

# SKAN

## A guide to Basel for our visitors and guests



# Welcome to SKAN Allschwil

Dear customer, we're delighted to give you a few tips about Basel and the region so that you have an all-round fantastic stay. We've selected hotels for you where you can experience maximum relaxation and fully re-charge your batteries. You can also find tips on where to eat out below, introducing you to fine Swiss cuisine with much more on offer than raclette. We've also put together a little program for your free time, offering you a nice variety of activities depending on the season and your mood.





# General info



## Money/Cash:

We recommend that you have an ATM card with you and get some Swiss Francs at the airport. The fees are minimal and you get the best deal this way. You can also do this in Basel city – there are plenty of ATMs there.



## Cell Phone:

It is best to check with your cell phone provider on international calling plans. This will help avoid potentially very large cell phone bills. Other good options for talking to people back in the US are apps such as What's App, SKYPE or FaceTime, which can all be used when you're connected to Wifi.



## Credit Cards:

Almost everywhere accepts VISA and Mastercard. Many places also take American Express although a few are a bit picky because they charge higher fees. Just like your ATM card, you may want to notify your credit card company that you are travelling overseas so that they do not reject the charges. In addition, many European cards have a chip in them. This is useful to have in Europe in general, but not required.



## Taxi

You can find taxi stands in busier areas of the city (such as Barfüsser Platz, Marktplatz, train station etc.). In general it is safe to take any taxi. Ask first if you need to pay by credit card.

If you need to call a taxi, use this number:  
TAXIPHON phone +41(0)61 444 44 44



## Tipping in Switzerland:

Tipping is not like in the US and in general not necessary. 5-10% is considered a lot and a few francs is a nice gesture which will be very welcome.



## Emergency numbers in Switzerland

Police: 117  
Fire department: 118  
Ambulance: 144



## Tourist Information

There are different tourist information centers, e.g. at Barfüsserplatz. More information can be found at [www.basel.com/en](http://www.basel.com/en)



## SBB APP

SBB Mobile is the most popular public transport app in Switzerland. You can buy tickets and day passes for national long-distance services or for any regional fare network in Switzerland in just two clicks.

# Getting to Basel

## Arriving at Zurich Airport

Getting to the train station: After you go through immigration and retrieve your luggage, go through customs, follow the signs for the train station (also known as the Bahnhof in German). The train station is actually IN the airport, so it is easy to find. There are 2 kinds of tickets – First Class and Second Class. When you get off the train, go up the escalator and walk toward the main train station area toward the escalator that goes down again. Outside, you will find a taxi stand to your right. The bus station is on your left hand side.

