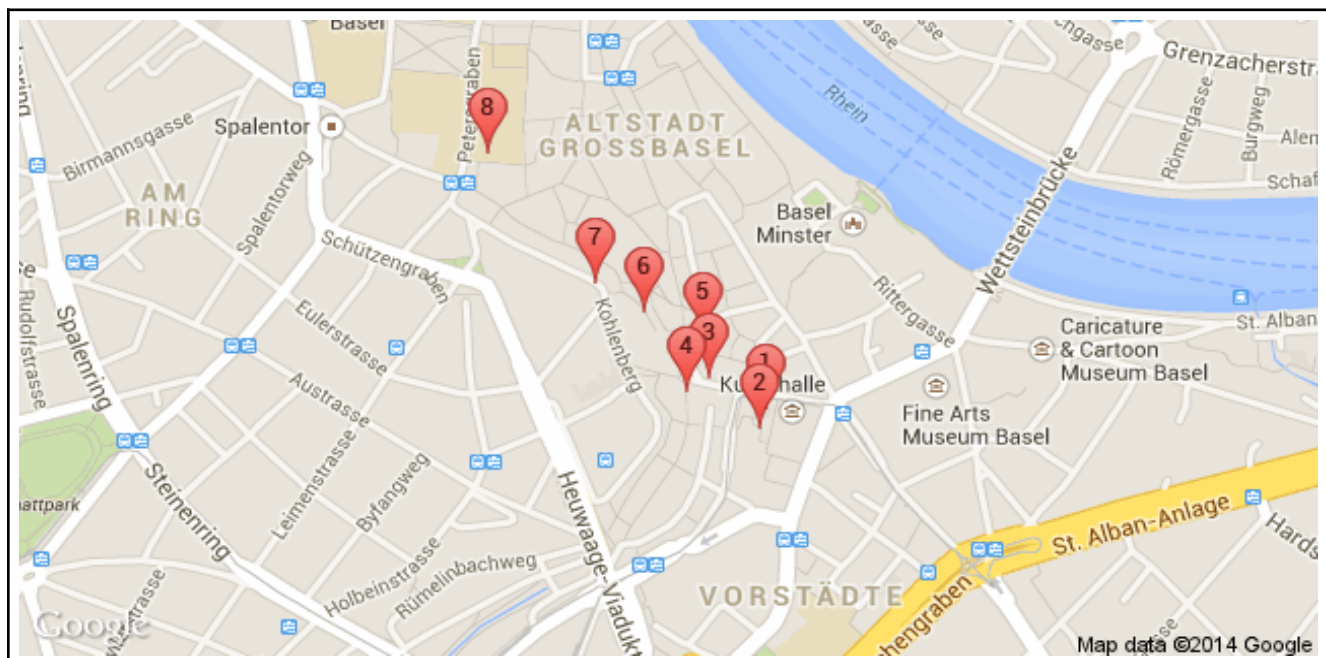


Tour Description «Theatre, Prison or devil»

Hi there, dear kids,

For sure you know the Tinguely fountain in Basel - did you ever look which figure spits the furthest? Or which one is the highest? These and many other questions you will have to solve on your walk around the theatre and the Barfüsserplatz. If you feel like it, the walk will also take you to the prison and the devil. You might want to take a mini scooter, though you will have to carry it twice as there are steps. The walk will take you about 70 minutes for the first part (theatre square to Leonhard's church) and another 60 minutes for the second part, so altogether about 2 hours. You could make also a snack break!

But you can buy food and snacks all around the Barfüsserplatz and at the end at the Lyss.



Place 1: Tinguely Fountain

Tinguely-Brunnen ("Tinguely Fountain"): You can find the names of the figures at the bottom of the steep steps leading downwards, opposite the entrance to the Restaurant Kunsthalle (address: "Theaterpassage"). Which figure squirts the furthest? What is he/she called like?

- Theaterkopf = A
- Fontäne = T
- Spritzer = D
- Querpfyffer = E



Which figure squirts the highest? What is he/she called like?

- Suuser = K
- Spinne = I
- Wädler = F
- Fontäne = H

Which figure doesnt squirt at all? What is he/she called like?

Fontäne= I
 Schuufler = E
 Spinne = S
 Wagglar = G

The city theatre has been behind the Tinguely Brunnen since 1974. In front of that is a large metal sculpture by the artist Richard Serra. It consists of two inner and two outer metal skins. How big is the outer metal skin? (pace out and estimate)

25.7m = C
 29.4m = L
 34.6m = C
 43.9m = M

How big is the inner metal skin?

24.8m = H
 29.4m = E
 35.2m = O
 39.6m = Z

Extended Description

The place where the Tinguely Fountain is located today used to be the location of the old city theatre, which was blasted spectacularly in 1975. The artist Jean Tinguely (see also Tinguely-Museum) created this attractive fountain partly by using fractions of the old sculptures of the city theatre.

Place 2: Theaterplatz

Go to the Theaterplatz next to the large metal statue of Serra, at the top of the lower steps.
 Along the Theatre facade: How many lights (candelabras) can you see above on the second staircase?

