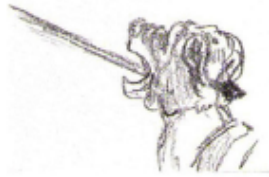



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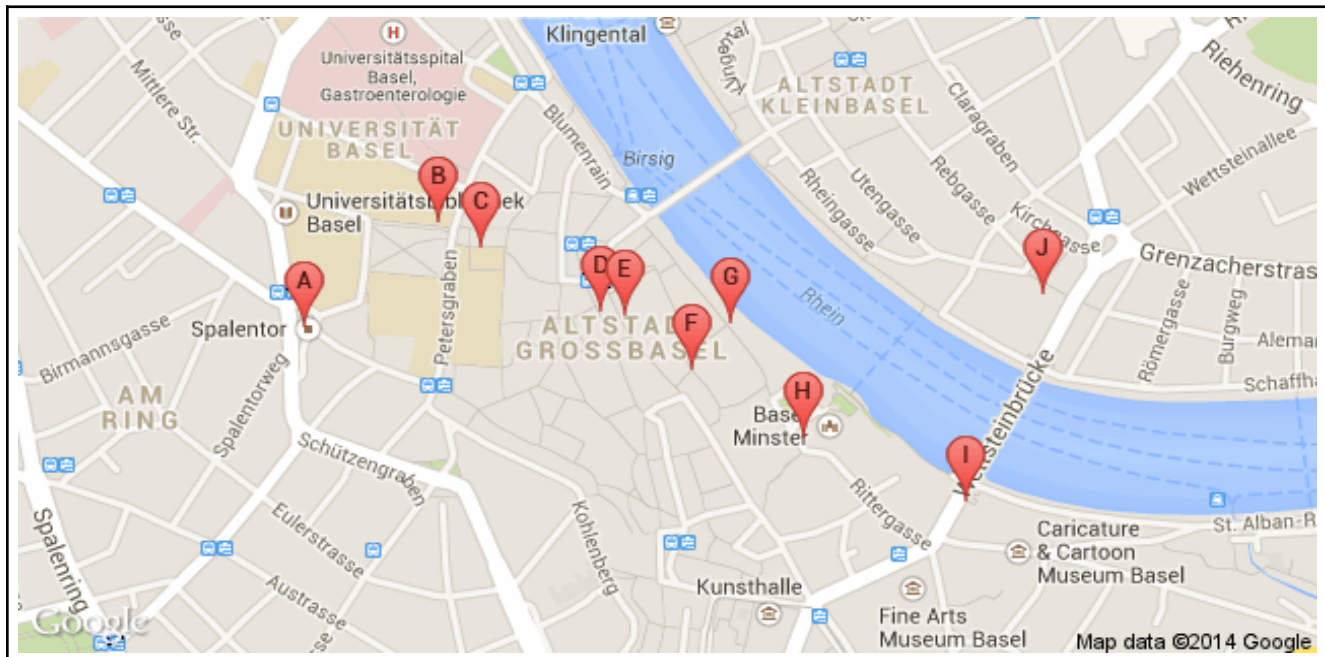
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Birds2

Tour Description «Even more birds»

Do you want even more birds? If you liked the walk "Basel's special birds" you can discover even more birds on this walk. You will have to climb several stairs up and down. This walk will take you about 1 - 1.5 hours. Print out these pages and enjoy!



Place 1: Spalentor: Botanical Garden

We start at the Spalentor gate, on the side inside the city. On the left under the gate we can find another 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". Now cross the street and turn right into the Botanical Gardens. In the large greenhouse you would see a very small basilisk, if it wasn't hidden so well! It really does exist, although it is small - and of course its look won't kill!

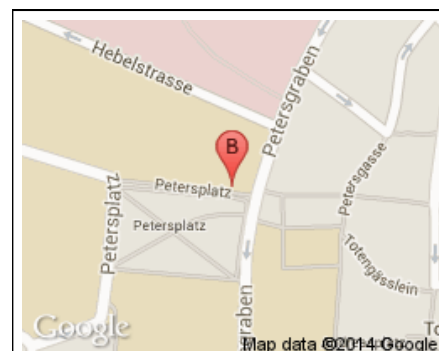


Place 2: Petersplatz

We cross the Petersplatz, head towards the Peterskirche ("St Peter's Church") and stop by the fountain. Can you find the house called "Zum freie Spatz" in the corner near Petersgraben? There is a little sparrow painted on the wall. Cross off the correct drawing.

Extended Description

It commemorates Johann Peter Hebel, who wrote "z'Basel an mim Rhi" in which one strophe says: "Wie ne freie Spatz - uff em Petersplatz"... (By the way, Hebel's memorial is located



in front of the Peterskirche).



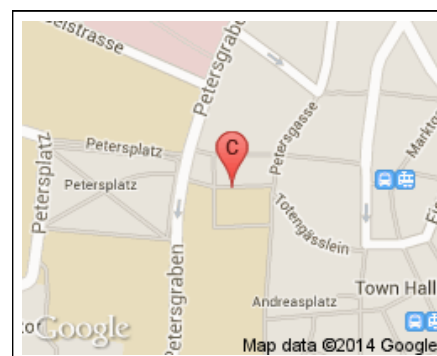
Petersplatz

Place 3: Petersschulhaus

Now leave Petersplatz and cross the street. On the right near the Peterkirche is the Petersschulhaus ("St Peter's School House"). There are more birds that you are sure to know in the entrance to the school house. Cross off the correct drawing (not a bird!). Now go along the school house, down the Totengässlein and straight ahead to the Marktplatz.

