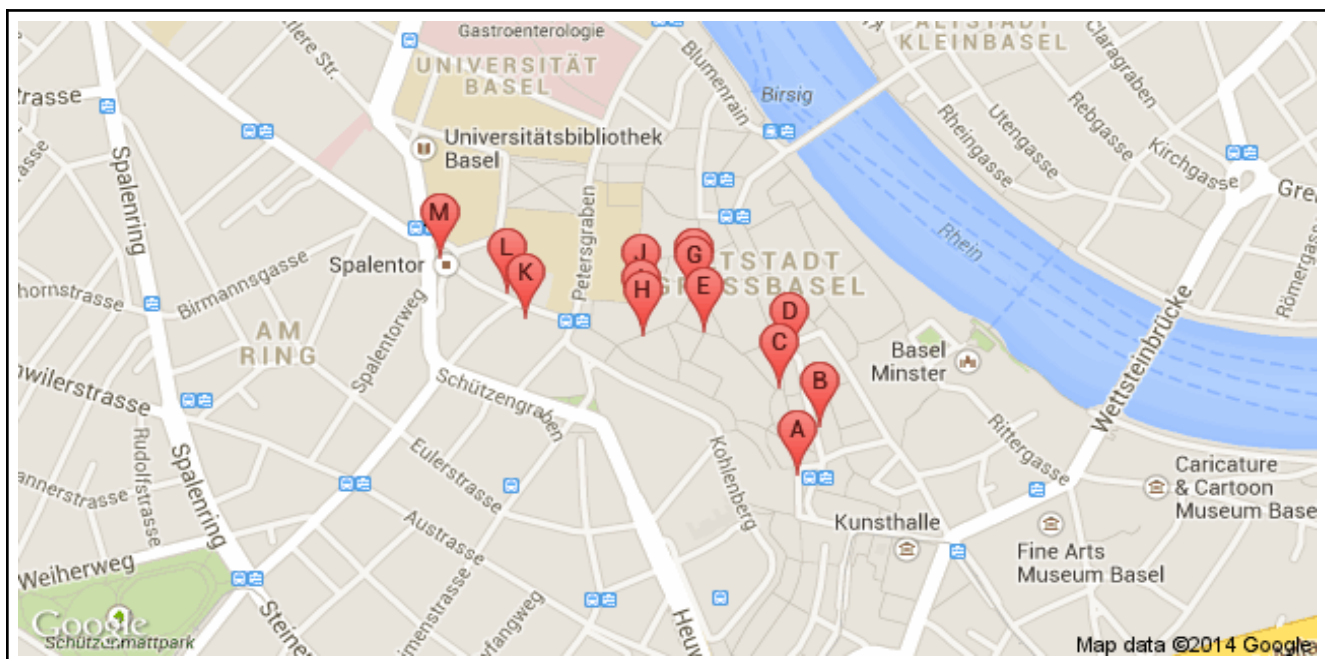


## Tour Description «Basel's special birds»

**Discover the basilisks, look for the Krajejoggi and the Basler Dybli and find a lot more birds in Basel.** You will need about an hour (up to 1.5 hours) to discover all birds. The start line is at Barfüsserplatz, the finishing line at Spalentor. You can either go by foot, miniscooter or on inline skates and it's barriere free. Dear kids, just print the pages and start with open eyes!



### Place 1: Barfüsserplatz

Before you start: grab the sheet with the drawings on it (next page). A large bird is painted on the wall of a house in the Barfüsserplatz. Can you find it? This house used to have a name - house numbers still didn't exist. And because many people couldn't read, the house name was painted on the wall, or a small sculpture was put there. So, what is the name of the house, and what sort of bird is it? Put a cross next to the right drawing.



**Barfüsserplatz**

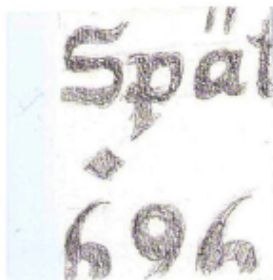

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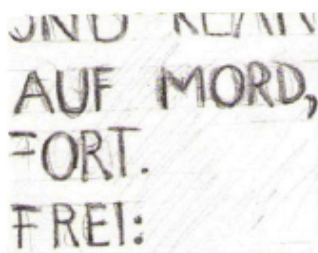
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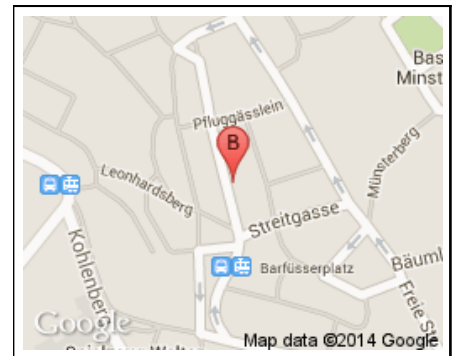
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## Place 2: Falknerstrasse

Now let's walk to the Falknerstrasse (tram line). The River Birsig flows underground here. 110 years ago the river was covered over, because rubbish was being emptied into it, rats were running everywhere and the outdoor toilets in the houses here were flushing their waste directly into the Birsig. If you look hard, on the right hand side (next to a house with pictures of people wearing hats) you will see two large birds, high up on the roof of a house. Can you find one of the two birds on your sheets of pictures? Put a cross next to the matching drawing.