## Arriving at Basel Airport

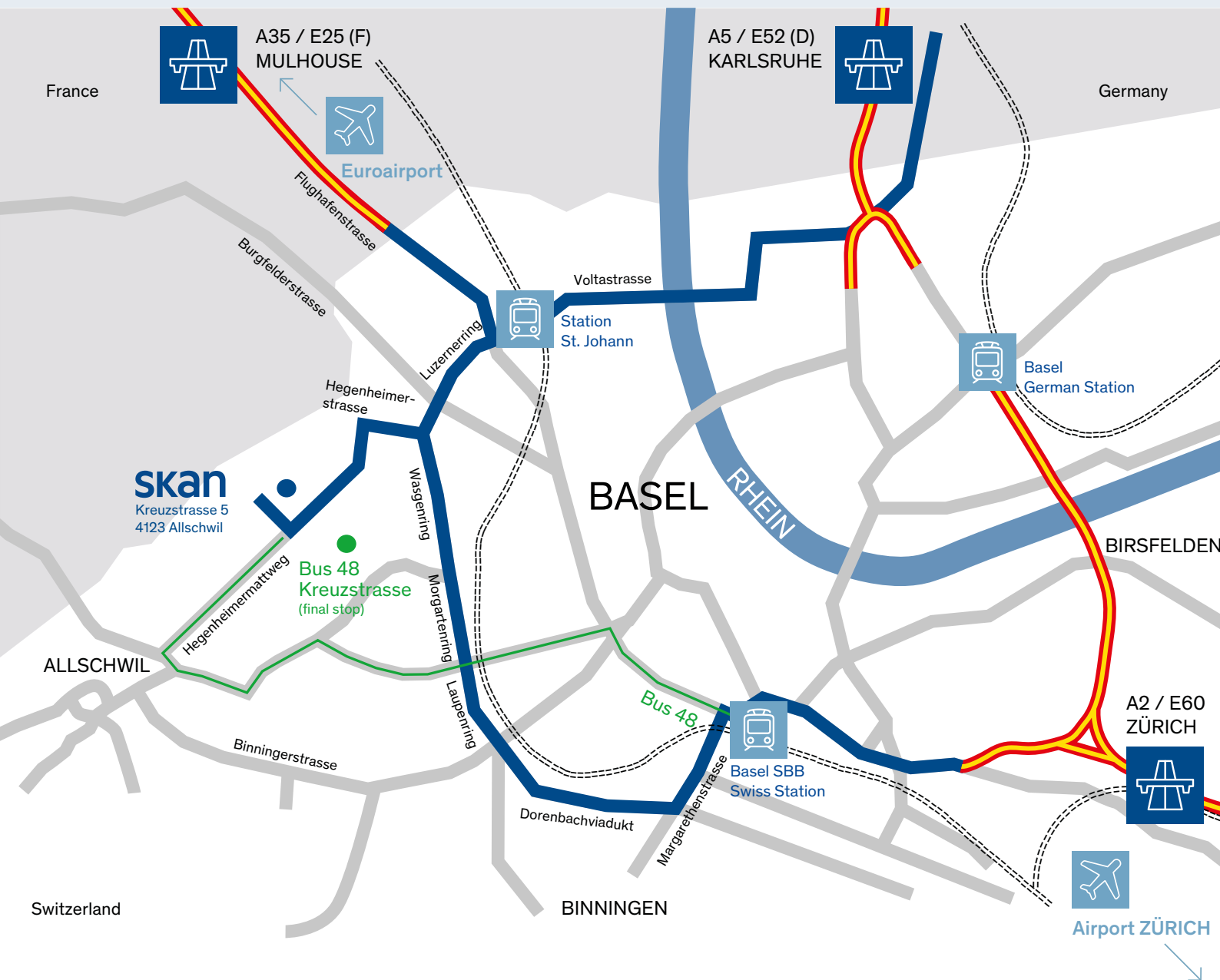
Basel Airport is located directly to the west of Basel. The interesting thing about the airport is that it is actually located in France. When landing at Basel Airport you will actually have three choices of where to exit after getting your luggage (Germany, France and Switzerland). You need to take the exit for Switzerland. Immediately upon exiting the airport it is best to hail a taxi to the hotel you have booked. Most taxis take American credit cards but best to have cash handy.



# Getting to SKAN

## From Basel SBB Swiss Station by public transportation

From Basel SBB Swiss Station, you can take bus no. 48 towards "Bachgraben" (for your way back towards "Bahnhof SBB"). Please get off the bus at "Kreuzstrasse". It is a very short walk from there to SKAN (please take a look at the map below).

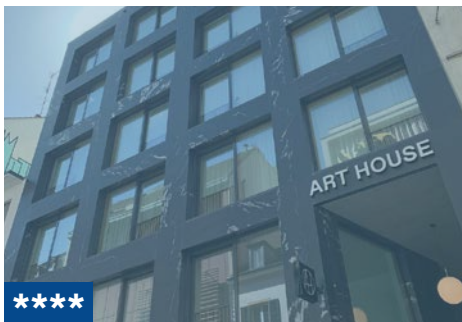




# Hotels



Art House Basel



## Art House Basel

Your design hotel in Basel. You'll encounter urban art and architecture here and get talking to others.