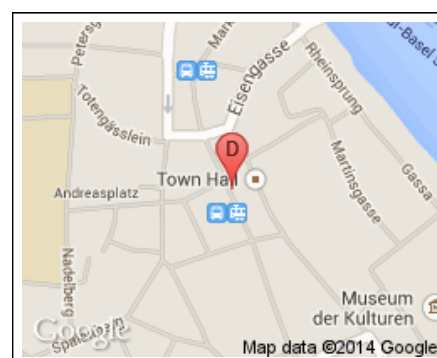
Extended Description

The Totengässlein (dead's alley) is named like this because the dead used to be carried through it on the way from the valley to the graveyard of the Peterskirche.



Place 4: Marktplatz Café Schiesser

Now let's go to the Marktplatz. Can you see the night bird on the façade of the Café Schiesser? It is a? Cross off the correct drawing.

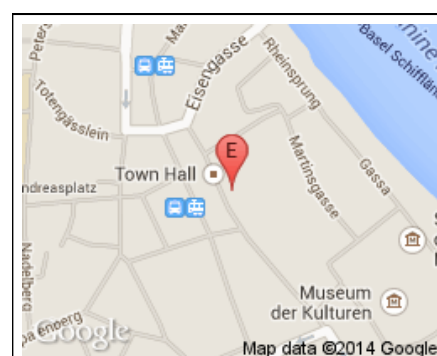


Place 5: Townhall

At the Rathaus ("City Hall"):

a) First take a look at the oriel up to the left: birds are pecking at bunches of golden grapes there. Look at the animals in the window frames underneath too. Can you find a birdlike animal? Cross off the correct drawing.

b) Before going into the courtyard of the Rathaus, look at the trellis that enclose the courtyard. Can you see a bird in it? It is a? Cross off the correct drawing.



c) In the courtyard of the Rathaus, there is an impressive statue of a Roman general. His name is Munatius Plancus and he is said to be the founder of the city of Basel. Which bird is sitting on his helmet? Cross off the correct drawing.

Place 6: House at the Schlüsselberg

Go out of the Rathaus courtyard again, turn left and walk along the Freienstrasse to the first small street joining on the left. This is the Schlüsselberg. Go up a few metres. You can see a bird in a recess in a house. The bird is a? Cross off the correct drawing.

Extended Description

The owner's name was "Falkner" (meaning falconer), that's why you can find his coat of arms above the window showing that bird.



Stapfelberg

Place 7: Fountain at the Augustinergasse

Now go up the steps on the left, go straight on until you get to the fountain in the Augustinergasse, where is a particularly lovely Basel bird? Cross off the correct drawing. Have you already wondered, why there are so many fountains everywhere? In the old days there was no running water in the houses, so everyone had to go to these public fountains every day to fetch water. It was a tedious job, especially in the winter!

Extended Description

The fountain with the Basilisk is a copy. The original can be found at the Historical Museum and originates from 1530. It shows the Basilisk as a sign holder. Augustinergasse: The name refers to the Augustiner cloister which used to be at the location of the museum.



Place 8: Münster: Knight Georg

Now go to the **Münster**. St George there is amazing, of course. George is stabbing an animal before it is able to snatch a maiden that it tries to eat every year. People used to believe in the existence of such animals!

Of course it is a: ...

Cross off the drawing.

Extended Description

This is a copy. The original can be found at Museum kleines Klingental. Knight Georg shows one of the virtues of the knights: braveness, whereas Holy Martin (at the right) shows the virtue of mercifulness.

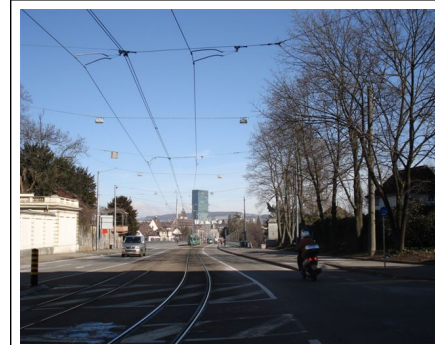


Place 9: Wettsteinbrücke

If you want to see the largest of the special birds of Basel now, you need to go to the end of the Rittergasse and turn on to the Wettsteinbrücke, and it's there. When the bridge was built, four of these birds were put on it to protect the bridge (today you can admire one of them in the Lange Erlen animal park). Cross off the drawing.

Extended Description

The first Wettsteinbrücke was inaugurated in 1879. The present Wettsteinbrücke dates from 1992.



Wettsteinbrücke

Place 10: Orphanage

So, now there is still one special Basel bird missing, but it doesn't come from Grossbasel! To see it, you need to go to Kleinbasel. So, walk across the bridge and immediately turn left opposite to the Theodorskirche ("St Theodore's Church") into the courtyard of the orphanage. That's where the bird is located (much smaller than the real one). He has the head of an eagle and the body of a lion. If you want to see the real one, you must come to Kleinbasel in January (January 13th, 20th or 27th). It is of course? Cross off the correct drawing.

Now you are done! Bravo! Which of the many birds did you like best? Can you remember how the four special birds of Basel are called? And which of them have we come across



most often?

Extended Description

Since 1669 the orphanage is located at the former Carthusian monastery (founded in 1401).



Waisenhaus

Useful Hints

Tram Station close to Spalentor: Botanical Garden (First Place)

Spalentor

Tram Station close to Orphanage (Last Place)

Wettsteinplatz

A selection of public toilets close to the tour

Place 1 (Spalentor: Botanical Garden): Toilette Bernoullistrasse, Bernoullistrasse

Place 10 (Orphanage): Toilette Oberer Rheinweg (bei Wettsteinbrücke), Oberer Rheinweg