**Falknerstrasse in 19th century**

Origin Staatsarchiv Basel

## Place 3: Gerbergasse

We keep walking in the same direction, then turn left into the narrow Pfluggässlein and come to the Gerbergasse; then we carry straight on into the small, narrow alley that leads to a small fountain. A very special Basel bird lived here once. Once there used to be a hole, almost a cave, and a spring flowed out of it. If the bird that lived here looked at you, you would drop dead on the spot. Today it is bearing the crest of the city of Basel. People used to say that the water from this spring was especially good for your health!



What is this most famous bird in Basel called? Read the text on the plaque, look for the matching drawing on your sheet (not a bird!), and put a cross by it.

## Place 4: Basilikenbrünneli

Do you want to know what this creature looked like? That is very simple: walk along the Gerbergasse to the tram line by the main post office and you will find a small green fountain with this unusual bird on it. If a Basilisk should appear, you should shield your face with a mirror - then he will kill himself! Underneath the fountain there is an additional small bowl for dogs. Put a cross by the matching drawing.

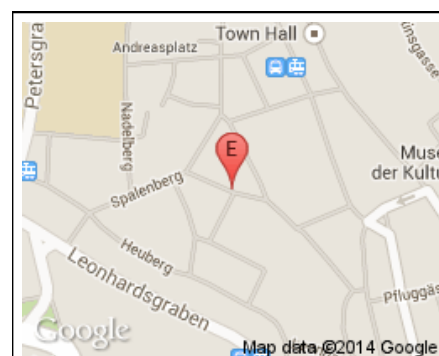
### Extended Description

Serial fountain, built around 1884, designed by the director of the vocational school, Mr. Bubeck



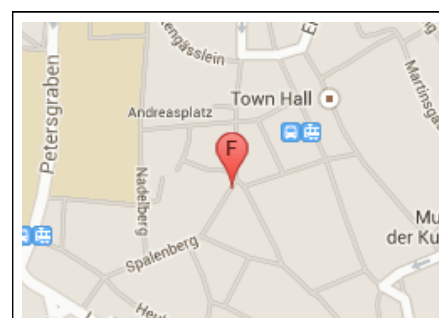
## Place 5: Rümelinsplatz

Now let's go left up the small street to the Rümelinsplatz. You have to look hard there. Can you find the Restaurant zum Schnabel? There are many birds to discover here - ones with a large beak, of course. (Look at the plaque as well!) Cross off the right drawing. If you want, you can climb up some steps to the side, to see the small man high up on the wall climbing up the outside of the building.



## Place 6: Spalenberg: house with coat of arms

Please note: we have to go back a bit, take the side street at the bottom (Münzgässlein) and walk to the Hotel Basel on the Spalenberg. Opposite the hotel you can see several crests on a house. There is another bird to look for here that has given its name to this house. You can see an old house sign, with a crest showing the helmet from a knight's suit of armour. Which bird is depicted here? Cross off the matching drawing.



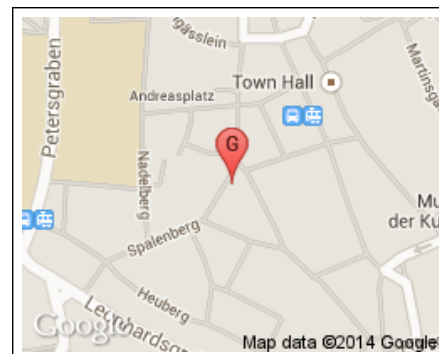
## Extended Description

You can find further signs at the house wall, which are family coat of arms of former owners.



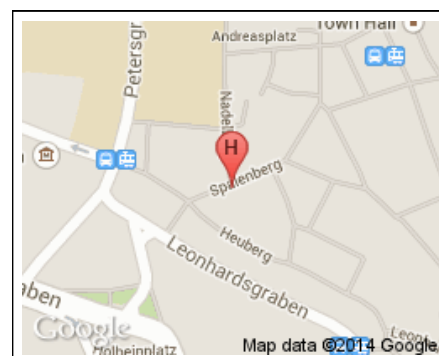
## Place 7: restaurant at Spalenberg

Please note: Walk a few steps up the Spalenberg and look for a restaurant on the left. The bird you want to discover can be seen on a sign. You are sure to see it with your eagle eyes. Cross off the matching drawing for it.



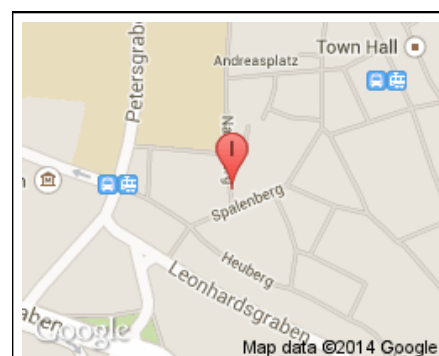
## Place 8: Haus zum Kirschbaum

You must search for the next bird by climbing the Spalenberg. It is quite a long way up. You will see a painting on the left side of the street. A black bird is sitting on a window frame listening to Pan playing his pipes. He is sitting under a cherry tree - on Cherry Tree House ("Haus zum Kirschbaum") of course. And the bird is a? Cross off the matching drawing. Please note: Don't keep climbing - take the side street!



