see statues of the two saints on horseback. The church has a mechanical clock and sundial but the sundial with a fascinating story. The two towers are connected by a gallery and the belfry is situated between the two. If you want to climb to the top of the towers it will take you 242 steps. The façade features several statues and sculptures each with a story to tell.

The choir or “pfalz” is decorated with sculptures of animals which the Middle Ages sculpture had probably never seen including elephants and “foreign men.” The cloisters date back to the 15th century and feature picturesque Gothic arches. In the middle ages it was traditional to bury the dead in the cloisters and many famed scholars, Basler councilors and merchants are buried here.



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Address: Rittergasse 3, 4051 Basel, Switzerland

Phone Number: 061 277 45 42 or 061 272 91 57

Admission: Free admission to cathedral; towers 3F

Opening Hours: Winter - Mon-Sat 11:00am-4pm, Sun and holidays 11:30am-4pm; Summer - Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Thurs 10am-4pm, Sun and holidays 11:30am-5pm; Cloister - daily 8am-nightfall (not later than 8pm); Crypts - Indoor crypt free access during summer, closed in winter; outdoor crypt visited only by special request at 061 272 91 57

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