Walking Tour BASEL

Destination : <u>Bar Rouge, Messeplatz 1</u>

Duration: 60 Minutes

Date: 20 May 2025

Depature: 18:30 CEST, Hotel Lobby,

Movenpick Hotel Basel



STOP 1 - TINGUELY FOUNTAIN KLOSTERGASSE 7, 4051 BASEL

WALKING DISTANCE 750 M

WALKING TIME 10 MIN The Fasnachtsbrunnen was built between 1975 and 1977. It stands on the site of the stage of Basel's old city theatre, which was demolished in 1975 and replaced by today's theatre complex designed by the architects Schwarz & Gutmann. The fountain was gifted to Basel by the Migros Genossenschaft to mark its 50th anniversary. The ten figures were designed and executed by the Swiss artist Jean Tinguely and are arranged like actors or dancers on a stage, performing the same spectacle over and over again, though no two performances are ever alike.

With his kinetic artworks, Jean Tinguely (1925–1991) is one of the greatest and most innovative Swiss artists of the twentieth century. Museum Tinguely in Basel holds the world's largest collection of his work. All of Tinguely's kinetic works of art require ongoing care and maintenance. «All that is fixed decays – all that is movement endures.» Jean Tinguely



STOP 2 - BASLER CATHEDRAL (MÜNSTER) MÜNSTERPLATZ 9, 4051 BASEL

WALKING DISTANCE 500 M

WALKING TIME 7 MIN Together with the Mittlere Brücke, the Basler Münster (Cathedral) is probably the most famous landmark in Basel. With its red sandstone walls, colourful roof tiles and twin towers, no other building adorns the cityscape of Basel like the Cathedral. Visit the former episcopal church, built between the years 1019 and 1500 in the Romantic and Gothic styles. The crypt, the chancel, the tomb of Erasmus of Rotterdam, the Gallus gate and the two cloisters are witness to a fascinating tale of construction over a period of several centuries.

The piazza in which the Cathedral stands is today a popular meeting place and is often used for concerts and events. The Pfalz - the terrace offering wonderful views over the Rhine - is one of the most popular viewpoints in the city.



STOP 3 - BASLER PFALZ

P<u>FALZ, 4051 BASEL</u>

WALKING DISTANCE 55 M

WALKING TIME 1 MIN The Pfalz viewing terrace in Basel offers fantastic views over the Old Town and as far as the border triangle.

The word "Pfalz" is derived from the Latin word "Palatium", meaning "palace". The terrace high above the Rhine and behind the Münster Cathedral is so-called because it is situated close to the location in which the former palace of the Bishop once stood. On one side of the viewing terrace are steps that lead down to the landing jetty of the Münster ferry. On the other side there is a small gateway leading to the quiet cloisters of the Cathedral. Here you will find richly decorated gravestones of members of prominent Basel families from the 16th to 19th centuries.

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STOP 4 - CITY HALL MARKTPLATZ 9, 4051 BASEL

WALKING **DISTANCE** 600 M

WALKING TIME 8 MIN

The City Hall is the seat of the Basel government and its parliament. In the midst of the Old Town, it is particularly eye catching with its red facade, the characteristic tower and playful frescoes.

A visit to the Rathaus (city hall) is worthwhile especially on account of the council chamber, the attractive inner courtyard, the romantic arcades and the tower. It was built after the great earthquake to replace the former seat of government. After Basel joined the Swiss Confederation, the front part of the building was replaced with an imposing new structure. The coats of arms of Basel and the 11 other members of the then Confederation adorn the crenellations.

At the beginning of the 17th century, the city hall was extended, and the artist Hans Bock decorated the facade with painted trompe l'oeil. In 1900, the building was extended again to include the left-hand wing and the tower on the right.



STOP 5 - MITTLERE BRÜCKE

WALKING DISTANCE 300 M

WALKING TIME 4 MIN

The Mittlere Brücke was initially used for local traffic, in conjunction with the development of the route over the Gotthard Pass as an international trade route, in the 14th century it gained significance as a crossing over the Rhine for international trade. With the advent of electric trams, the old bridge had to make way for the new Mittlere Brücke in 1905. A copy of the old bridge chapel, the so-called "Käppelijoch", where in the Middle Ages convicted criminals were sentenced to death, was erected as a reminder of the original construction.



STOP 6 - BAR ROUGE **MESSEPLATZ 1, 4058 BASEL**

WALKING **DISTANCE** 1.1 KM

15 MIN

High above the rooftops of Basel, close to the sky, with a spectacular view over the exciting city life and the beautiful landscape is the stylish rooftop bar.

WALKING TIME Relax here at a height of 105 meters with fantastic drinks and delicious food.

> This is the perfect opportunity to socialize, relax and enjoy the breathtaking view of Basel from above.

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