

Basel, Basel-Stadt, Switzerland

Where Switzerland, Germany, and France meet at a bend in the Rhine — Basel rewards river cruisers with Gothic spires, world-class art, and one of the most walkable old towns in Europe.

 Docked (river pier)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Swiss Franc (CHF)  German (English widely spoken)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River piers at St. Johann, Klybeck, or Dreiländereck — exact pier confirmed close to arrival

Best For: Art & culture lovers, Old Town strolls, Rhine river experiences

Walk to center: 10–15 min on foot from St. Johann; tram from Klybeck/Dreiländereck

Don't Miss: Basler Münster terrace view, a motorless Fähri river ferry crossing

 Getting around:  Taxi  CHF 20–40 ·  Rideshare  Uber, Bolt ·  Hop-on hop-off  Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Basel Old Town (Altstadt) Walk** — Wander cobblestone lanes to the vivid red 16th-century Rathaus on Marktplatz, then climb to the Pfalz terrace at Basel Minster for sweeping views...
- **Basler Münster** — Basel's great Gothic cathedral dominates the Rhine skyline.
- **Kunstmuseum Basel** — One of Europe's oldest and finest public art collections, spanning Old Masters to contemporary works.
- **Tinguely Museum** — Jean Tinguely's whimsical, noise-making kinetic sculptures fill a purpose-built riverside museum designed by Mario Botta — a delightfully quirky stop...
- **Rhine Fähri Ferry Crossing** — Ride one of Basel's four traditional motorless Fähri boats across the Rhine — they use only the river's current and a cable.

BEST WALKS

- **Rhine Promenade & Old Town Loop** 3–4 km · 1.5–2 hrs · Flat — Follow the Rhine north from St.
- **Dreiländereck (Three-Country Corner)** Easy stroll · 30 min from pier · Flat — From the Dreiländereck pier, walk to the obelisk monument marking where Switzerland, Germany, and France converge at the Rhine.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇨🇭 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:41AM–8:19PM · Jun 5:31AM–9:28PM · Aug 6:26AM–8:41PM · Sep 7:07AM–7:41PM · Oct 7:48AM–6:41PM	
Apr	60°	41°	13d		
Jun	76°	57°	13d		
Aug	78°	60°	13d		
Sep	71°	53°	11d		
Oct	62°	46°	13d		

