Welcome to Basel-Stadt

People who move to a new place must first reorient themselves, because nothing is the way it used to be. This begins with the most mundane, everyday considerations: where does the rubbish go? But soon somewhat more difficult questions emerge. Where do I have to register my car? Where will my child go to school? And what am I going to do in my free time when I hardly know anyone in my new home?

This brochure is meant to help you to settle down in your new place of residence. But we not only want you to know what forms you have to fill out; we want you to have a sense of well-being in Basel and soon no longer feel like a newcomer, but rather as a part of this city canton.

On the following pages you will find some information and addresses that are intended to help you settle into Basel.
Everyday life

Everyday life in a new place of residence quickly turns into an obstacle course. Countless things must be taken care of, deadlines have to be met, and administrative offices must be found. The canton of Basel-Stadt has a modern administration at its disposal which fosters uncomplicated dealings with the inhabitants. The central institution for this contact is the Customer Centre of the Residential Registration Office, with a broad range of services on offer.

RESIDENTIAL REGISTRATION OFFICE

The Residential Registration Office is also specifically the first contact point for people who are moving to Basel and must deal with their residency status in the canton. It records the data concerning all Swiss and foreign inhabitants. This includes, for example, changes in marital status, address changes, name changes, births and deaths.

The Residential Registration Office gives advice to newcomers and issues certificates and confirmations. In addition information and forms from other cantonal departments can be obtained here, as well as a number of motor vehicle inspection products. Passports and identity cards for Swiss citizens are issued by the passport office. It also handles lost property and issues certifications and apostilles.

PERMITS

Personal advice is offered at the contact points in the Residential Registration Office, at the motor vehicle inspection department and at the building and traffic department. In some cases permits from other offices can also be applied for there.

KEEPING ANIMALS

As a rule keeping pets does not require a permit in the canton of Basel-Stadt (exception: potentially dangerous dogs). However, when crossing the border, vaccination rules and/or special import regulations apply to many animals. Various regulations concerning keeping them must also be complied with. And all animals must be accommodated and cared for in a manner appropriate to their species. In addition dogs must be registered or re-registered for taxation with the veterinary office and also with AMICUS, and must carry a microchip.

WASTE DISPOSAL

Daily tasks include, for example, the disposal of waste materials. In the canton of Basel-Stadt household rubbish – which by the way is called “Hauskehricht” in Switzerland – is collected twice a week. What districts are served on what days of the week is noted on the waste disposal calendar, which is supplied once a year or can be obtained in the Customer Centre of the Residential Registration Office and at police stations. For your “Hauskehricht” you must use the official rubbish bags of the canton, so-called “Bebbi-Säcke”. You can buy them at the till in most grocery shops.

RADIO AND TV

Radio and TV are subject to licence fees in Switzerland. It does not matter whether radio, television, computer, tablet or mobile phone are present or in use. Serafe has been tasked by the Confederation with collecting the licensing fees. The licensing fees are paid per household, not per device. Families, flat-sharing communities or couples who live in the same household pay the fees only once.

ENERGY AND DRINKING WATER

The canton of Basel-Stadt is supplied with energy and drinking water by the Industrielle Werke (IWB). So that your energy and water consumption...
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ADDITIONAL LEGAL ADVICE
- www.bs.ch
- www.gefaerdfrei.ch/arbeitnehmende

ENERGY AND WATER SUPPLY
- Tel. 061 201 71 50
- www.energie.bs.ch

CROSS-BORDER QUESTIONS
- www.infobest.eu

RADIO AND TV LICENCE FEES
- www.licensesamt.bs.ch

SHOPPING
In Basel there are countless possibilities for shopping. Most businesses are open in the evening during the week until 6.30pm, some until 8pm. In the inner city most businesses close on Saturday at 5pm or 6pm, and in some outer districts somewhat earlier. On Sundays and public holidays you can shop in the railway stations, at many petrol stations and in a few selected grocery shops located over the whole city. If you want to shop across the border in the neighbouring countries, you must comply with the appropriate customs regulations, since Switzerland does not belong to the European Union and certain goods are subject to customs duties when imported.

EATING OUT
Restaurants in Basel and its surroundings enjoy a good reputation. They are varied and offer something for every taste: the choice ranges from the cosy neighbourhood pub to the gourmet temple with stars and an award-winning chef. And as far as the type of cuisine is concerned, the Basel region knows no borders: you can choose between regional dishes and gastronomic delicacies from all over the world.

KEEPING ANIMALS
- Veterinary Office Tel. 061 267 33 24/25, www.veterinairamt.bs.ch

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS
- www.zoll.admin.ch

POLICE
- www.polizei.bs.ch

TRANSPORT AND HELICOPTER EMERGENCY SERVICES
- ORTHO-Nottal, Merian Iselin Klinik Innenstrasse 2, 4051 Basel. Tel. 061 305 14 00, www.ortho-nottal.ch
- medik Toujours Centralbahnstrasse 3, 4051 Basel. Tel. 061 500 11 00, www.medik-toujours.ch

LEGAL ADVICE
- www.gefaerdfrei.ch

OTHER LEGAL ADVICE
- Legal advice civil law Basel City
- Inheritance Erscholzhof, Fettengasse 10, 4051 Basel. Tel. 061 267 83 02, www.erscholzhof.ch
- General civil law, inheritance and family law matters Klinikengasse 5, 4051 Basel Tel. 061 267 81 81, www.klinikengasse5.ch

RENTED HOUSING
If you live in a rental house or apartment, your landlord is the contact person for most matters. In contrast with many other countries, in Switzerland the kitchens in rental accommodations are part of the basic equipment, and a common laundry is available to the tenants.

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES
- Heart attacks and strokes Basel Stadt Tel. 061 704 12 12
- Heart attack care Basel Stadt Tel. 061 704 12 12
- Stroke care Basel Stadt Tel. 061 704 12 12

SYMPTOMS
- www.statistik.bs.ch
- www.geo.bs.ch

RESIDUARIES
- www.mfk.bs.ch

EMERGENCY SERVICES
- Polizeiposten Spiegelhof Spiegelgasse 6, 4051 Basel. Tel. 061 201 77 50
- Polizeiinspektion Kleinbasel 1, 4051 Basel Tel. 061 261 60 50

WASTE
- www.serafe.ch

PERMITS
- www.awa.bs.ch/arbeitnehmende

ENERGY AND DRINKING-WATER SUPPLY
- Tel. 061 261 60 50, www.energie.bs.ch

TAXES
- www.steuerverwaltung.bs.ch

RADIO AND TV LICENCE FEES
- www.licensesamt.bs.ch

SHOPPING AND A MALL
- Many local and Swiss grocery shops are located over the whole city. For a list of these shops see www.lieferservice.bs.ch.

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CHILD CARE

In terms of childcare by non-family members, parents have the choice between a number of options, including daycare centres or day families. Facilities are available in all residential neighbourhoods.