6 = E
 8 = P
 9 = R
 10 = N

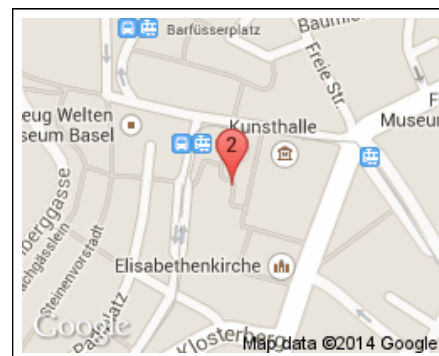
Theaterplatz (above and below) How many blueish tube lights can you see:

7 = R
 9 = B
 10 = E
 12 = T

Around there: Which is higher:

top of the spire of the Elisabethenkirche
 (St Elizabeth's Church) = E
 top of the spire of the Leonhardskirche
 (St Leonard's Church) = V
 rooster on the Barfüsserkirche
 (Church of the Discalced (Bare-footed) Friars) = D

Extended Description



The city theatre created by the architects Felix Schwarz and Rolf Gutmann was mainly completed in 1974. The walkable sculpture by the American sculptor Richard Serra (*1939) was bought by the help of private donations and contributions of the city of Basel and was set up in front of the theatre in 1994.

Place 3: Steinenberg

Stand in front of the entrance to the Basel Tourism Office (Stadt-Casino), Steinenberg entrance.

How many tram lines run on this stretch of track?

- 6 = A
- 7-8 = R
- 9 = D
- 10 = F
- 11 = I



The tram lines that run on this stretch are listed on the departures boards in the two Barfüsserplatz tram stations. Which tram lines run on this stretch of track?

- 1, 3, 6, 8, 14, 15, 16 = E
- 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, (17) = O
- 2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17 = G

What is special about the base of this stretch of line?

The tracks are laid on:

- Concrete = H
- Rubber = R
- Steel springs = F

Which figure can you see shown in the picture on the house lying opposite?

- Ballerina = B

(-> at the moment a construction site!)

- Saint George = O
- Superman = K
- Pippi Longstocking = T

Place 4: Steinenvorstadt

Walk a short distance towards Steinenvorstadt 1A. How many animals can you see in the mural?

- 4 = N
- 5 = L
- 7 = U
- 9 = A

(-> at the moment a construction site!)

Pick out a:

- Horse = S



(-> construction site!)

Deer = C

Wolf = H

Hare = W

Go to the steps on the Kohlenberg: At the top of the Kohlenberg, you can see a statue of a horseman. Which figure is depicted?

Rudolf von Habsburg = D

Gessler = M

Robin Hood = O

Saint George = E

How many steps do you have to climb to get from the tram stop to the statue?

41 = F

45 = G

49 = E

50 = R

58 = L

Turn around. Opposite is the Stadt-Casino. You can see a large mural on the front wall. Who is the artist?

Picasso = V

Pellegrini = O

Böcklin = A

Sandreuter = B

Place 5: Barfüsserplatz.

Which animals can you make out on the façade of the buildings?

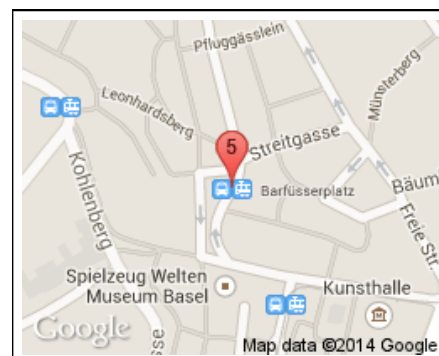
Elephant, Lynx = D

Giraffe, Bear = N

Wolf, Ostrich = P

Bear, Ostrich = F

Go to the Hotel Stadthof. Once there, go up the Lohnhofgässlein. At the end of the straight stretch there is a lift on the left hand side. Enter the lift and go up to the first floor. You come to the reception of Hotel 'au violon'. (If the lift isn't working, go upstairs on foot and turn left into the Lohnhof at the top). For wheelchair users: if you have identified the animals on the front of the building, go back towards the Kohlenberg (where you saw the statue of the horseman in section 4). Climb up the Kohlenberg - it will take a bit of effort! - and go right at the top of the Kohlenberg to the Leonhardkirchplatz. On the right is the entrance to the Lohnhof.

**Extended Description**

The Barfüsserplatz is named after the Barfüsserchurch (nowadays the Historical Museum). In the 13th century the mendicant order of the Franciscans built a cloister at this place. The Franciscans were called barefooters "Barfüsser" in the German speaking parts. Up to the 20th century the Barfüsserplatz was used as a pigs market. That's why old Basel citizens refer to it as "Seibi" .

Place 6: Leonhardskirchplatz

The hotel is called "au violon". "Violon" is the French word for:

Violin = F

Hobby horse = B

Cello = K

"au violon" comes from the French expression "passer la nuit au violon", which means roughly: spend the night in a police cell, where suspects are held overnight so they can be questioned in the morning. In the 20th century, the buildings in the Lohnhof were used as the Basel detention centre. Go through the reception straight to the exit, where you come to a yard called the Lohnhof. Go to the entrance gate. You can see a mural above the archway, what is the name of the ship depicted there?

