

CECIMO SPRING MEETINGS

**6–9 June 2026
Basel**





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Dear CECIMO Family,

We are thrilled to have you here in Basel, the city of art, architecture, life sciences and carnival.

The CECIMO Spring Meetings 2026 are taking place in a demanding time. The event will offer you an exciting cocktail of business-focused workshops, social events and statutory elements.

We have not spared efforts to hopefully send you off on Tuesday with some useful «things» beyond what your hands can carry.

Let us introduce you to a Swiss region and city closer to two European neighbours than it is to our capital; shed a light on its people, local customs and its extensive history.

The partners will have the privilege of being introduced to a gem of Swiss watchmaking and the Swiss shooting culture.

We wish you inspiring encounters, meetings with insights and exciting moments.

Michael Merkle
President

Christoph Blättler
Secretary General



Swiss Machine
Tool Manufacturers

SATURDAY 6 JUNE 2026

WORK PROGRAMME

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

11.00 – 15.30 → Work programme

17.30 → Welcome Reception
Foyer Topaz (2F)

18.00 → Welcome Address by Michael Merkle
Topaz (2F)

18.10 → Keynote Speech by Steffen Riegas
Topaz (2F)

18.50 – 21.30 → Welcome Dinner
Executive Lounge & Terrace (4F)

SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026

WORK PROGRAMME

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

9.15 → Transfer to Tinguely Museum

9.45 → Guided tour through Tinguely Museum

11.30 → Transfer to Spale Keller

12.00 → Introduction followed by lunch at Spale Keller

14.15 → Guided city tour

16.00 → End of tour at Barfüsserplatz

Free evening

MONDAY 8 JUNE 2026

WORK PROGRAMME

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

08.30 – 17.00 → Work programme

9.15 → Transfer to Oris

10.00 → Oris – Swiss watchmaking

12.00 → Lunch at Oris

13.30 → Transfer

14.00 → Schützengesellschaft Hölstein – shooting club

16.00 → Transfer to hotel

18.10 → Transfer to Safran Zunft

18.30 → Cocktail Reception

19.00 → Gala Dinner | Zunftsaal

23.00 → Transfer to hotel

Hotel bar remains open for CECIMO guests

TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2026

WORK PROGRAMME

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

8.30 – 12.45 → Work programme

12.45 – 14.00
→ Farewell lunch | Ballsaal 1, Basement (-2F)



Programme Details

SATURDAY, 6 JUNE

Check-in

10.00 – 16.00, Mövenpick Hotel Basel
Aeschengraben 25, 4051 Basel



When flying to Basel-Mulhouse Airport, we recommend taking bus no. 50 from the airport to Basel SBB train station. It is a convenient 20-minute bus ride. If you are arriving at Zurich Airport, you can take one of the many train connections to Basel. Once per hour, there is a direct train from Zurich Airport to Basel SBB (taking 87 minutes). From Basel SBB train station, it is a 5-minute walk to the Mövenpick Hotel Basel.

Welcome drinks & Keynote Speech

17.30 – 18.50, Foyer Topaz (2F)



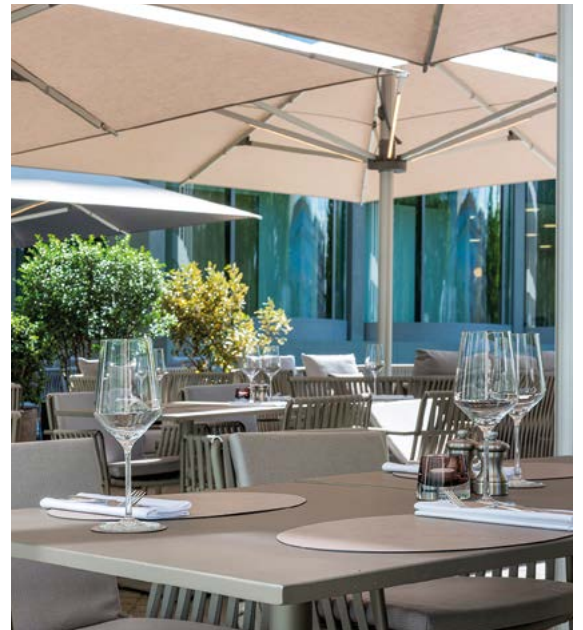
Herzog & de Meuron is one of the internationally most acclaimed architects. Headquartered in Basel, they have inspired people with landmarks like the Elbphilharmonie in Hamburg or the Nouveau Stade de Bordeaux and many others. Steffen Riegas, the partner in charge of digital technologies, will share with us some insights first-hand.