[visit website](#)



## Hotel Euler

Hotel with spacious rooms, right at the Centralbahnplatz and in the center of Basel.

[visit website](#)



## Nomad Design & Lifestyle Hotel

This 4-star hotel right in the city center is urban, unique and inspiring.

[visit website](#)



## Hotel Victoria

Friendly atmosphere, opposite the main railway station.

[visit website](#)



## Krafft Basel

Yes, it's in a prime location – directly on the Rhine River with awesome views. Hotel Krafft has been welcoming guests to Basel since the late nineteenth century.

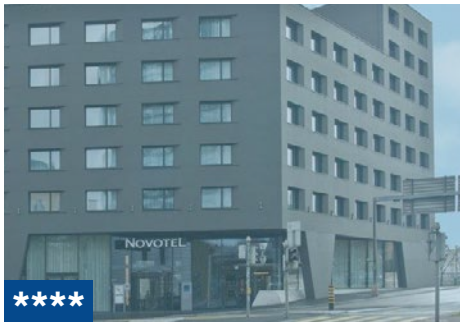
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## Hyperion Hotel Basel

Central location situated right by the Messe Basel exhibition site. Modern hotel with a great view over Basel.

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## Novotel Basel City

A hotel that makes every moment special.

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## Motel One

Originally designed hotel in the historic old town.

[visit website](#)



## Hotel Rössli

Located in the center of Allschwil (close to SKAN). Nice hotel with attractive prices.

[visit website](#)



## Der Teufelhof Basel

Travellers' Choice 2020

Unique guesthouse and cultural center, in the heart of Basel's Old Town.

[visit website](#)



## Hotel Ibis Bahnhof

Located right next to the main train station SBB. Low prices.

[visit website](#)



# Restaurants



## Cheval Blanc by Peter Knogl

\*\*\* Michelin 2021 | Travellers' Choice Best of the Best

French haute cuisine, reinterpreted with Mediterranean and Asian influences.

[visit website](#)

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## Restaurant Bel Etage

\* Michelin 2021 | Travellers' Choice 2020

Seasonal, product-oriented and no-nonsense top-quality gourmet cuisine. Multi-award winning restaurant with Michelin star.

[visit website](#)

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## Parterre One

Swiss, European, Central European cuisine. Suitable for vegetarians. Vegan and gluten-free dishes.

[visit website](#)

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## Taverne Johann

Fresh, regional produce with a surprise. As well as individual aperitif compositions with selected matching wines, they also serve "hot pots", simple but refined stews served in a pot.

[visit website](#)

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## Gift Hüttli

Nice regional kitchen, famous for "Cordon-bleu".

[visit website](#)

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## Kohlmanns

Regional food, central location.

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## Elsbethenstübli

Swiss cuisine, famous for its fondue, with a rustic, cozy atmosphere.

[visit website](#)

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## Indian Tandoori Palace

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Authentic Indian specialities.

[visit website](#)

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## Numnum

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Numnum showcases Tel Aviv's cuisine, fusing it with modern Swiss cuisine.

[visit website](#)



# Free time



## Basel Zoo

Basel Zoo has been captivating visitors ever since it opened in 1874, and is one of Switzerland's most popular attractions.

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## Museums

### Museum Tinguely

The art museum has a permanent exhibition of the life and works of artist Jean Tinguely.

[visit website](#)

### Fine Arts Museum Basel

Considered the oldest art museum in the world open to the public.

[visit website](#)

### Pharmacy Museum of the University of Basel

You can learn about the history of medicine and its production at the Pharmacy Museum of the University of Basel.

[visit website](#)

### Museum of Natural History

Museum of Natural History since 1821.

[visit website](#)

### Fondation Beyeler

Swiss art museum and foundation based in Riehen in the canton of Basel City.

[visit website](#)



## Afterwork

### Bar Rouge

Bar with a lounge. Champagne, cocktails and culinary delights. A place of art, culture and fashion.