LEISURE

In Basel, families, youth and children are also well catered for when it comes to leisure activities, with numerous local recreation areas offering attractive locations to linger. In summer, open-air swimming pools are very popular, while in winter, two ice rinks invite the population to turn a few rounds. Libraries, museums, children’s and youth theatres, local meeting points, youth centres and youth clubs offer a wide range of leisure activities. On top of this, Basel boasts numerous public playgrounds, parks and sports facilities.

ADVICE / COUNSELLING

A network of private and public institutions supports and helps families, parents, adolescents and children tackle problems or emergencies. Among them are the children and youth service, the centre for early intervention, parent counselling, the family, couple and educational counselling, the youth counselling and the children’s office.
CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS
- www.kinder.bs.ch
- www.jugend.bs.ch
- www.meyraub.ch
- Department of Youth and Family Support
  Lembergerstrasse 1, 4021 Basel
  Tel. 061 687 07 07, www.jfbs.ch
- Children and Youth Service
  Lembergerstrasse 41, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 267 45 55, www.nqvb.ch
- Centre for Early Intervention
  De Veldstrasse 3, 4033 Basel
  Tel. 061 683 23 43, union@qtp-basel.ch
- Department of Education
  Lembergerstrasse 1, 4021 Basel
  Tel. 061 267 94 00, www.ed.bs.ch
- Children’s Office
  Auf der Lysa 20, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 263 33 55, www.kinderbuero-basel.ch
- Rosi-Spiel-Aktoren
  Sturmschulenstrasse 187, 4053 Basel
  Tel. 061 333 33 93, www.eifam.ch
- Youth Counselling Youth Work
  Theodorskirchplatz 7, 4058 Basel
  Tel. 061 267 43 40, www.quartiertreffpunktebasel.ch
- Youth counselling YouthWork
  Theodorskirchplatz 7, 4058 Basel
  Tel. 061 683 11 33, faz@qtp-basel.ch
- Pro Jugendtreff beider Basel
  Schützenhaus 15, Postfach, 4031 Basel
  Tel. 061 267 11 47, www.hochschule-bas.ch
- Der Junge Rat Basel-Stadt
  www.junge-rat.ch.
- Kantonalverband Pfadi (Scouts)
  Postfach, 4020 Basel
  Tel. 061 261 22 18, www.projuventute-bb.ch
- Jungwacht Blauring BS/BL
  (Children and Youth organisation)
  Freimaurerstrasse 80, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 271 25 90, quba@qtp-basel.ch
- e³ jugen cultural (Youth Work)
  Eulerstrasse 3, 4031 Basel
  Tel. 061 321 06 07, elch@qtp-basel.ch
- GUG City Library
  Zürcherstrasse 10, 4058 Basel
  Tel. 061 321 48 28, www.mi5.ch
  info@mi5.ch

FAMILY AND EDUCATION
- www.familie.bs.ch
- www.vereinfaehmadruckehreuung.ch
- www.legislation.org
- www.familypass.ch
- www/kind/drtreffhauing-nordwestschweiz.ch
- www/frauenhilfs.ch
- Mediation Day Homes
  Friesstrasse 25, Postfach, 4021 Basel
  Tel. 061 267 46 14, www.legislationheuung-bs.ch
- Family, Couple and Educational Counselling
  Greifingasse 23, Postfach 169, 4035 Basel
  Tel. 061 286 06 69, www.fah.ch
- Parent Counselling
  Friesstrasse 35, 4021 Basel
  Tel. 061 386 02 10, www.vereinfaehmadruckehreuung.ch
- Counselling Centre HELP! For Families
  Cornerstrasse 12, 4021 Basel
  Tel. 061 333 93 93, www.elfam.ch
- Counselling Centre Bi-national Couples and Families
  Steinengraben 71, 4021 Basel
  Tel. 061 271 35 49, www.bi-national.ch
- Office for Training Funding
  Holbeinstrasse 50, Postfach, 4021 Basel
  Tel. 061 267 11 47, www.hochschule-bas.ch

DISTRICTS
- Neighbourhood Work
  Präsidialdepartment
  Kontaktstelle für Quartierzentrum
  Marktpass 306, Postfach, 4041 Basel
  Tel. 061 267 43 40, www.quartierzentrum.bs.ch
- Offices and District Coordination
  www.stadtteilsekretariatebasel.ch
- Stadttief bezirksekretariat kleinbasel
  Kägisbachi 61, 4027 Basel
  Tel. 061 681 84 44, ras@baselbasel.org
- Stadttief bezirksekretariat Basel-West
  Elisabethenstrasse 12, 4026 Basel
  Tel. 061 321 06 60, info@baselwest.ch
- Quartierskoordination
  Gundeldingen
  Gundeldingenstrasse 213, 4053 Basel
  Tel. 061 331 08 83, info@gundeldingen.bs.ch

Community Centers
- www.quartierbaitungrebtnbasel.ch
- Treffpunkt Breite
  Züriwilstrasse 149, 4052 Basel
  Tel. 061 312 79 86, treffloep@fbs.ch
- Quartierskoordinate BURG – Quartierskoordinate Wettstein
  Burgweg 7, 4058 Basel
  Tel. 061 601 01 85, wettstein@fbs.ch
- Quartierskoordinate LoLa
  Luthringenstrasse 63, 4056 Basel
  Tel. 061 321 46 26, sta@basel.ch
- Kontaktstelle für Eltern und Kinder
  St. Johann
  Luthringenstrasse 63, 4056 Basel
  Tel. 061 681 01 07, kontaktstelle-rahmen@fbs.ch
- ELOH Elternzentrum Hirzenbrunn
  Eides Reihenstrasse 1, 4054 Basel
  Tel. 061 366 30 60, www.robispielt.ch
- Quartierskoordinate Hirzenbrunn
  Im Rheinau 15, 4058 Basel
  Tel. 061 267 11 21, sta@basel.ch
- ELOH Elternzentrum Gunzli
  Dornachstrasse 120, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 333 11 30, familea@basel.ch
- Kasernenbeauftragte
  Kasernenstrasse 23, 4058 Basel
  Tel. 061 681 23 46, kasernentruef@fbs.ch
- Kontaktstelle für Eltern und Kinder
  Eisernenstrasse 34, 4053 Basel
  Tel. 061 321 06 07, elch@qtp-basel.ch
- QuBa Quartierzentrum Bachletten
  Bachlettenstrasse 12, 4024 Basel
  Tel. 061 271 25 90, quba@fbs.ch
- Eltern Kind Zentrum MaKly
  Dornachstrasse 106, 4052 Basel
  Tel. 061 692 50 30, kyta@fbs.ch
- KunLund-Begegnungszentrum UNION
  Kägisbachi 95, 4057 Basel
  Tel. 061 333 33 93, www.kulturbasel.ch
- Körnerquartier Körnerquartier
  Dornachstrasse 106, 4052 Basel
  Tel. 061 333 33 93, www.kulturbasel.ch
- Social Services Support
  Department of Youth and Family
  St. Johannstrasse 42, 4058 Basel
  Tel. 061 271 33 34, info@gundeli-koordination.ch
- Neutral District Associations
- NOV Bachletten-Holbein
  4050 Basel
  kontakt@bacheitenn-holbein.ch
  www.bachletten-holbein.ch
Children, Youth and Families