Welcome Dinner

18.50 – 21.30, Executive Lounge & Terrace (4F)



After the Keynote, hotel personnel will guide the way up two floors where the welcome dinner will be served in a more relaxed manner: some dishes from the buffet in the Lounge and other warm delicacies served «flying» on the terrace. There will be tables for seating but also high tables distributed in the Lounge and the terrace for mingling and exchanging – to enjoy the evening at its fullest.



Tinguely Museum

9.15 Departure from hotel by bus

9.45 Guided tour, Museum Tinguely
Paul Sacher-Anlage 1, 4058 Basel



Museum Tinguely, designed by Mario Botta and opened in 1996 on the banks of the Rhine, houses the largest collection of works by Jean Tinguely, one of the most innovative Swiss artists of the 20th century. Spanning four decades from delicate early reliefs to monumental kinetic sculptures, the museum offers a vibrant, sensory experience through its permanent collection as well as dynamic exhibitions and events inspired by Tinguely's ideas.



Introduction & Lunch

12.00 – 14.00, Spale Keller

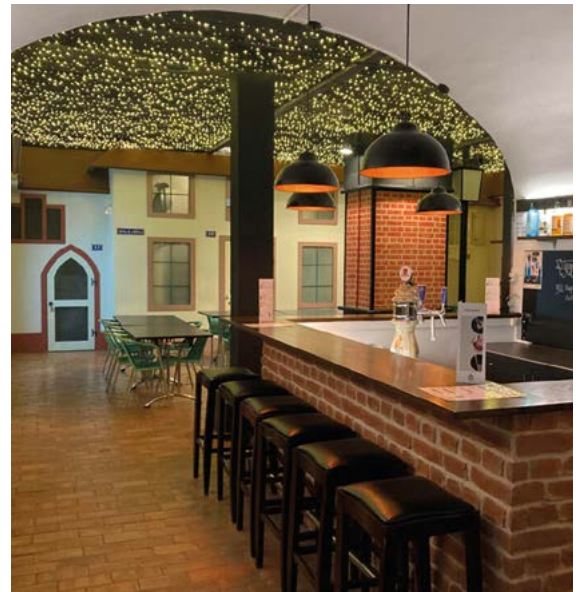
Schützenmattstrasse 16a, 4051 Basel



The premises of the "Spale-Clique".

A traditional cellar in central Basel, known for its intimate atmosphere and ties to the city's carnival tradition. Rich in local character, it captures the unique cultural spirit and warm charm of the city.

After an introduction to the "Spale-Clique", its premises and Basel's Carnival Culture, a typical carnival lunch will be handed out.



City Tour

14.15 – 16.00, Basel

Start upstairs, in front of Spale Keller,

Schützenmattstrasse 16a

4051 Basel



Explore Basel on a guided city tour and discover the stories behind its rich history and vibrant present. Along the way, you will hear fascinating facts and anecdotes about the city's development while passing iconic landmarks such as the Town Hall, Basel Münster, and Barfüsserkirche. The tour also reveals charming corners of the Old Town and highlights places that capture Basel's contemporary spirit, including the Museum der Kulturen and the Tinguely Fountain.