[visit website](#)

### Volkshaus Basel

Volkshaus Basel has made a name for itself as an institution for gastronomy, hospitality and events since 1925

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### Campari Bar

The elegant cocktail bar of the Kunsthalle restaurant.

[visit website](#)

### Werk 8

Multi-award winning bar and fashionable restaurant at the same time.

[visit website](#)

### Acqua

«Italianità» meets urban lifestyle in the former waterworks.

[visit website](#)

### Consum

Bar with salami and cheese specialties and over 100 wines, in the heart of the old town of Kleinbasel.

[visit website](#)



## Souvenirs

### Glausis's cheese specialties

Cheese specialties in the center of Basel – since 1935.

[visit website](#)

### Läderach Chocolatier Suisse

“Top quality from the cocoa bean to the chocolate shop” is Läderach's motto.

[visit website](#)

### Confiserie Brändli

Chocolatier Suisse since 1935.

[visit website](#)

### Läckerli Huus

Sweet specialties from Basel.

[visit website](#)

### Johann Wanner Christmas House

Christmas fans from all over the world will find unusual designs and traditional jewelry from the venerable glassblower workshops in Thuringia, northern Poland, Bohemia and the Czech Republic as well as typical Swiss souvenirs.

[visit website](#)

# Things to do in Switzerland



## Lucerne

Lucerne can be easily reached by train from Basel in about one and a half hours. The beautiful city invites you for a stroll through the alleys, over the famous wooden bridge and along the lake. The view of Lake Lucerne surrounded with the mountain range of the Alps is breathtaking. How about a boat ride? This could be combined with ride up Mount Pilatus. On a day trip you can take the boat to Alpnachstad and then the cogwheel railway (only runs in summer) up to the mountain top and enjoy the view over the lake and the Alps. If you choose to walk, you can reach the top in about four hours in a challenging but doable climb. Alternatively, you can take the cable car from Kriens, which runs all year around.



## Bern

Bern's UNESCO-listed Old City is home to historic buildings, quaint alleyways and impressive monuments and landmarks. The city has many stories to tell – and so do the guides of the various city tours.

Tip: The Bern bear pit is an attraction that is known far beyond the borders of Switzerland. Since 2009 the bears of Bern also have a modern 6,000 square meters park at their disposal – which they can reach via a tunnel. The site on the banks of the Aare stretches from the former bear pit opposite the Old Town to the river. Thanks to a lift, the entire facility is now wheelchair-friendly. The “Bear Pit”, which still exists and has been listed as a federal cultural asset of national significance, remains at the bears' disposal.



## Gruyère / Montreux

In case you are more interested in seeing a castle, we would recommend the French-speaking part of Switzerland and visiting Montreux (where the famous Jazz festival takes place every fall). A small town on Lake Geneva that is worth a visit with the impressive Chillon Castle nearby ([link](#))

You might want to combine this trip with a visit to the Gruyère region, one of the most “Swiss” regions of all. When you're there, don't miss the chocolate factory tour at Callier ([www.la-gruyere.ch](http://www.la-gruyere.ch)) and the cheese tour at Maison de la Gruyère ([la.maison.de.la.gruyere](http://la.maison.de.la.gruyere))



## Ascona

Ascona: the pearl of Lake Maggiore. Today it is an exclusive tourist destination, a lakeside paradise; its extraordinary history is, however, filled with art and culture.

Tip for all botanists: The Botanical Park Gambarogno is located in Vairano-San Nazzaro and is known for its collection of camellias and magnolias, one of the richest in Europe. In fact, thanks to its hillside position, to the soil and to the climate, over 950 varieties of camellias and almost 500 of magnolias, prosper in the park. There are also many rare species such as azaleas, rhododendrons and other ornamental flowers. The flowering occurs over a period of a few months but the most opportune time to visit is during the spring: from March to May the park is a jubilation of flower corollas. The view of the Lake Maggiore and the Alps is priceless.