- NQV Breite-Lehenmatt
  Stephan Plum
  Tel. 079 934 05 24, www.nqv-b-l.ch
- NQV Bruderholz
  Cornelia Jakelath
  Am Ali.Stderrstrasse 7, 4059 Basel
  Tel. 061 311 16 07, www.bruderholz.org
- NQV Gundeldingen
  Fauti Marti
  Pfaffengrabenstrasse 63, 4059 Basel
  Tel. 079 514 94 15, www.nqv-gundeldingen.ch
- NQV Herbriggen
  Renars Köhler-Fischer
  Gervazchenstrasse 4/6, 4059 Basel
  Tel. 061 632 36 26, www.nqv-herbriggen.ch
- QV Läbi in der Innenstadt
  Urs Prissig
  Frei Strasse 44, 4051 Basel
  www.qv-innenstadt.ch
- NQV Kannenfeld
  Burgholdingstrasse 70, 4055 Basel
  www.nqv-kannenfeld.ch
- NQV Kannenfeld
  Montal Harris
  Montagnystr. 7, 4125 Riehen
  Tel. 061 381 05 08, www.qv-kannenfeld.ch
- NQV Neubad
  Christian Wyder
  Obererstrasse 45, 4054 Basel
  Tel. 061 362 96 35, www.neubad.ch
- Quartier Verein Niederholz
  Kehlweberstr. 41, 4125 Riehen
  www.qveniederholz.ch
- NQV Obera Kleinbasel
  Postfach, 4052 Basel
  www.qvon-riehen.ch
- Dorfverein Pro Kleinhüningen
  www.dorfverein-kleinhueningen.ch
- NQV Riesen Nord QUARINO
  Emma G. Stauber
  Auf der Bachstrasse 86, 4125 Riehen
  Tel. 061 641 90 76, www.quarino.ch
- NQV Spalen-Gottighof
  www.spalen-gottighof.ch
- NQV St. Alban-Grellert
  Basile Wäckerlin
  Postfach 07, 4021 Basel
  Tel. 061 311 16 07, www.nqv-alban-grellert.ch
- NQV St. Johann
  Maro Bauer
  St. Johanna Park 1, 4056 Basel
  Tel. 079 469 50 48, www.nqv-stjohann.org
- NQV Unteres Kleinbasel
  Christian Winterhalter
  Mulheimerstrasse 77, 4057 Basel

Education

The canton of Basel-Stadt has a modern, high-quality school system that meets the diverse needs of the children and young people living here. In Switzerland education and training are in principle the responsibility of the cantons.

EARLY PROMOTION OF GERMAN

Children who do not speak any or hardly any German attend a playgroup or another similar institution for at least two half days per week in the year before they start kindergarten to learn German in a playful way. This early promotion of German has been mandatory in Basel since 2013.

KINDERGARTEN, PRIMARY SCHOOL AND SECONDARY SCHOOL

Compulsory schooling comprises eleven years and is divided into the kindergarten, primary and secondary levels. Children attend kindergarten for two years, usually between the ages of five and seven. After that they attend primary school for six years. Here children learn French starting in the third year and English starting in the fifth year. After primary school all pupils attend the three-year secondary school. Depending upon their performance in school the children are divided into three levels: A (general requirements), B (expanded requirements) and P (high requirements).

Kindergarten and primary school offer day-care structures beyond the instruction; in exchange for a fee paid by the parents, children are looked after in day-care facilities at schools or for midday meals. During the school holidays there are stay and sports camps for children. In secondary schools, the children also have the option of a lunchtime meal. In the afternoons, the children can attend supervised learning centres or recreational courses. In all schools core times are applied.

APPRENTICESHIPS, VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL CERTIFICATES, ACADEMIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Depending upon their performance in school and personal abilities and interests, after the eleven years of compulsory schooling young people have several possibilities. One of them is the two- to four-year apprenticeship. A vocational school certificate during or after the apprenticeship opens the way to studies at a college of higher education. Further possibilities are the four-year Fachhochschullehre (vocational matriculation school) and the four-year secondary school. A diploma from a matriculation school entitles the holder to study at a college of advanced education, and the certificate from a secondary school leads to a university.

UNIVERSITY OF BASEL

The University of Basel is the oldest university in Switzerland. It was founded in 1460 and today it is a modern university located in the city centre with an attractive range of research, teaching and services. As a traditional comprehensive university it covers almost all fields of study and includes seven faculties.

By European standards the University of Basel is a rather small university. It counts nearly 13,000 students, 2800 of them are doctoral candidates. The proportion of female students amounts to 55 per cent and more than a fifth of the students are from abroad. The University of Basel since 1996 has enjoyed the status of a self-administered university – held today by the cantons of Basel-Stadt and Basel-Landschaft. In Switzerland all university students pay student fees; in Basel these amount to 850 francs per semester.

The University of Basel offers a rich and diversified student life. In addition to the range of university sports, there are numerous associations and student bodies. The official representation of the students at the University of Basel is the “scuba”. This works not only for student participation, but also promotes student initiatives and organises its own cultural offerings.
In addition to the university, in the field of university-level education the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW) provides a high-quality range of educational programmes. The FHNW is a regionally anchored educational institution with a national and international reputation. It includes nine schools, which cover the subjects of Engineering, Architecture and Civil Engineering, Business, Life Sciences, Art and Design, Social Work, Teacher Education, Psychology and Music in teaching and research.

The FHNW has over 12,000 students. 1,000 of them come from abroad. Female students make up just above 50 percent. The University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland was founded by the cantons of Aargau, Basel-Landschaft, Basel-Stadt and Solothurn. Just like the university, it is a self-administered institute. Fees are 700 francs per semester.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Those who do not want to make use of the free public schools can make use of the services of a private educational institution in the Basel region. These include the English-, French- or Italian-speaking international schools in Basel and the surrounding area. At individual private schools a leaving certificate recognised throughout Switzerland can also be provided.

FURTHER EDUCATION

Basel also offers a wide choice in the area of further education. Under the designation “Advanced Studies” the University of Basel for example organises academic further education courses to be completed while working. The University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland offers a diversified range of further education possibilities in all its subject areas. Federal qualifications in the field of higher vocational training can be obtained from public vocational colleges as well as private schools. The adult education centre of both Basel cantons offers numerous events in general further education, language courses and post-literacy courses for adults. And for all people who have reached the age of 58, the “SeniorenUni” organises events in various fields of knowledge of the University of Basel.