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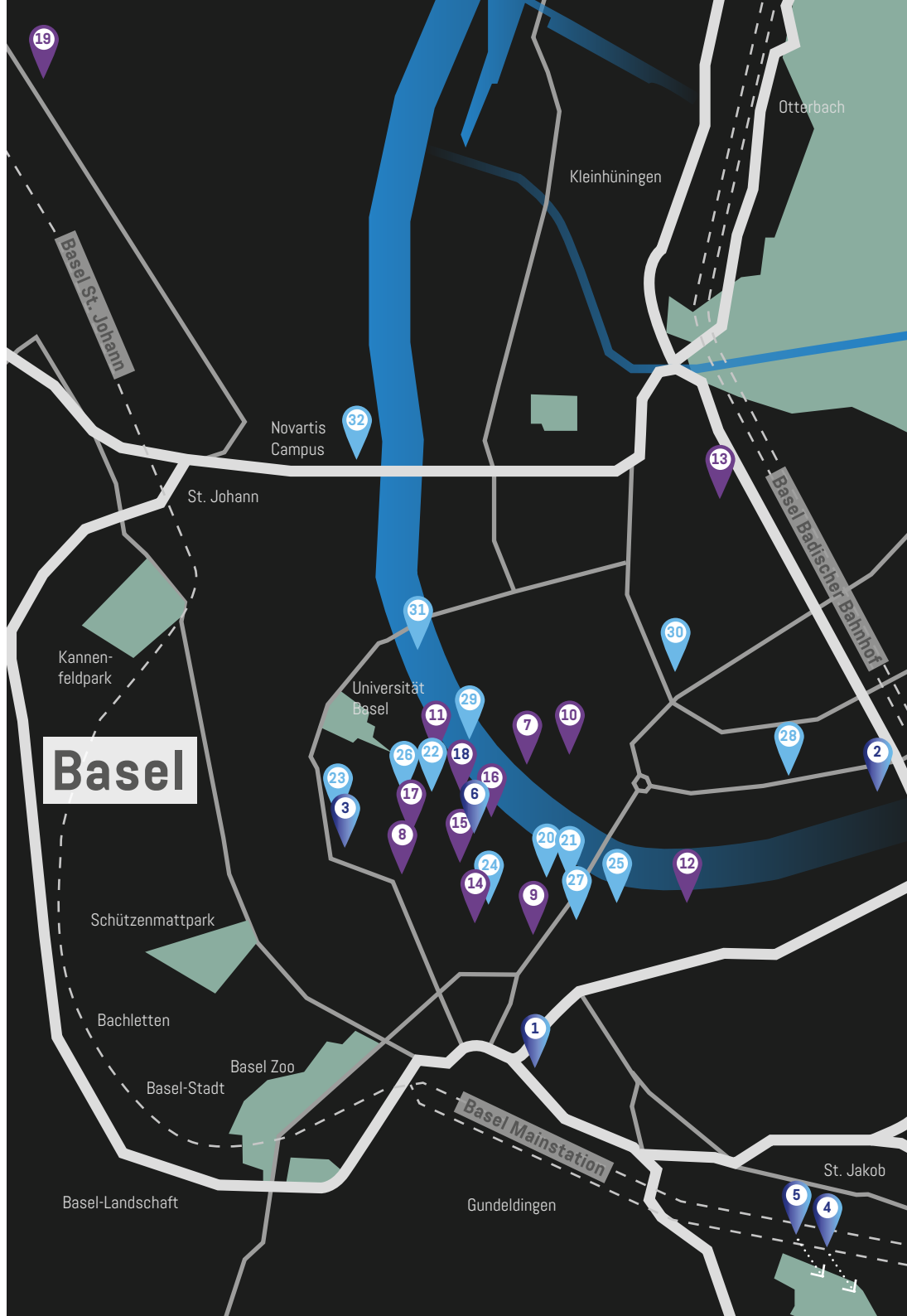
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ORIS – Swiss watchmaking

9.15 – 13.30, Oris SA
Ribigasse 1, 4434 Hölstein
Tour & lunch at Oris



Founded in 1904 in Hölstein, Oris is a renowned independent Swiss watchmaker known for its rich heritage, mechanical innovation, and commitment to craftsmanship, evolving from its origins in the Waldenburg Valley to an internationally respected brand. Over more than a century, it has achieved key milestones – from the iconic Big Crown pilot's watch to advanced in-house calibres – while continuing to combine Swiss mechanical tradition with innovation, responsibility, and an independent spirit.