# Things to do close to Basel



## Europa-Park & Rulantica (Germany)

Where else can you experience the whole of Europe in one day? Europa-Park enchants everyone, whether big or small, old or young! Enjoy a leisurely roundtrip through the park with the Panorama Train, experience pure speed and adrenaline with Silver Star or be amazed by our fascinating shows – simply Experience. Time. Together.

Right next to the Europa-Park, you can find “Rulantica”. Whether you are yearning for a rush of adrenalin or looking for a laid-back experience, the water world has got something in store for everybody. Expect heaps of water fun for the whole family at Rulantica.

Europa-Park is located in the border triangle region of Germany, France and Switzerland and is therefore easy to reach from many different places. You can reach it from the A5 motorway (exit 57b Rust). Follow exit 57b Rust and drive directly to Europa-Park and the Europa-Park Hotels.

[visit website](#)

## Alsace (France)

A short ride from Basel is the Alsace region of France with its delightful countryside, food and wine. Domaine Maurice Schoech (Vins d’Alsace Maurice Schoech) is a good winery where you can taste (and buy) wine. Why not stop off in the little town of Riquewihr (Riquewihr) on your way there or back or the city of Colmar, a beautiful French town?

We recommend visiting Alsace by car. All of the places mentioned are not too far from Basel (around 1 hour in the car) and are near each other.

# Local Events



## Events spring/summer

**March**

### Museum night

Why not take a nocturnal stroll and buy a single ticket that gives you access to around 200 events in 38 museums and cultural institutions in Basel, Münchenstein, Riehen, St. Louis and Weil am Rhein?

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**March**

### Carnival of Basel

The carnival of Basel is part of the city's identity – it's the heart of its cultural creativity and allows for three days of exceptionalism. It's part of the intangible UNESCO world cultural heritage thanks to its uniqueness and quality.

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**August**

### Open water swim event

In summer, the Kleinbasel banks of the Rhine are the place to be! Only those that have ventured into the Rhine can truly understand the soul of the city.

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**September**

### Art Basel

The Basel fair brings the international art world together. It features over 250 leading galleries and more than 4,000 artists from five continents. Many high-quality exhibitions take place at the same time in and around Basel, creating a region-wide art week.

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**July**

### Swiss National Day

August 1 is the Swiss National Day. This year's celebration on the Rhine will take place as usual on July 31 with an evening celebration organized by the city (starting at 5 p.m.) and the big firework display (at 11 p.m.).

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**July/August**

### "Im Fluss"-concerts

First-class live music at the one-of-a-kind "IMFLUSS" open-air concerts. The free summer event will bring a Mediterranean festival mood to Basel. Performing on a floating stage in the Rhine with a sail-shaped canopy, 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 river bank and enjoy this special atmosphere.

## Events fall/winter

**September**

### Liste Art Fair Basel

Liste Art Fair Basel is the international fair for new discoveries in contemporary art. Every year since 1996, a younger generation of galleries has exhibited artists who are outstanding representatives of the latest developments and trends in contemporary art. For gallerists, participating in Liste is an opportunity to network globally and present their program to major professionals and art lovers that gather in Basel during the most important week in the international art calendar.

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**October/November**

### Autumn fair

The Autumn fair in Basel is more than your average funfair. This traditional event looks back over more than 500 years of history and still enjoys immense popularity. This huge fair is spread over seven of the city's plazas and also in the trade fair center, giving the impression that it stretches over the entire city center.

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**November/December**

### Christmas market

The Basel Christmas market at Barfüsserplatz and Münsterplatz is considered to be one of the prettiest and largest in Switzerland.

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**December**

### Blues Festival Basel

The Blues Festival Basel is one of the most important festivals of its kind in Europe, bringing musical highlights with international stars and talented Swiss bands to Basel over six days.





**We are looking forward  
to seeing you in Basel**

**SKAN**