Adults who had no opportunity in their youth to attend a secondary school can obtain a canton school-leaving certificate in the maturation courses for working people (Maturitätskurse für Erwachsene [MfB]), which enables access to the University of Basel. In addition, adult education facilities offer vocational qualification courses for adults.
Culture

Where culture is concerned, Basel has more to offer than cities of comparable size. This has to do with the city’s history, its location and the cosmopolitanism of the city and its inhabitants.

MUSEUMS

The reputation of the Basel museums has made the city known worldwide. The Basel Art Museum exhibits treasures by old masters, among them Hans Holbein, as well as modern classics. The integrated Haus für Gegenwartskunst houses an extensive contemporary art collection. But this is not the only museum known far beyond the borders of the country. Other magnets for the public are the Foundation Beyeler in Riehen with its spectacular rotating exhibitions, the Museum of Antiquities, the Tinguely Museum and the Museum of Cultures. One of Basel’s specialties is that the five public museums cooperate closely with the numerous private museums, and have issued a common Upper Rhine Museum Pass for the museums of the three-countries area. With this pass you have unlimited entry to the permanent and special exhibitions of around 320 museums, castles and gardens in Germany, France (Alsace) and north-western Switzerland, and can take up to five children under the age of 18 free of charge.

THEATRE

In addition to the numerous museums, the Basel Theatre is a pillar of the cultural city of Basel. It is run as a three-section operation with three stages at two sites, and offers numerous operas, plays and ballet productions annually. The Basel Theatre has been honoured several times as one of the best stages in the German-speaking area. Numerous small and tiny stages complete the theatre and dance offerings in Basel.

Among the many small theatres of the region there are several that specialize in theatre productions for children and youth. English-speaking performances take place regularly in Basel, and in the French Saint-Louis, the Théâtre La Coupole Saint-Louis is situated directly in front of the city gates.

A central municipal location for the free contemporary theatre, dance and performance scene as well as for concerts in the area of popular music is the Basel Kasemate (the old barracks). With its broad range the Kasemate promotes exchanges between the artists, the public and other art centres.

MUSIC

The classical concerts of the City Casino are being held in the Musical Theater Basel whilst the renovation work is being carried out. This features not only outstanding local ensembles like the Basel Symphony Orchestra, the Basel Sinfonietta and the Basel Chamber Orchestra, but also world-famous international orchestras and soloists hold guest performances. In addition numerous classical concerts such as those performed by the baroque orchestra and vocal ensemble La Cetra are being staged in churches throughout the city.

There are several jazz clubs in Basel, such as "the bird’s eye jazz club" and there is also a series of festivals featuring all styles, from Dixie to Swing and avant-garde jazz. In the areas of Rock, Hip-Hop, Techno and other contemporary musical trends, several pubs in Basel and in the local area provide a varied and lively programme. The cultural festival “Im Fluss” (in the river), which is performed on a raft in the Rhine in the summer, represents a special feature. When world-famous stars such as Rod Stewart, Zucchero or Alicia Keys come to Basel, they are probably attending the BALOISE SESSION. Every autumn, top international stars perform at the popular Swiss boutique music festival, leaving the audience with memorable experiences. Furthermore, at the Musical Theatre Basel, one of the most modern stages in Europe, major musical events regularly take place.
**CULTURE**
- www.kultur.bs.ch
- www.visitbasel.ch

**MUSEUMS**
- www.museum.basel.ch
- Antikensammlung und Kunstgewerbemuseum Basel
  St. Alban-Graben 12, 4010 Basel
  Tel. 061 649 79 00, www.museum.basel.ch
- Skulpturenhalle Basel des Kunstgewerbemuseum
  Mittlere Strasse 17, 4056 Basel
  Tel. 061 225 00 00, www.kunstgewerbemuseum.basel.ch
- Historisches Museum Basel
  Museum für Geschichte, Bahnhofplatz, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 268 14 00, www.hmb.ch
- Museum für Architektur Basel
  Limmatquai 16, 4056 Basel
  Tel. 061 205 66 50, www.museum-basel.ch
- Museum der Stadt Basel
  Münsterplatz 20, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 205 66 50, www.museum-basel.ch
- Kunstmuseum Basel
  St. Alban-Graben 16, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 645 79 00, www.kunstmuseum-basel.ch
- Kupferstickkabinett im Kunstmuseum Basel
  St. Alban-Graben 16, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 205 66 50, www.kunstmuseum-basel.ch
- Museum für Gegenwartskunst Basel
  Kunstmuseum, Limmatquai 16, 4056 Basel
  Tel. 061 205 66 50, www.museum-basel.ch
- Museum der Kulturen Basel
  Münsterplatz 20, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 205 66 50, www.museum-basel.ch
- Naturhistorisches Museum Basel
  Augustinergasse 2, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 205 66 50, www.naturhistorisches-museum.basel.ch
- Museum Tinguely
  Paul Sacher-Anlage 1, 4056 Basel
  Tel. 061 646 81 00, www.museum-tinguely.ch
- Kunsthalle Basel
  Steinenberg 7, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 205 66 50, www.kunsthalle-basel.ch
- Fondation Beyeler
  Basellandstrasse 105, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 205 66 50, www.fondation-beyeler.ch
- Spiegelsaal Weissenau Museum Basel
  Basellandstrasse 105, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 205 66 50, www.spiegelsaal-weissenau-museum.basel.ch
- Carrouselmuseum Basel
  St. Alban-Vorstadt 26, 4052 Basel
  Tel. 061 220 33 00, www.carrouselmuseum-basel.ch

**THEATRE**
- Theater Basel
  Gross-Bühne und Kleine Bühne, Theaterplatz 7, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 268 14 00, www.theater-basel.ch
- Kammertheater Riehen
  Theaterstrasse 34, 4125 Riehen
  Tel. 061 611 34 77, www.kammertheater-basel.ch
- Basel Konzert- und Theaterhalle St. Johann
  Konzert- und Theaterhalle St. Johann, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 205 66 50, www.konzerttheater-basel.ch
- Theater Fauleuf/Taburettli / Kaisersaal
  Spiegliplatz 12, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 205 66 50, www.taburettli.ch
- Helmut Förnbacher Theater Company
  Blindehenstrasse 6, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 205 66 50, www.helmutfoernbacher.ch
- Musical Theater Basel
  Feldbergstrasse 151, 4058 Basel
  Tel. 061 699 88 99, www.musicaltheater-basel.ch
- Junges Theater Basel
  Kasernenstrasse 23, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 205 66 50, www.jungestheater-basel.ch
- Basler Kindertheater
  Schützenstrasse 6, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 268 14 00, www.baslerkindertheater.ch
- Theater der Stadt Basel
  Klostergartenstrasse 1, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 268 14 00, www.theater-basel.ch
- Figurentheater Vagabund
  Zellerstrasse 40, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 205 66 50, www.vagabund.ch
- Vorstadtheater
  St. Alban-Vorstadt 26, 4052 Basel
  Tel. 061 272 23 43, www.vorstadtheater-basel.ch

**CINEMA**
In Basel film fans also get their money’s worth. The fact that films in the cinema are shown in the original but with subtitles is considered a special feature of Switzerland. Films for children and young people can, however, also be seen in a dubbed version. The choice ranges from the great multiplex cinema to the small city cinema.