Schützengesellschaft Hölstein – Swiss shooting club

14.00 – 16.00, Schützengesellschaft Hölstein,
Helgenweidstrasse 54, 4434 Hölstein



Introduction to the Swiss culture of shooting clubs and shooting sports.

Founded in 1874, Schützengesellschaft Hölstein is one of the oldest associations in Hölstein and an important part of the local community. With a long tradition of shooting sport, the club combines heritage with modern facilities and continues to play an active role in local life.



Gala dinner

18.30 – 23.00, Safran Zunft
Zunftsaal, Gerbergasse 11, 4001 Basel



The top floor of the most traditional guild hall of Basel will be ours for this evening. After arrival, a special accompaniment will guide us up the staircase to the third floor, where champagne and cocktails will be served, followed by a lavish five-course dinner in a neo-gothic setting. After dinner & transfer back to the hotel, the hotel bar will be available for the night owls.



Farewell lunch

12.45 – 14.00,
Ballsaal 1, Basement (-2F)



A seated buffet lunch will be waiting for you next door to the General Assembly by 12:45. Please enjoy at your leisure and round off your exchange with colleagues and friends before catching your chosen transport for the journey home.



Restaurant Tips

Restaurant Krafft, Basel

This restaurant on the banks of the Rhine impresses with its French cuisine and a sunny terrace. Skilled chefs, traditional craftsmanship and quality ingredients come together to create simple, delicious dishes that you can mix and match just as you like.

Rheingasse 12

4058 Basel

+41 61 690 91 30

www.krafftbasel.ch



Restaurant Teufelhof, Basel

The Teufelhof is home to two distinct restaurants: the Atelier serves modern international cuisine made with Swiss and regional ingredients. The Bel Etage captivates diners with its seasonal, ingredient-focused and unpretentious gourmet cuisine.

Leonhardsgraben 47-49

4051 Basel

+41 61 261 10 10

www.teufelhof.com



Restaurant Kunsthalle, Basel

The long-established restaurant Kunsthalle offers seasonal cuisine in a relaxed atmosphere, as well as an elegant dining experience with views of the garden terrace – a particularly popular spot for locals and visitors in the summer.

Steinenberg 7

4051 Basel

+41 61 272 42 33

www.restaurant-kunsthalle.ch



Restaurant Volkshaus, Basel

The Volkshaus is situated in the heart of the lively Kleinbasel district and has established itself as a culinary institution since 1925 – offering culinary delights, stunning architecture, inspiring art, and memorable encounters.

Rebgasse 12-14,

4058 Basel

+41 61 690 93 10

<https://volkshaus-basel.ch>



Restaurant Cheval Blanc, Basel

At Cheval Blanc, French haute cuisine meets Mediterranean and Asian influences. With finesse, precision, and passion, Chef de Cuisine Peter Knogl creates culinary masterpieces – pure and authentic, inspired by nature's finest ingredients.

Blumenrain 8

4001 Basel

+41 61 260 50 07

www.chevalblancbasel.com



Restaurant Gasthof zum goldenen Sternen

The Goldener Sternen in Basel offers excellent regional cuisine in a beautiful historic setting right by the Rhine. Its charming riverside terrace makes it a perfect spot for a relaxed lunch or dinner.

