Basel Winter News 2026/27

"Wienachtsdorf am Theaterplatz"
Basel's Christmas season is expanding: From 26.11.2026, through 3.1.2027, a new destination will take shape – the "Wienachtsdorf am Theaterplatz". A vibrant village square to explore, relax, and spend time together. A cozier place to enjoy the pre-Christmas season. Open to everyone.
The Wienachtsdorf is open daily, Monday through Thursday from 11:00 to 22:00, Friday and Saturday until 11:00 and Sunday until 21:00.
The Wienachtsdorf is a new addition to Basel's Christmas tradition – and enriches it with its own little village: a winter gathering place for residents, Basel locals, and visitors from near and far.
Local design, cuisine, and a cultural program take center stage.
The Wienachtsdorf spans several levels and connects various public spaces through an extensive market selection and cultural program. From Theaterplatz to Elisabethenkirche and Pyramidenplatz. From the Kunsthalle to the Historical Museum.
Food. Vendors serve regional dishes and specialties from around the world. Hearty fare, with cheese, vegetarian & vegan options, meat & fish… and, of course,
something sweet for in between meals. More than 20 food stalls offer a variety of culinary delights. The food stalls are also open during lunchtime.
Gifts. Local designers, artisans, concept stores, and NGOs invite you to browse—for beautiful gifts to put under the Christmas tree or to decorate your own home.
It's worth coming back: The exhibitors change weekly.

Magical Courtyards:
Magical Courtyards: Discover Basel's hidden Christmas gems
The traditional Christmas city of Basel will shine even more brightly this year with the return of Magical Courtyards. Hidden courtyards across the city invite visitors to escape the festive hustle and bustle and enjoy the Advent season in a peaceful and enchanting atmosphere.
This year, visitors can look forward to an expanded experience, featuring live musical performances by a local choir as well as additional food offerings that invite them to linger and enjoy the festive surroundings.
To help visitors find their perfect spot, the Basel App will feature a new traffic-light system indicating how busy the individual courtyards are. This makes it easier to discover less crowded locations and find a peaceful place to relax and soak up the magic of the Christmas season.

The New Ensemble at Fondation Beyeler
From September 2026, the Fondation Beyeler will gradually open its expanded museum ensemble, adding three new buildings designed by architect Peter Zumthor: the Wyss Museum, the Ammann Pavilion and the Erlen Gatehouse. The expansion doubles the exhibition space and the size of the park, bringing art, architecture and nature into closer dialogue. Visitors can look forward to new exhibition spaces, a public lounge, a diverse cultural programme and the opening of the previously private, historic Erlengarten. The opening exhibition, Constellations, will span all the museum buildings and the entire park, running from autumn 2026 to autumn 2027

Basler Fasnacht will mark 10 years as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage

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