**ARCHITECTURE**
The cityscape of Basel has its numerous contrasts and sights also belongings to the culture of the city. On the one hand, Basel has very well preserved old city parts with buildings from the 13th and 14th centuries. Above all the cathedral hill, the suburb of St. Alban and the streets between the market square and Petersplatz deserve a mention. Besides that Basel offers first-class modern architecture in a density offered by hardly any other European city. The two architectural firms Herzog & de Meuron and Diller + Renz do not only both have their headquarters in Basel, but have shaped the cityscape with numerous buildings. Other architects with worldwide ranking, like Mario Botta, Frank Gehry and Renzo Piano, are also present in Basel. They all contributed to the fact that anyone on the move in Basel repeatedly encounters fascinating buildings. It is hardly astonishing, therefore, that the Swiss Museum of Architecture is also located in Basel.
**Carnival**

For three days once a year there’s a very special atmosphere in Basel: it’s the three days of the Basel Fasnacht (Carnival), always in the week following Ash Wednesday.

**MORGESTRAICH**

The prelude to the “drey schneeschte Dägl” (“the three best days”) comes in the form of the so-called “Morgestraich” at 4 am in the morning on the Monday. Then all the city centre lights go out and Queen Fasnacht lifts up the torch in the city till Thursday. A traditional and archaic-seeming tapestry of sound from innumerable piccolos and drums pervades the town. With their wild and brightly coloured costumes the merry Fasnacht crowd roams through the narrow lanes of the old town until dusk begins to fall. The only sources of light are powerful hand-painted lanterns.

**CORTÈGE**

On the Monday afternoon (and on Wednesday too) there is the great procession, the “Cortège”, when hundreds of cliques, “Guggenmüsikern” and decorated floats pass through the streets of outer and inner Basel. In Basel “Guggenmüsiken” mean wind and percussion groups, which can be described as a mix between Big Bands and strange noise machines.

**FASNACHT TUESDAY**

Tuesday traditionally belongs to the children, who make their way through the town and suburbs in small groups (“Schissdrägzygli”). In the evening on Münsterplatz the over two hundred lanterns that had made their grand entrance at the Morgestraich can be admired in peace. At the same time the Guggenmusik take over the inner city mercilessly with their concerts.

**SCHNITZELBÄNGG**

There is intense activity in the pubs over these three days. In so-called “Schnitzelbängg” – humorous, and sometimes sarcastic mocking verses – in which the political and social events of the past months are scoffed at and commented on.

**ORIGIN**

Etymologically the Basel Fasnacht can be traced back to the Lent fasting period, and the date is determined by the Christian feast days: The Basel Fasnacht always takes place six weeks before Easter, thus a week later than in the Catholic German-speaking area, and the afternoons of the Monday and Wednesday are declared official public holidays in Basel.
The canton of Basel-Stadt is indeed a city canton, but it offers in and around the town a large number of green spaces. All in all, the canton has around 210 hectares of public green and open spaces, ranging from pocket parks in empty lots to the extensive city park on former graveyard grounds.

LEISURE GARDENS

Those who don't have a garden can rent a leisure garden. The canton rents out leisure gardens around the city.

RECREATION ZONES

One can also find recreation at the "Birsköpfli" on the edge of the city, where the little river Birs flows into the Rhine. Or a walk along the Weser, another tributary of the Rhine. In the surrounding woods there are numerous open hearths for evening barbecues. In the vicinity of the Spalentor in the city centre the University of Basel has a botanical garden with a Sukkulentenhaus (succulents greenhouse) and the Viktoriahaus dating from 1898. In the "Merian Gärten" in front of the city gates, visitors can enjoy an English landscape park, a medicinal plant garden and the rhododendron valley. The Regio-Grün Gürtel (regional green belt) around Basel is the main green artery for leisure and recreation. It is also the habitat of several thousand animal and plant types, including some very rare and threatened species.

ZOO AND ANIMAL PARK

Basel’s zoological garden – “dr Zolli”, as it is called here – is Switzerland’s oldest animal park. It was founded in 1874, and today the “Zolli” displays a blend of modern, animal-friendly facilities with magnificent old buildings in a green oasis in the immediate proximity of the train station. In the recreation area of the same name is the Lange Erlen animal park. This is smaller than the zoo and features primarily domestic animals.

SHIP AND FERRY

Boat trips on the Rhine are also very popular. The Basel passenger boat company offers regular and special passenger trips throughout the year both near and beyond the city.

And if you just wish to cross the Rhine to the other bank, then you should try one of the four ferries in Basel. These noiseless craft use the currents of the Rhine to reach the other bank without additional power. And besides, when one doesn't quite believe something, then one says in Basel: "Verzell doch das am Fäärimaa!" – Just tell that to the ferryman!
Sport

Sport has its place in all forms and facets of city life. Enthusiasts can choose from a very wide range of individual and team sports, as there are excellent facilities for both popular and competitive sporting activities. A multitude of fitness offerings complete the traditional sports opportunities in Basel.

POPULAR SPORT

The possibilities for popular sport are virtually unlimited. About 350 sports clubs are active in Basel, the list of sports on offer is long and includes numerous water, ball, combat and track sports. And every year there is also the car-free movement and experience day “slowUp” in the Basel region.

Those who prefer to keep fit on an individual basis can enjoy the city and its surroundings by cycling, skating, in-line skating, playing golf, riding or paragliding. There’s also a wide choice indoors, from aquajogging to yoga.

The public sports facilities in Basel are popular public and family meeting points.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Youth encouragement and development takes pride of place in sport. Many clubs run their own junior sections. The canton, the municipalities and the Confederation support the sporting activities of young people.

BASEL AS A SPORTS CITY

Basel’s reputation as a sporting city is based on clubs such as the Basel Football Club (FCB). The home games draw crowds averaging over 25,000 in the St. Jakob-Park (“Joggeli”). Basel also hosts on an annual basis top-class sporting events such as the international tennis tournament Swiss Indoors, the Badminton Swiss Open or the Longines CSI.
Health

The canton of Basel-Stadt guarantees the highest quality of medical care for all its inhabitants due to a differentiated health system. The basis for this is an insurance system that functions in a uniform manner throughout Switzerland.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Compulsory health insurance covers the costs of treatment in the event of illness, whereby the health insurance funds are organised within the private sector and there is no state health insurance fund in Switzerland. Basic insurance is compulsory for all inhabitants – including for foreigners with residence permits – and various additional insurances can be taken out on a voluntary basis. However, in the case of these additional services the health insurance funds are free to decide whom they accept or do not accept in the insurance plans. In the basic insurances, on the other hand, the funds may not reject any application.