St. Alban-Rheinweg 70

4052 Basel,

+41 61 272 16 66,

www.sternen-basel.ch



Restaurant Matt & Elly, Basel

Matt & Elly's culinary compass is guided by nature. The restaurant serves exclusively seasonal creations with a strong focus on local quality products from sustainable producers.

Erlenmattstrasse 93

4058 Basel

+41 61 692 70 70

<https://matt-elly.com>



Brasserie zum Braunen Mutz, Basel

The 300-seat beer hall on Basel's Barfüsserplatz, built in 1914, is as much a part of the city as the Rhine or the 'Drämml'. Don't miss out on the half-metre-long cordon bleu, stuffed with mountain cheese.

Barfüsserplatz 10

4051 Basel

+41 61 261 33 69

<https://braunermutz.ch>



Restaurant Walliser Kanne, Basel

The restaurant Walliser Kanne is famous for its Valais specialities, such as cheese fondue in three varieties, raclette – served as individual portions or as an all-you-can-eat option – or the Valais platter.

Gerbergasse 50

4001 Basel

+41 61 261 70 17

www.walliserkanne-basel.ch



Restaurant Schlüsselunft, Basel

Whether it's a smart business lunch or a light bite, the Schlüsselunft restaurant is the perfect place to meet. Come

and explore the historic walls of the Schlüsselunft in the heart of Basel city centre.

Freie Strasse 25

4001 Basel

+41 61 261 20 46

<https://schluesselunft.ch>



Restaurant Löwenzorn, Basel

At the historic Restaurant Löwenzorn locals and visitors have been enjoying fine dining since 1874. The courtyard garden offers plenty of space for culinary excursions into international and local cuisine and delights with its old town flair.

Gemsberg 2/4

4051 Basel

+41 61 261 42 13

www.loewenzorn-basel.ch



Restaurant Banks, Basel

Surrounded by art, design and sweeping views of the Rhine and Basel's old town, you'll discover a restaurant that playfully breaks with convention. The menu? European-Asian inspired, designed for sharing and executed with creative precision.

Blumenrain 2

4001 Basel

+41 61 260 50 50

www.banksbasel.com



Bistrot La Cave, Saint-Louis

Bistrot La Cave offers authentic and elegant gourmet cuisine in the heart of Saint-Louis and offers the perfect place to enjoy a relaxed, convivial meal accompanied by fine wines.

1 rue de Lectoure

68300 Saint-Louis

+33 (0) 03 89 70 93 45

www.bistrotlacave.com



Sightseeing Tips

Basler Münster – Landmark of the city

The church stands on a hill and immediately catches the eye with its red sandstone walls and colourful roof tiles. In front of the building lies the equally famous Münsterplatz, which is surrounded by pretty, old canons' houses.

Basler Münster
Freiburgerstrasse 9
4057 Basel
www.baslermuenster.ch

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Viewpoint Basler Pfalz – three countries in one go

The Basler Pfalz viewpoint, a terrace situated directly behind the Münster, towers high above the Rhine and offers a fantastic view. From there, you can not only watch the hustle and bustle of the city, but also see as far as France and Germany.

Pfalz, 4051 Basel
www.basel.com →
Places of interest → Pfalz

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Basler Rathaus – the seat of government

Right on the lively Marktplatz stands the bright red, ornately decorated Rathaus with its tower. It is the seat of the Basel government and parliament. On the square itself, fresh vegetables, fruit and flowers are on sale on weekdays.

Basler Rathaus
Marktplatz 9, 4001 Basel
www.basel.com →
Places of interest → Rathaus

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Spalentor – an impressive city gate

The Spalentor was built at the end of the 14th century and is the most impressive of the city's three gates. With its 40-metre-high main tower, flanked by round turrets, it can be seen from a great distance.

Spalentor, Spalenvorstadt
4056 Basel

www.basel.com → Places
of interest → Spalentor

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Barfüsserplatz – starting point for city walks

The Barfüsserplatz is the city's most important tram junction and is a good starting point for city walks. The square is also home to the Barfüsserkirche, the Historical Museum, the Stadtcasino and the Spielzeug Welten Museum.