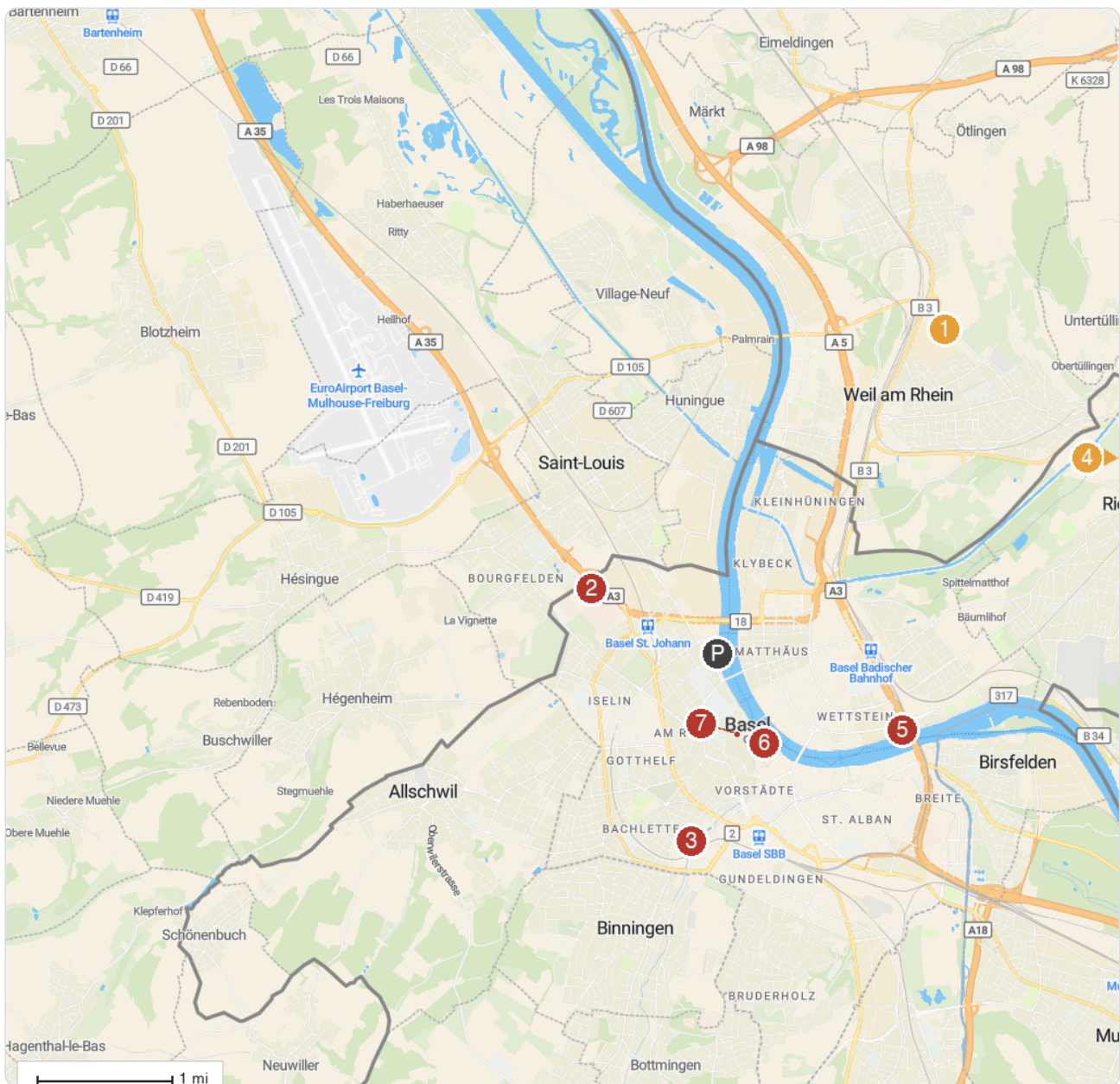
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Confirm your pier early. Basel has three docking locations — St. Johann is by far the most central. Check with your cruise director the evening before arrival.
- Trams are excellent. Basel's tram network is fast and reliable. A day pass (Tageskarte) covers all zones and pays off if you're moving around.
- Switzerland is pricey. Budget CHF 25–40 for a sit-down lunch; supermarkets (Coop, Migros) offer affordable sandwiches and snacks if you want to keep costs down.
- Try Basler Läckerli. These spiced honey-gingerbread biscuits are a local specialty sold at bakeries and market stalls — great as an edible souvenir.
- Museum overkill alert. Basel has 40+ museums. Pick one or two and pair with Old Town time rather than rushing through several.
- Sunday closures. Many shops are closed on Sundays; museums are generally open but confirm hours before heading out.

Basel, Basel-Stadt, Switzerland — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1** **Vitra Design Museum** Modern furniture and design museum with iconic architecture.
- 3** **Zoo Basel** Basel's popular zoo, home to diverse animal species.
- 5** **Museum Tinguely** Museum dedicated to Jean Tinguely's kinetic sculptures and art.
- 7** **Pharmacy Museum of the University of Basel** Historical pharmacy museum showcasing ancient medicines and instruments.

- 2** **Grand Casino Basel** A large casino offering gaming and entertainment.
- 4** **Fondation Beyeler** Renowned modern and contemporary art museum in a park.
- 6** **Museum of Natural History Basel** Explore natural history with fossils, minerals, and taxidermy.
- P** **Cruise port / terminal**