HOSPITALS

The University Hospital of Basel is one of the largest medical centres in Switzerland with highly recognised international standards. The doctors and nurses work on the basis of the latest scientific knowledge for the wellbeing, safety and recovery of the patients. Other independent public and private hospitals also offer high-quality medical care in all disciplines.

CHILDREN

In the field of healthcare children also have an important place in Basel. The doctors and nurses work on the basis of the latest scientific knowledge for the wellbeing, safety and recovery of the patients. Other independent public and private hospitals also offer high-quality medical care in all disciplines.

OLD PEOPLE’S HOMES AND NURSING HOMES

Over 50 old people’s homes and nursing homes are located in different areas of the canton, and specialised organisations offer home care services.
**Health**

- Medical Services
  - Malzgasse 30, 4011 Basel
  - Tel. 061 267 90 00, www.medischesdienstleistunist.ch

- Health Care
  - Malzgasse 30, 4011 Basel
  - Tel. 061 267 90 00, www.schutzgesundheit.bs.ch

- Children and Youth Health Service
  - Malzgasse 30, 4011 Basel
  - Tel. 061 267 90 00, www.jugendgesundheit.bs.ch

- Department of Long-term Care
  - Malzgasse 30, 4011 Basel
  - Tel. 061 25 32 52, www.langzeitpflege.bs.ch

- Spital Basel
  - Färberstrasse 44, 4051 Basel
  - Tel. 061 38 50 03, www.spitalbasel.ch

- Centre for Patients
  - Hohelandstrasse 59, Postfach, 4052 Basel
  - Tel. 061 14 42 41, www.patientenstelle.ch

- University Centre for Dentistry
  - Stengglistrasse 63, 4052 Basel
  - Tel. 061 266 12 12, www.unispital-basel.ch

- Addictions and Drugs
  - Schützengasse 60, 4125 Riehen
  - Tel. 061 70 41 41, www.ukbb.ch

- Alcohol and Addiction Counselling
  - Blaustrasse 40, 4056 Basel
  - Tel. 061 325 00 00, www.rehab.ch

- Neurological Rehabilitation Clinic and Paraplegiology
  - Föhrenstrasse 2, 4009 Basel
  - Tel. 061 645 46 46, www.sonnenhalde.ch

- Eye Clinic, University Hospital
  - Mittlere Strasse 15, 4056 Basel
  - Tel. 061 265 86 86, www.unispital-basel.ch

- Bellenda Spital
  - Carltheaterstrasse 144, 4052 Basel
  - Tel. 061 315 21 21, www.bellenda.ch

- Felix Plattner Spital
  - Burgfriedenstrasse 101, 4055 Basel
  - Tel. 061 326 41 41, www.medipalatinalhospital.ch

- Klinik Sonnenhalde AG
  - Psychiatrie und Psychotherapie
  - Carltheaterstrasse 29, 4125 Riehen
  - Tel. 061 645 46 46, www.sonnenhalde.ch

- Marian Iselin
  - Orthopaedics and Surgery
  - Färnerstrasse 2, 4052 Basel
  - Tel. 061 325 11 11, www.marianiselin.ch

- REHAB Basel
  - Neurological Rehabilitation Clinic and Paraplegiology
  - Im Burgfelderhof 40, 4055 Basel
  - Tel. 061 325 00 00, www.rehab.ch

- Bürgerklinik Basel
  - Friedrich Mescher-Straße 30, 4032 Basel
  - Tel. 061 326 71 11, www.buergerklinik.ch

- St. Clara Spital AG
  - Kleinriehenstrasse 30, 4052 Basel
  - Tel. 061 326 00 00, www.stclara.ch

**Health Insurance**

- www.langzeitpflege.bs.ch

**Hospitals**

- University Hospital
  - Spitalstrasse 21, 4056 Basel
  - Tel. 061 265 25 25, www.unispital-basel.ch

- Women's Clinic, University Hospital
  - Spitalstrasse 21, 4056 Basel
  - Tel. 061 265 25 25, www.unispital-basel.ch

- University Children's Hospital (UKBB)
  - Spitalstrasse 23, 4032 Basel
  - Tel. 061 704 12 72, www.ukbb.ch

- University Psychiatric Clinics
  - Wilhelm-Klein-Straße 27, 4052 Basel
  - Tel. 061 325 11 11, www.ukbb.ch

- Cantonal Hospital Baselzell
  - 4171 Breitenrainfeld
  - Tel. 061 436 36 36, www.kat.ch

- Health Centre Riehen Centred
  - Wegeblickstrasse 2, 4125 Riehen
  - Tel. 061 545 25 25, www.centred.ch

- Adullam Spital und Pflegezentren
  - Basel: Mittlere Strasse 15, 4056 Basel
  - Tel. 061 265 86 86, www.unispital-basel.ch

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  - Kleinriehenstrasse 30, 4052 Basel
  - Tel. 061 326 00 00, www.stclara.ch

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- www.suchthilfe.ch

- Alcoholics Anonymous
  - Information
  - Tel. 061 846 846, www.alcoholics匿名.ch

- Blues Kruse klinik Basel
  - Alcohol and Addiction Counselling
  - Dobelstrasse 12, 4056 Basel
  - Tel. 061 265 56 13, www.blues.ch

**Integration**

The residential and economic location of Basel-Stadt is characterised by its internationality and immigration. People from 160 countries live and work here, and practically every other marriage is between two nationalities. The immigrants and locals should feel comfortable and be successful in this urban diversity. To this end Basel-Stadt pursues an active integration and anti-discrimination policy that covers all aspects of life.

**Integration Model**

An integration model was developed for Basel-Stadt in 1999 and has further been supplemented in 2012, which to this day is basing the way far beyond the town of Basel with its basic principle of promoting and supporting, but also through the awareness of its diversity and the use of its potential.

**Advice and Contact Points**

Immigrants in Basel have at their disposal a comprehensive network of advice and contact points. GGG Migration is the competence centre for integration in Basel-Stadt. Its employees advise private individuals in over 13 languages and offer information in an advisory capacity to professionals and employers. GGG Migration provides information pertaining to social, legal, and personal problems, as well as intercultural issues and supports networking with other people and institutions.

The Customer service centre for Migration and Population Services is the contact point for questions regarding residency and housing (registrations, notices of departure, relocations, changes of tenancy, address information, etc.) and permits and ID cards (transports, residence permits and cross-border commuter permits, family residence permits, attestations, certificates).