Barfüsserplatz,
4051 Basel

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The banks of the Rhine – soak up the sun, have a drink and slow down

The banks of the Rhine attract locals and tourists alike, especially when the temperature rises, as they come here to soak up the sun and have a drink at a 'buvette', an open-air bar.

Rheinufer, 4000 Basel

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Hoosesaggmuseum – the smallest museum in the city

The Hoosesaggmuseum (Trouser Pouch Museum) is the smallest museum in the city

and consists of just a single display case. Changing exhibitions always feature collections of 30 items.

Hoosesaggmuseum
Imbergässlein 31,
4051 Basel
www.hoosesaggmuseum.ch

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Kunstmuseum Basel – dedicated entirely to contemporary art

The Kunstmuseum Basel invites visitors on a journey through art history from the 15th century to the present day at three locations. Masterpieces from the collection, high-caliber special exhibitions, and programmes offer the public multi-layered approaches to art.

Kunstmuseum Basel
St. Alban-Graben 16, 4010 Basel
kunstmuseumbasel.ch

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Roche Tower – tallest buildings of Switzerland

The Roche Towers, which stand at 178 and 205 metres, serve as the headquarters of the pharmaceutical company Roche Holding – was designed by the architects Herzog & de Meuron and are considered to be particularly sustainable.

Roche Towers
Grenzacherstrasse 124
4070 Basel
<https://visit-roche.ch>

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Mittlere Brücke – one of the oldest crossings over the Rhine

Hardly another monument in the city of Basel has become

as strong a symbol of the city as the Mittlere Brücke. Opened in 1226, it is one of the oldest Rhine crossings between Lake Constance and the North Sea.

Mittlere Brücke, 4000 Basel
www.basel.com

→ Sehenswürdigkeiten
→ Mittlere Brücke

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Messe Basel – window to heaven

The new Messe Basel trade fair building is one of the city's newer landmarks. The central architectural urban feature of the hall complex, developed by Herzog & de Meuron, is the City Lounge.

Messe Basel
Messeplatz 10, 4005 Basel
www.messe-basel.com

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Basel ferries – connecting the banks of the Rhine

The four traditional Basel ferries are one of the oldest and still most affordable ways of travelling between the two banks of the Rhine. They are not only a tourist attraction but also a form of public transport.

www.faeheri.ch

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Novartis Pavillon

The sustainably built Novartis Pavillon, designed by Michele De Lucchi, features the interactive exhibition "Wonders of Medicine" and lights up every evening at sunset with a solar-powered light show.

Fabrikstrasse 2, 4056 Basel
www.campus.novartis.com/novartis-pavillon

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<https://movenpick.accor.com/basel>

Directions from Zurich airport

By train:

There are frequent trains from Zurich Airport to Basel SBB. Usually you have to change once at Zurich main train station. Once per hour there is a direct train.

By car:

There is an underground parking garage in the Mövenpick Hotel Basel. CHF 35 per day.

Hotel payment

Please settle your room bill on departure. All major credit cards are accepted.

Dress codes

Social/partner programme:

Informal dress, good walking shoes. Bring clothing for both rain and sunshine.

Keynote & welcome dinner:

Smart casual

Gala dinner:

Black tie/cocktail dress
(Dark business attire)

Tipping

Taxes and service charges in restaurants and for taxi services are included. If you were satisfied with the service, you may round up the bill. There is no general percentage as a rule of thumb.

Emergency numbers

International emergency number: 112

Police: 117

Ambulance: 144

Fire brigade: 118

Taxi services

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T +41 61 222 2222

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AMAG chauffeur drive
T +41 44 804 10 50
limousine@chauffeur-drive.ch
www.chauffeur-drive.ch
Or ask Welcome Desk.

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