Gondola = U

Catamaran = F

Flatboat = E

Cargo boat = H

Go to the palace on the Leonhardkirchplatz. A maze made of cobblestones is laid out on the ground. Try to get to the centre of the maze and back again - without stepping over the cobblestones. How many church towers can you see from the palace on the Leonhardkirchplatz? To make out all the towers, you need to go up the steps and look carefully through the trees!

3 = I

4 = O

5 = R

6 = M

Which ones do you see?

Minster (2x), Leonhard ("St Leonard"s"), Elisabethen

("St Elizabeth"s"), Barfüsser ("Bare-footed Friars") = S

Elisabethen, Barfüsser, Martin ("St Martin"s") = N

Minster, Peter ("St Peter"s"), Elisabethen = T

Peter, Barfüsser = K

Can you find the memorial to "DingeDinge" (Rudolf Riggenschach, the monument conservator)? What is he holding in his hand?

Umbrella = E

Cigar = G

Banana = A

This gentleman looked after the conservation of the old buildings in Basel. If he was speaking and didn't know what to say, he didn't say "mmh, mmh, mmh" like other people do but continued his sentence with "e Ding, e Ding, e Ding" ("thingy, thingy, thingy"). Hence his nickname, "DingeDinge".

Extended Description

The Leonhardskirchplatz used to be the churchyard located at the feet of the castle-like church complex. The Leonhard church mainly originated in the 15th century and is known as the most important late Gothic hall church in the upper Rhine region. The buildings settled south of the church on a plateau were used as Lohnhof meaning city's construction authority. Later on, until the end of the 20th century, the buildings were used as remand prison. Nowadays the musical



Dingedinge

instrument museum is located in the former cell section.

Place 7: Leonhardsgraben

Now go to the tram line on the Kohlenberg. On the wall of a house (on the right, painted in green) you can see an animal that doesn't actually exist. What is it called?

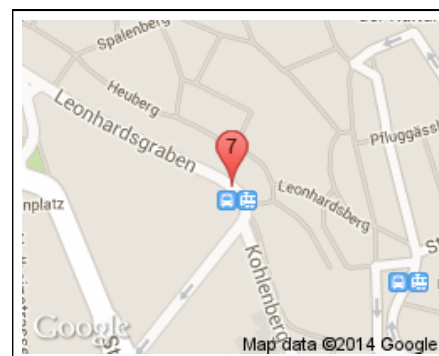
Greenhorn = U
Unicorn = R
Yeti = B

Go on to the Hotel/Restaurant Teufelhof. Go inside and down the steps until you can't go any further. What can you see down there?

Potatoes = K
a devil = T
City walls = E

When you come back out of the Teufelhof, follow the tram line to the corner of "Auf der Lyss". Once there, take a couple of steps towards a front door. On the door you will see two golden heads. What are they?

a woman and a man = A
a cat and a dog = U
a deer and a hare = I



Place 8: Petersgraben 71

Carry on to the junction with the Spalenberg, stand on the pavement by Restaurant Harmonie and look for an acrobat somewhere - he's balancing high overhead! How high is he, you think?

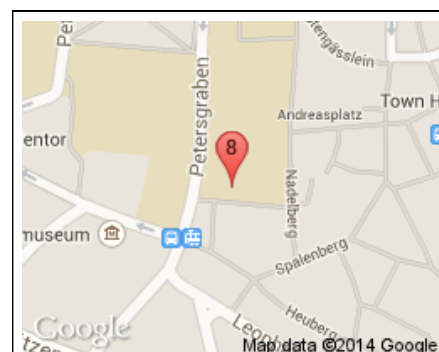
4m = O
6m = G
Over 8m = T

Go to the telephone kiosk and look for another head on a house wall (corner). What is it?

Horse's head ("Rosskopf") = F
Goat's head ("Geisskopf") = E
Deer's head ("Hirschkopf") = H

Follow the lane with the name of the animal you have just found and now look for the place where the name of the horse called "Hü" is written on the ground in white. (Very hard. Tip: there are both big and small entrances to the modern building.)

Found it = U
Didn't find it = K



Rosshof

Look for the entrance with steps in the long wall and go into the yard. Where the rotunda now stands used to be the stables for the city horses. On the ground you can nothing but white lines with horses' names on them. They all come from books, novels and myths. Right at the back on a wall going crosswise you will see a list of all the names and the titles of the books. Can you find the wall? Look for the name of the horse from Winnetou on the plaque. What is it?

Falada = F
Iltschi = N
Pegasus = Y

So what is the solution?

Useful Hints

Tram Station close to Tinguely Fountain (First Place)

Theater

Tram Station close to Petersgraben 71 (Last Place)

Universität

A selection of public toilets close to the tour

Place 1 (Tinguely Fountain): Toilette Barfüsserplatz, Barfüsserplatz 24

Place 8 (Petersgraben 71): Toilette Andreasplatz, Andreasplatz 3

Solution

Would you like to know if you found the correct answers to all questions? At the bottom of this page you can check your answer:

http://www.baleidoskop.ch/en/tours/theatre_prison_or_devil.html