**Offerings**

Among the many offerings is, for example, the series of events “Welcome to Basel”, which is provided for new arrivals several times a year. At these evening events specialists provide information on the most important everyday subjects such as residence status, labour law and the educational system. At the “Welcome to the neighbourhood” event held every year, the canton and district organisations inform the residents from the various districts about life in their neighbourhood. In addition city tours are offered for new residents, conducted in several languages and covering the most important topics such as transport, post, health, shopping tips, cultural and leisure activities. This selection is complemented by many other offerings from private providers.

**Languages and Integration Courses**

An essential factor for integration is language. A broad range of language and integration courses is available in the canton so that all those interested can find a suitable language course. The courses are subsidised in part by the canton.
Politics

Switzerland has a federal structure and so the cantons have a relatively great freedom of action. Each canton has its own constitution, own laws and courts, and it is the cantons that raise direct taxes. In addition there is the principle: what is not expressly stated in the Federal constitution as a Federal competence falls under the competence of the cantons. However, the autonomy of the cantons has limits. Where a Federal law exists it takes precedence over cantonal law.

As in every democratic system the political system of the Canton of Basel-Stadt is characterised by the interplay and opposing forces of parliament and government. A central element is also the participation of the population and of parties and associations in the political and legislative process.

CITY AND COMMUNES

With its 37 square kilometres and about 200,000 inhabitants the canton of Basel-Stadt is the smallest canton in Switzerland. It consists of the city of Basel and the rural communes of Riehen and Bettingen, which possess autonomy as communes and are thus entitled to manage their own affairs.

CANTONAL PARLIAMENT

As a Swiss rarity the Great Council, the Basel Cantonal Parliament, is also responsible for the communal affairs of the city of Basel. The Great Council consists of 100 members and is re-elected every four years. It sits twice a month in the Basel Town Hall in public sessions.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The executive council consists of seven members with equal rights, who are elected for four-year terms. The President of the Executive Council has representative duties and presides over the Department of Presidential Affairs, the other six government members each head up one of the specialised departments. On the cantonal level a department can be compared to a “Dezernat”; the departments on Federal level correspond to ministries.

STATES COUNCILLORS AND NATIONAL COUNCILLORS

On the Federal level Switzerland has a Parliament, consisting of two chambers: the Council of States represents the cantons, the National Council the whole population. In the States Council each canton has two representatives, in the National Council each canton is represented in function of its population. As a half-canton Basel-Stadt has one States Councillor. In the National Council Basel-Stadt is represented by five delegates.

PEOPLE’S RIGHTS

Swiss citizens over 18 years of age have the right to vote: they can elect representatives to Parliament on the communal, cantonal and national level and can also stand for election themselves. The governments of the Canton and the communes of Riehen and Bettingen are also elected by the population. The right to vote also gives the Swiss the possibility of expressing themselves on whether or not they agree with new laws. Furthermore they can themselves propose changes to the law through the right to initiate legislation and bring it to a vote. Through the right to a referendum a popular vote can be required on parliamentary decisions after they have been taken. By means of a petition, people can file a request, suggestion or complaint in writing to any regulatory or enforcing authority, irrespective of their voting right status – i.e. this includes foreigners and children.
Economy and employment

The Basel economic region is among the most productive and innovative in the world. Within Switzerland Basel is the region with the greatest economic momentum. About 200,000 people from Switzerland and the surrounding areas work here. Behind this success lie the knowledge-based industries. These include in particular the life sciences sector with large pharmaceutical companies and biomedical research that have traditionally been very strong in Basel.

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS

The first two or three months of employment are usually considered as a trial with a notice period varying from a few days to a maximum of two weeks. After attaining permanent employment status the notice period is increased to between one and six months. Working hours are between 40 and 42.5 hours per week with at least 4 weeks paid vacation per year. Salaries are generally paid on a monthly basis. A 13th month salary is common and often established by law. In many companies it is usual to award a discretionary bonus when business is good.

WORK PERMITS

People from the EU and EFTA countries benefit from the free movement of people agreements: short-term working visits only have to be reported. A work or residence permit is required for visits lasting more than three months; these can be applied for at the Customer service centre for Migration and Population Services.

Special rules for admission to the labour market apply to individuals from countries that are not members of the EU or EFTA. The employer has to submit their application for a work permit to the cantonal authorities. The approval of the State Secretariat for Migration in Bern is also required.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Whoever works in Switzerland is subject to the Swiss system of social security. This applies both to Swiss and foreigners. Even those who are not working are subject to the same system of social security in many areas. Basically every person is insured individually in Switzerland. For this, contributions must be made that entitle the person to corresponding benefits. Switzerland has a close-knit network of social insurances which includes unemployment insurance, family allowances, protection against the consequences of illness and accident, and loss of income due to maternity.

OLD AGE/RETIREMENT PROVISIONS

Retirement provisions are based on three pillars: the first pillar, old-age, survivors’ and disability insurance (AHV/IV) is a general public insurance, serving to secure subsistence. The second pillar refers to Switzerland to occupational pensions (BV). Together with the first pillar, it is intended to safeguard the continuation of one’s habitual standard of living. Finally the third pillar consists of individual voluntary pension provisions.
CHRISTMAS MARKET
In December Basel turns into a Christmas city: the great Christmas market is set up on Bahnhofstrasse and Munsterplatz. From mulled wine to ice trees, arts and crafts to Christmas tree decorations, children’s toys to seasonal delicacies, there’s something for everyone. In addition there’s a children’s programme with handicraft workshops and candle-making.

FLEA MARKETS
The flea market on Petersplatz is a popular meeting place on Saturdays for everyone who likes second-hand goods. From fine antiques to overalls, here one can find everything one needs for daily life – at very attractive prices. In the middle of the square children can sell their toys free of charge. And twice a month during the week there’s the Wednesday flea market on Petersplatz.

AUTUMN FAIR
The high point of Basel’s fair calendar is the Autumn Fair, “D’Mäss”, as the Baslers call this event, begins two weeks before Martinstag (Martin’s day) and is heralded on the opening Saturday at noon precisely by the fair bells of St Martin’s Church. It ends on the third following Sunday. The festival begins with many merry-go-rounds and booths on seven city squares and in a fair hall. At the same time on Petersplatz the market stands open.

Fairs and markets
In the year 1471 the city of Basel was granted the right to hold fairs. The city thus has a centuries-old tradition, and today Basel has the largest exhibition area in Switzerland and is a popular fair and congress venue with its top-class cultural and hotel offerings. Fairs and exhibitions of international standing are regularly held here. These include the world watch and jewellery show BASELWORLD and Art Basel, the leading international fair for 20th century art.

MESSE SCHWEIZ (SWITZERLAND FAIR)
Messe Schweiz is the leading fair and congress organisation in Switzerland and is among the most important in Europe. At their two locations in Basel and Zurich the organisation puts on and manages own and guest shows as well as a large number of other events. Fairs represent an important element in the economy of the region.