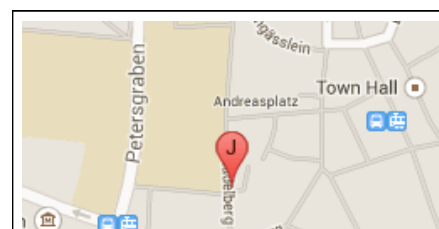
## Place 9: House with bird name at the Nadelberg

In the side street (Nadelberg), you will soon come across a small house on the right bearing the name of a cheeky small bird. There is no picture, just the name of the bird written above the door of a house. Don't go too far - can you see the name? Cross off the matching picture.



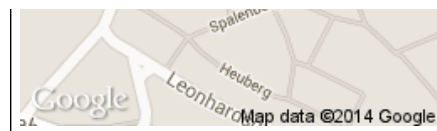
## Place 10: Nadelberg: house with bird

Now you have to look hard, as the next bird is not so easy to find. It is not painted on the wall of the house - it is sitting on a roof. It is a? Cross off the matching drawing. The story told about the bird goes like this: a pretty young girl lived in the attic. Every day the bird came to her and she fed it. She could think of nothing but this beautiful bird. Her parents





were not happy about this. They forbade the girl to open the window, and locked it. The girl became ill and died of grief - and ever since the bird has sat on the roof under a spell. Perhaps you have a similar story in mind as well? Was the bird a prince? While you think of a story, let's not keep walking along the Nadelberg, let's turn into the side street - Rosshofgasse - and go along the wall. At the end of the street you will find a horse's head on the wall. Perhaps he also appears in your story



## Place 11: Spalenvorstadt

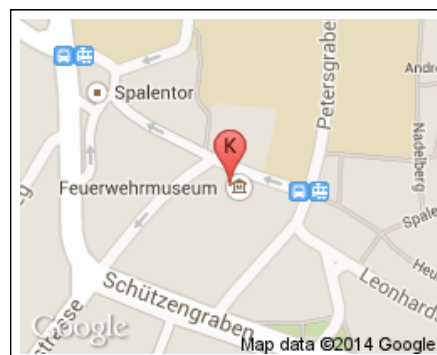
We go over the next big crossroads, turn into the Spalenvorstadt (do not cross the tram line), and stay on the right side of the street.



## Place 12: House of the crow

On the opposite side of the street, you will soon see a house where the front is covered in paintings. (Do not cross the street, you can see it better from this side.) Above the door of the house, you will see the bird that gave the house its name. It is a? (in the Basel dialect: "e Kraje"). Cross off the matching drawing for it.

The local community used to meet in this house, i.e. the inhabitants of the Spalenvorstadt. The local community used to march in parades behind their bird, which they called the "Krajojoggi". This involved a man wearing a black bird's head. He had a small pump in his hand that was connected to a small hose that went into the bird's beak - and anyone who came too close was squirted with water. Almost anyone can tell you about the painting on the wall of the house (the story of William Tell).



### Extended Description

People used to celebrate here together, they discussed if the grapes outside the Spalentor were ready to harvest, they settled disputes between residents and controlled the ovens.

## Place 13: Vesalgässlein

You already know the next bird: it was holding the coat of arms of the city of Basel in the Vesalgässlein. Keep heading along the Spalenvorstadt towards the Spalentor, until you get to a small street on the right. This is the Vesalgässlein. Above the archway you will find some special birds. Cross off the matching drawing (just a section!). Andreas Vesalius was a doctor, who dissected a dead person (which was not actually allowed at the time, so he was only able to dissect a criminal who had been executed). And after the dissection,



Vesalius preserved the skeleton, which you can see today in the Museum of Anatomy ("Anatomisches Museum"). It is the oldest dissected human specimen in the world, almost 500 years old.



## Place 14: Spalentor round trip I

Walk on to the Spalentor. Please watch out when crossing the road (use the pedestrian crossing). On the left under the gate, you can find the next special bird, which is only found in Basel, and even then only on letterboxes. The postage stamp associated with it was created over 150 years ago (in 1845). It is very valuable today. In the Basel dialect it is called "e Basler Dybli". Cross off the matching drawing. Have you crossed off all the drawings on your sheet - except for the Basler Dybli? Bravo! That means you have found out about some of Basel's special birds!



## Useful Hints

### Tram Station close to Barfüsserplatz (First Place)

Barfüsserplatz

### Tram Station close to Spalentor round trip I (Last Place)

Spalentor

### A selection of public toilets close to the tour

Place 1 (Barfüsserplatz): Toilette Barfüsserplatz, Barfüsserplatz 24

Place 14 (Spalentor round trip I): Toilette Bernoullistrasse, Bernoullistrasse