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Marktplatz 30a, 4001 Basel
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Coordination Centre for
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www.erwachsenenbildung.bs.ch
Tel. 061 267 88 64,
Clarastrasse 13, Postfach, 4005 Basel
Adult education:
www.erwachsenenbildung.bs.ch
Tel. 061 267 86 92,
Rebgasse 14, 4058 Basel
Career information:
Career counselling
Tel. 061 267 86 82,
Rebgasse 14, 4058 Basel

Telephone and internet connection
Wettsteinplatz 1, Postfach, 4001 Basel
(Specialist Unit for Addiction)
Tel. 061 685 22 22, www.ak-bs.ch

Ausgleichskasse Basel-Stadt
Utengasse 36, Postfach, 4005 Basel
Tel. 061 267 97 97,
www.awa.bs.ch
Legal advice Labour contract law:
Tel. 061 267 87 87,
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Regional Arbeitslosenfonds Basel-Stadt GmbH
Hochstrasse 37, Postfach, 4005 Basel
Tel. 061 267 71 11,
www.rbf.bs.ch

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- Customer service centre for Migration and Population Services
  Spiegelgasse 6, 4001 Basel
  Tel. 061 267 70 80, www.bdm.bs.ch

- Office for Economy and Labour
  Utengasse 36, Postfach, 4005 Basel
  Tel. 061 267 97 97,
  www.awa.bs.ch

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- Voluntary Work Coordination Centre
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  Marktplatz 30a, 4001 Basel

- Career counselling
  Tel. 061 267 86 82,
  Rebgasse 14, 4058 Basel
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Mobility

The Canton of Basel-Stadt has an excellent infrastructure for all modes of transport. Basel places a great deal of importance on road users being able to travel in harmony.

ON FOOT

A large part of the population of Basel enjoys walking to their destination. As a relatively compact town with short routes and a good mix of living, working, shopping and leisure opportunities, Basel is the perfect place for this environmentally friendly and healthy form of movement. There are about 90 strolling zones—where pedestrians have right of way over all road vehicles—and far-reaching 30 km/h zones, which make walking in Basel a pleasant and safe experience. The pedestrian orientation system “Basel Info” with information boards and grey signs makes it easier to find interesting places.

BY BICYCLE

Basel’s favourable topography is ideal for cycling and getting on your bike is often the quickest way to reach your destination in built-up areas. For longer routes you can combine bike-riding with a trip on public transport. Convenient bike-parking facilities are available at many public transport stops and at all train stations (Bike&Ride). Basel is a cycle-friendly town with a bicycle network that runs through the whole region (red signs). Journeys can be planned with the town cycling map or various smartphone apps. Pick-e-Bike offers a rental system with e-bikes that is not tied to stations.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Basel has an extensive, cross-border public transport network that boasts numerous connections and reliable punctuality. The train stations of Basel SBB and the Badischer Bahnhof connect Basel with the national and international long-distance and regional lines.

The inexpensive “Umweltabonnement”, a monthly environmentally-friendly travel card, covers all means of public transport as bus, tram or train in the area of the Tarifverbund Nordwestschweiz TNW. The travel card is available from all TNW transport companies. Individual Tickets (“Billetter”) and multi-journey tickets must be purchased before the start of your journey or validated. They can be obtained on the Internet, smartphone app or from the ticket machines at almost every bus, train or tram stop. With the Halbtax-Abo (half-fare card) you can purchase public transport tickets in Switzerland at reduced prices. The general season ticket (GA) allows unlimited travel on almost the entire public transport network in Switzerland. There are also attractive ticketing and information services for trips on public transport across the border. Timetables are available on the respective transport company’s website or via a smartphone app.

BY CAR

You must buy a parking ticket if you want to park on public property in the town. Local residents can obtain a parking card, which allows them to park on blue marked parking areas in their neighbourhood without any time restrictions. Visitors arriving by car can obtain half-day or day parking tickets from public transport ticket machines or on the Internet. Before travelling on a motorway, you must purchase a toll sticker, which is valid for one calendar year. Car sharing is very common: Mobility offers 130 vehicles at nearly 50 locations in Basel. The Shareo platform provides the opportunity to rent third-party private cars or to rent your own car out. Mobility-Go runs a car-sharing service that is not tied to stations, in and around Basel with 150 cars.

AIRPORT

The EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg is located three kilometres away from the outskirts of Basel-Stadt. It can be reached by bus number 50 in about a quarter of an hour from Basel SBB train station. The Swiss-French airport offers connections for nearly 100 European destinations.

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- www.messen-maerkte.bs.ch
- www.alfama Basel.ch
- www.baselworld.com
- www.alfamais.ch
- MCH Messe Schweiz (Basel) AG
  Messplatz 10, 4005 Basel
  Tel. 058 200 20 20, www.messe.ch
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- www.messen-maerkte bs.ch
- www.alfamais.ch
- www.baselworld.com
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  Tel. 058 206 28 28, www.congress.ch
BY CAR
- Motor Vehicle Inspection
  Clarastrasse 38, Postfach, 4005 Basel
  Tel. 061 267 82 00, www.mfk.bs.ch
- Parking tickets and Permits
  www.policie.bs.ch/verkehrstraessenausweise
  www.parkperm.bs.ch
- Car-Sharing
  www.basel-unterwegs.ch/sharing
  www.mobility.ch
  www.sharoo.com

AIRPORT
- EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg
  Tel. 061 325 31 11, www.aeroairport.com

BY BICYCLE
- Town cycling map
  Available in German, French or English in bookstores and from the Basel Tourism Office.
  www.map.geo.bs.ch/Velostadtplan
- Bike hire and sale
  www.basel-unterwegs.ch/velo
- Cargo Bike
  www.basel-unterwegs.ch/cargobikes
- E-Bike
  www.pickbike.ch
- E-Scooter
  www.basel-unterwegs.ch/sharing

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
- Timetable Information and Station Timetable
  www.sbb.ch (Ticket Purchasing Options)
  www.bvb.ch
  www.blt.ch
  www.tnw.ch (U-Abo)
  www.triregio.info (cross-border)
  www.bahn.de (Ticket Purchasing Options)
  www.sncf.com; ch.oui.sncf (Ticket Purchasing Options)
- Smartphone Apps
  SBB Mobile (Ticket Purchasing Options)
  BVB
  BLT Abfahrten
  ADAC Kompass
  THW Ticket (Ticket Purchasing Options)
  DB Navigator (Ticket Purchasing Options)
  SNCF (Ticket Purchasing Options)
  OLA (Ticket Purchasing Options)
  Fairflot (Ticket Purchasing Options)
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  Tel. 061 855 14 14, www.bvb.ch
  BLT Baselland Transport AG
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  Trinkenstrasse 24, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 061 406 11 99, www.blt.ch
  Travel Centre Bahnhof SBB
  Centralbahnhofstrasse 22, 4051 Basel
  Tel. 044 44 66 89, www.tnw.ch
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